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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 April to 26th 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 2:42-47; Ps 117,
1 Peter 1: 3-9,
John 20: 19-31**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you all had a good Easter though strange and quiet. As I said in last week's newsletter that it was, personally, strange one but we as a community had a good Easter too. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in our parish community for your Easter wishes and presents: via cards, email, telephone and above all your support and prayers during this uncertain time due to coronavirus pandemic. I really do appreciate your love and care for the Sacred Heart Community (SCJ) at Great Barr. Let us all be united together through prayers and spiritual communion in this difficult time.

During the Easter Season, particularly within the Octave of Easter that is last week, the Gospel readings offer us great hope and consolation in this difficult time. The Gospel readings proclaimed that after His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles and disciples when they were locked in with fear, uncertainty, perplexity. In that situation Jesus offered hope, peace by saying "**Peace be with you and do not be afraid it is I and he walked along with them**". Let us be reassured by these words of Jesus in this difficult time as we continue our Easter Season.

I also would like to thank all those who have had concern about our parish finance and put their Gift Aid envelopes and offertory donations through the Presbytery door. Thank you so much for your continued support to your parish. There are many parishioners who had enquired about how to give offertory donations. The simple and easy way is to setup a standing order, if you can. To setup a standing order please collect an application form from the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Vincent via phone.

Finally, be assured of my prayers and keep safe.

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, Hugh Creegan, Margaret Ellen Dunne, Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Vincent Capella, Julia Creegan, Jeremiah Cooney, Marie Flanagan, Philip Davies, Theresa Toner, Jack Lacey, Roger Fahy, Ben Dunne, Eleanor Riseborough, Michael White, Penelope Brennan, Reginald Bell, Herbert Lord, Joan Crawford, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

'PEACE BE WITH YOU'

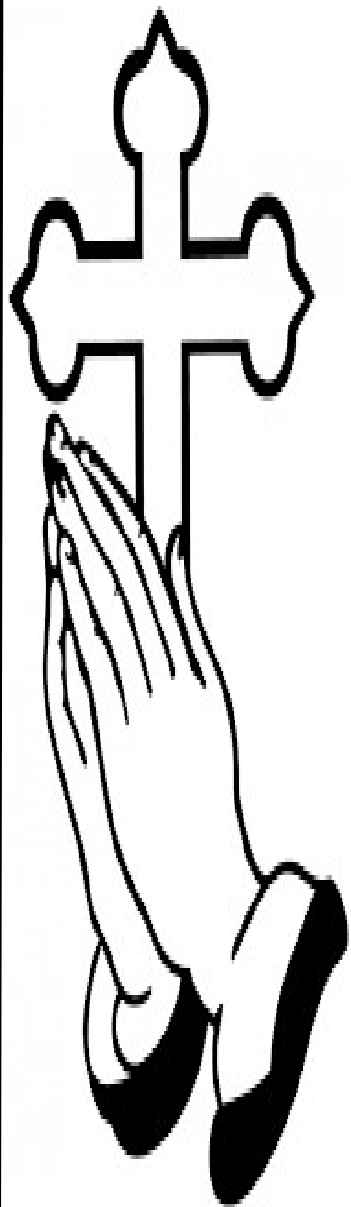
These are the first words of the Risen Christ to his anxious disciples and they are his first words to us today as we seek to meet our Lord. This is the normal Jewish greeting but it was special for the disciples because they were gathered together in fear that they also would be persecuted as our Lord was. Jesus then said "As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you". The Risen Lord always wants to bring us peace and comfort. Jesus breaks down the barrier between us and God, thereby making us the beloved children of the Father. Unfortunately, Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus made this statement. Yet when the risen Jesus did appear to him, he did not touch Jesus' wounds but expressed his faith in the great cry "My Lord and my God". Thomas made a greater statement of faith than any other disciple. He really understood what Jesus' Resurrection meant. We should aim to follow Thomas and make a similar statement though we do not see Him, this will allow us to be open to the blessing He wants to give us.

DEACON TERRY

This Week Saturday 18th– 26th April (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 18th April Easter Saturday, Solemnity	10:00am Carmeline Fernandes RIP	
Sunday 26th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Michael White, Doris Roarty RIP and Philip Davies RIP	
Monday 20th April Easter Feria	10:30am Funeral Service for Sandra Eccles at Witton Cemetery.	
Tuesday 21st April Easter Feria	10:00am James Grogan	
Wednesday 22nd April Easter Feria	10:00am George Parker	
Thursday 23rd April SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	10:00am Funeral Service for Hugh Creegan at Streetly Cemetery	
Friday 24th April Easter Feria	10:00am Peter Hughes RIP 1:30pm Funeral Service for Robert Tonks at Oscott Cemetery	
Saturday 25th April Feast of St Mark, Evangelist	10:00am Patrick Pritchard RIP	
Sunday 26th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30am Margaret McManus, Linda Concannon RIP and Bert Fenton 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.



Bidding Prayers

Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrant : On this Second Sunday of Easter, we come before you with our doubts and questions as we listen to your words in the Scriptures today. We pray for the needs of your suffering world.

We pray for the Holy Church of God throughout the world. May we join with the Psalmist in proclaiming that God is our saviour and that his steadfast love is without end.

Lord in your mercy

We give thanks for the many acts of kindness and solidarity that we have seen in these last weeks. May this generosity bear lasting fruit in the days and months ahead.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for the bereaved, the lonely and the homeless and all those who are spending these days of isolation in loss and grief. May God in his great kindness fill them with his love and peace.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those who, like Thomas, refuse to believe. May this time help them to turn to Jesus and find that He is very close to them in their pain.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all the sick, especially those close to death, and those who care for them. May the Lord bless them and give them comfort in their need.

Lord in your mercy

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

Lord in your mercy

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 at this time.

Celebrant: God our Father, your Son's greeting to his followers was to wish them peace. May this peace be ours at this time and may our prayer be "Lord I believe." We offer this and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-23;

Ps 15;

1 Peter 1:17-21;

Luke 24:13-35