

EASTER

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EASTER SUNDAY YR. A 5TH APRIL 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Easter Sunday, Year A, remind us of our call as witnesses to the Resurrection and that we, too, can experience renewal and healing through Christ.

The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43, Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that through Jesus, all who believe receive forgiveness and new life. This message echoes the invitation of Easter, a reminder that the resurrected Christ opens the door not just to select few, but to all of humanity.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, encourages us to seek the things that are above, for we have been raised with Christ. Easter is a time for renewal, urging us to lift our eyes beyond the struggles of this world and embrace the life that comes from knowing the risen Lord.

The Gospel is taken from John 20:1-9, we witness Mary Magdalene's sorrow transform into joy as she discovers the empty tomb. She goes from being a grieving disciple to a messenger of hope. This is a powerful reminder: Jesus meets us in our grief and despair and transform it into joy and purpose.

When Mary sees the empty tomb, she does not yet fully comprehend what has happened, but she experiences a glimpse of a new reality - one whose death no longer has the final say. Happy Easter!



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.
• Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 6th – St. Crescentia Hoess
Tue 7th – St. John Baptist de La Salle
Wed 8th – St. Julie Billiart
Thu 9th – St. Casilda
Fri 10th – St. Magdalene of Canossa
Sat 11th – St. Stanislaus



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th April** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.



Happy Easter – The Servite Friars unite in wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter and thank you all for your support, generosity and great faith which was so powerfully shared this week.

No Evening Masses – During Easter Week Monday 6th April until Friday 10th April 2026 there will be ONE Mass each weekday at 10 am. NO 6:30pm Mass.

Safeguarding – Our Diocese is strengthening safeguarding across all parishes, not just as a requirement, but to uphold the dignity of every person. All parish volunteers are asked to complete a short safeguarding training (under one hour). Details are in a letter available from the colonnade or parish office, and via group leaders. Please complete the training as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued service.

Appeal for the Lighting System – Our parish church had made a major repair to the electrical lighting system that costs £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mass Collections (28th & 29th March 2026) – £1,590 was received in the main collection, and £399 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support

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Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish.
Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the

Apostles

10: 34. 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'



The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 117: 1 -2. 16—17. 22—23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

1. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.' **R**



Easter Sunday

(Year A) 5th April 2026

Gospel Acclamation

2. The Lord's right hand is exalted. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R**

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul

to the Colossians

3: 1- 4

Brothers and Sisters: if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

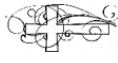


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SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!



NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according

to John

20: 1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

