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(Betharram)



Holy Saturday

Year A

**11th April to 19th April
2020**

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass

Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Ps 117;

**Colossians 3:1-4: John
20:1-9**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you all are staying safe and well. It has been strange Holy Week, personally, for me because this was the first time I had to celebrate Holy Week Liturgies without the faithful or congregation. Due to coronavirus pandemic the churches have been closed but I believe for many of you the gift of technology has been very useful to participate in the important liturgies of our faith that is Holy Week and the Mass of the Resurrection on Sunday. May God give us the strength as best we can to participate at home through Spiritual Communion.

A thought that occurred to me as I was celebrating the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday that when Jesus was betrayed, denied, tortured and crucified on the cross, we feel that he was left alone, without any help, from His heavenly Father. We feel that God was so silent with Jesus. Whereas on the other occasions like Jesus' Baptism and Transfiguration the Gospels state His heavenly Father's assurance: **"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."** (Mk1:11). The purpose of His silence was to manifest his love to humanity through the sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ on the cross. But God fulfilled his promise on Easter Sunday by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During this time of lockdown and Church closures due to coronavirus pandemic we feel that God is so silent with us and our world. Let us be assured the Gospel for Easter Vigil Mass proclaims: **"Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."** (Mt:28:10).

Let us celebrate this Easter with this assurance from Jesus that He is Risen. Alleluia!

Finally, Brother Andrew and I wish everyone a Blessed and Joyful Easter. May the triumph of the Lord protect and strengthen you and your families and above all grant you safety, good health and happiness at Easter and always.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Robert Tonks, Sandra Eccles, Lenard Turner** and all those who have died recently. We also remember John McMulkin, Frank Gibbons, Teague Roarty, Edith Hill, Ronald Coles, Concepcion Garcia, John Nixon, John Murphy, John Sullivan, Florence Brady, Mary Watson, James Chambers, Christopher Donnelly, Josephine Carey, Michael Bourke, Jack Clifton, Michael Scally,

EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

In the Gospel today, the disciple expresses the beginnings of faith. The sign of the empty tomb opens the door of a great mystery. Jesus is alive, he has risen from the dead. This great news helps us to renew our faith and this is something we progress into as did the disciples. In this Easter liturgy there is a great opportunity to be in contact with the Risen presence of Jesus. We can now share in His life, we know through our faith that the power of sin has been broken and we have become new creations with our Lord and Saviour. Alleluia. This is the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes to enable us to know him in the breaking of bread and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord to the glory of God our Father. Amen.

DEACON TERRY

HELP AND SUPPORT

If you are self isolating or you are ill or you may know someone who needs any help and support at this time for shopping, collecting prescriptions and other help, please contact us on 0121 3571351 or email to holynamgreatbarr20@gmail.com. Many thanks. Fr. Vincent SCJ

This Week Saturday 11th– 19th April (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 11th April Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass	
Sunday 12th April SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10:30am Holy Mass	
Monday 13th April Easter Monday, Solemnity	10:00am Kevin Grennin RIP	
Tuesday 14th April Easter Tuesday, Solemnity	9:15am John and Richard Murphy	
Wednesday 15th April Easter Wednesday, Solemnity	10:00am Tim Collins	
Thursday 16th April Easter Thursday, Solemnity	9:15am Stan Jackiewicz	
Friday 17th April Easter Friday, Solemnity	10:00am John Paul Breakwell	
Saturday 18th April Easter Saturday, Solemnity	10:00am Carmeline Fernandes RIP	
Sunday 19th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Michael White, Doris Roarty RIP and Philip Davies RIP	

GREAT BARR FOOD BANK

We are low on all stock; milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam and biscuit/snack bars. Any donations can be brought to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

Loose Money:
£50.00

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£115.00

Thank you for
supporting your
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Bidding Prayers Easter Sunday

Celebrant : God our Father, on this Easter Day, we come to rejoice in your Son's victor over sin and death. We know that your redeeming love is for all people and for all time, so now we bring our prayers to you.

We pray for the Holy Church of God throughout the world. In this time when we cannot be present at Mass in person, we join ourselves to the worship being offered in our name, in rejoicing and thanksgiving for the feast of Easter.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those who care for the sick, the vulnerable and the elderly. Bless them and keep them safe in your care. May they find the help and support they need to work effectively for the good of those they care for.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for families as they live together at home. May their love for each other grow and may this time together strengthen the bonds between them.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all those who were preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter. May God bless them in their desire for him and may they continue to grow in their love and service of him in the days ahead.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all the sick and those dying from the coronavirus. Bring them your peace. We remember also those who suffer from serious illness and we pray that their treatment is not delayed or disrupted at this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for Robert Tonks, Sandra Eccles, Lenard Turner and all those who have died recently We remember our family and friends who have gone before us. May they share in the glory of the Resurrection.

Lord in your mercy

Next Sunday's Mass
Readings:

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117,
1 Peter 1: 3-9, John
20: 19-31

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the risen Lord, to pray with us as we say *Hail Mary*

Let us pray for our own needs.

Celebrant: God our Father, following Good Friday, you brought new life out of tragedy and sin in the Resurrection of Jesus. So now we ask you to pour out your healing grace on our suffering world and, using the skills and knowledge you have given your people, swiftly bring an end to this Coronavirus pandemic. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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