

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)**



**CHRIST OUR HOPE IS RISEN!**

**C**hrist dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him, and be living witnesses to the power of resurrection.

He must rise from the dead

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS**

**THE SEASON OF EASTER**

Sat 03	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
<b>20:30</b>	<b>✠ HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL</b> <b>Rose Murray RIP</b>
Sun 04	<b>✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
09.30	<b>Birthday Thanksgiving - Mary Chalaka &amp; Family</b>
11.00	<b>Wellbeing for Stefano Kahn</b>
Mon 05	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Eufrasie &amp; family</b>
Tue 06	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Pat Travers</b>
Wed 07	<i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Elena de Masi</b>
Thu 08	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09:30	<b>Margareth Beryl Skeggs RIP</b>
Fri 09	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09.30	<b>Patrick Hunt RIP</b>
Sat 10	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Joseph &amp; Joe Hughes RIP</b>
Sun 11	<b>✠ Second Sunday of Easter</b>
09.30	<b>Intention of Joan McConnell</b>
11.00	<b>Betty &amp; Paddy Conaty RIP</b>

**We Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.**

The gospels do not describe Jesus' resurrection at Easter anywhere. What you can read is that they became alive again after his death. It is not known exactly how this happened. The grave is empty, the witnesses say. They also say that they have seen, heard and touched him. Some even ate with him. Their encounters are real; Jesus is not a ghost that lights up. Yet there is a lot of mystery around it. The risen Jesus comes in while the doors are closed. Another time he disappears inexplicably. More than once he comes to his disciples, but they don't recognise him. The resurrection of Jesus means that he has entered the world of God, a world that is still unimaginable for us. Jesus' resurrection does not mean that his dead body began to breathe and move again. He has not become an ordinary, living and therefore mortal man again. The risen Jesus is immortal. He is different and yet the same. It is not easy to believe in the resurrection. It is no coincidence that in almost all apparitions there is unbelief and doubt, also among the people who knew Jesus very well. At the same time these hesitant witnesses are going to proclaim his resurrection. The disciples were traumatised by the shameful failure that Jesus' and their own life's work had turned out to be. They had fled in all directions. Shortly after that the same people are going to proclaim with unimaginable passion that their hero is the saviour of the people. They no longer conceal his death on the cross. They will now proclaim it with pride. They had experienced Jesus' resurrection.

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**HAPPY EASTER**

**EASTER FLOWERS**

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'faithful departed'. The 11am Mass on Sunday 16th May is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name(s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

**Parish Secretary**

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

**SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Parish Priest Easter Collection**

**MASS COUNT LAST WEEK**

Saturday: 18:30 (75) Sunday: 09.30 (61), 11.00 (57)

**WAYS YOU CAN DONATE**

**Gift Aid** Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church) for details.

**Tap to Donate** Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order** A/c Name: **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**  
Sort Code: **60-21-12** A/c No: **37298445**

**Cheques** Payable to: **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**

**THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER MASSES**

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do.

The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese.

Anyone wishing to donate via cheque, please make them payable to "RCAS St Philip Neri Sydenham".

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### FIRST READING – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 117

R. **This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.**

### SECOND READING – Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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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!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia

### GOSPEL - John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, 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.