

The week ahead...

Saturday 15 April Holy Saturday	5:00pm The Great Easter Vigil	Mass: Moran Family
Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday	10:00am	Mass: <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 17 April Monday in the Easter Octave	9:30am	Mass: Private intention
Tuesday 18 April Tuesday in the Easter Octave	9:30am	Mass: Richard & Catherine Purdom
	6:30pm	Mass: Private intention
Wednesday 19 April Wednesday in the Easter Octave	9:30am	Mass: Frank & Marie Wilson
Thursday 20 April Thursday in the Easter Octave	9:30am	Mass: Fred & Alice Egglestone
Friday 21 April Friday in the Easter Octave	7:00am	Mass: Private intention
	9:30am	Mass: Private intention
Saturday 22 April Saturday in the Easter Octave	9:30am	Mass: Private intention
	5:00pm	Mass: Bryan Cheesey, Parkinson & Kemp families and pro populo



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Easter Sunday

16 April, 2017

"...he must rise from the dead."

IT IS INTERESTING to note how short the gospel texts concerning the resurrection are, compared with the long and dramatic readings we hear of the Passion of Jesus on both Palm (Passion) Sunday and Good Friday. These Passion readings are terrific pieces of drama, filled with intrigue and betrayal, blood and vengeance and just about anything you want to throw into the crucible to bring forth a spectacle of Shakespearean proportions. By contrast, the resurrection narratives seem to be an anti-climax. Even the raising from the dead of Lazarus which we heard a couple of weeks ago contained more suspense and spectacle than the resurrection of Jesus.

The point is that the Resurrection calls on us to make a response, to create our own drama, if you like. Our drama, however, may be in the simple undertaking of daily tasks in a spirit of loving service, a kind word to a friend in need, an act of extraordinary generosity in response to another's need or seeking to build bridges and be a peacemaker in a situation, personal or vicarious, that demands attention.

How do you make the Resurrection evident to others each day? This is a challenge for us all which stems from the most earth-shattering event in history which we celebrate today - Easter Sunday.

I wish to particularly welcome today those who are visiting St Patrick's this Easter as they visit loved ones in this part of Durham. I also wish to extend a warm welcome to those who live in the area but don't attend Mass here regularly. You are most welcome! Please remember that we are here to serve you in any way we can and look forward to getting to know you better.

I wish each of you a truly blessed Easter and great joy as you reflect on how you seek to spread this Good News each day. It is in doing this that we come to experience a glimpse of the kingdom of God in which, please God, we will dwell for all eternity.

Wishing you a blessed Easter season,

Fr Robert



Ministries for this week Saturday 15 April
Eucharistic Ministers Ambrose & Pauline Burnside Judith Bulmer
Readers Margaret Purdom Claire Lavery
Children's Liturgy (In recess during break)
Welcomers Pat Middleton Mary Kitching

Ministries for next week Saturday 22 April
Eucharistic Ministers Malcolm & Teresa Wass Andrew Aberdeen
Readers Pat Middleton Greg Mearman
Children's Liturgy (In recess during break)
Welcomers Halina Holman Janet Harrigan

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION
Gift Aid: £230 Loose Plate: £170
Total: £400
Mass Attendance: 157
DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish....

Pat Curran, Linda Carter, Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Dorothy Dowdle, Tom Tracey, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris, Jim Patterson, Denise Oxberry, and Imelda Graham.

Collection for Holy Places

THANK YOU to those who so generously contributed to the collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday. I will hopefully have a total for the amount received for you next week. In a couple of weeks' time we will take up the collection for **sick and retired priests**. More details for you next week.

What's going on...?

Thank you! I would like to thank all those who were instrumental in helping to make our Holy Week and Easter Masses and liturgies so special. It all began with those who so generously donated the palms for Palm Sunday a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to those who were involved both up-front and behind-the-scenes with the Triduum celebrations, including those who volunteered to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. Thank you to the cleaners who worked so diligently to keep the church looking spick-and-span throughout the celebrations. To the Liturgy Committee, readers, extraordinary ministers of communion, musicians, altar servers, offertory volunteers and all those in the background doing vital services for the parish, I thank you. The spirit of service is certainly alive and well at St Patrick's! Let's ensure we keep it that way so that what we have here can grow and make a real difference in the lives of those who form our broader community. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ continue to inspire and transform us as individuals and as a community.

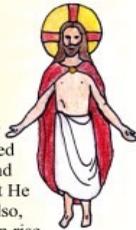
'The Way We See It': A Response: As we move into new partnerships, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Academy Rooms on **Saturday 13 May**. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org. Details also on YMT website www.ymt.org.

St Patrick's Social Committee: Our Senior Citizens' Spring Party will be on Saturday 22 April at the Royal British Legion, Meadowfield, from 12:30pm. If you would like to attend please put all names on the list at the back of the church. We will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. Any donations for prizes would be most gratefully received!

Alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

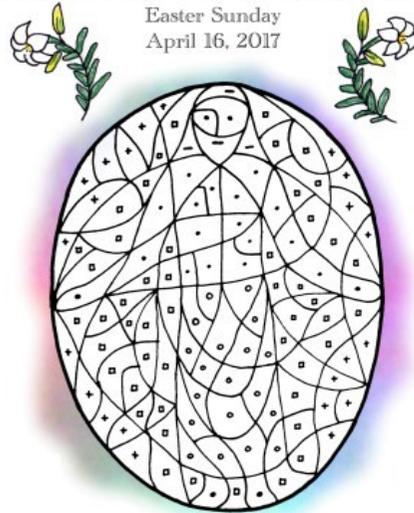
Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!



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The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- Purple
- Skin-colour
- Yellow
- Brown
- White

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Henry Walpole - 19 April

Born in Norfolk in 1558, Henry was educated at Cambridge University, after which he studied law at Gray's Inn. On 01 December 1581 he was present at the execution of St Edmund Campion: he was so close that his white doublet was stained with the martyr's blood. He was converted to Catholicism by the incident, and left England to become a priest and a Jesuit in Europe. He was sent back to England with the Jesuit mission of 1590, but was arrested on his arrival. He was imprisoned at York, then sent to London, where he was severely tortured in the Tower of London. Eventually, in 1595, he was sent back to York for trial and was executed there on 07 April 1595.

(Information taken from Universalis)



The Resurrection of the Lord

DID YOU KNOW...?

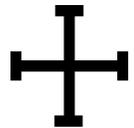
...that Easter Sunday can occur as early as 22 March and as late as 25 April!

Though Easter is very late this year it is clear that it is not as late as it can be! Easter is what is known as a "moveable feast", meaning that, unlike Christmas, it does not fall on a set date. Easter Sunday is determined by the phases of the moon: Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the Spring Equinox. The full moon this year was last Tuesday, 11 April, and so Easter Sunday falls on 16 April. This year too, the Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter Sunday on the same date, despite using a different (Julian) calendar as opposed to the Western Church's use of the Gregorian calendar.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Easter brings the good news that, although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way through life."

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)
Priest and spiritual writer
A Cry for Mercy



DON'T FORGET....gathering after Mass! We will be gathering this evening after the **Easter Vigil Mass** for an opportunity to deepen our unity by getting to know one another better. Again, this is not about fundraising or an opportunity for speeches, just a chance for a chat, a cuppa and a snack! Please come along—for a short time or longer, whatever takes your fancy!