

EASTER REFLECTIONS

After listening to, or reading, the Easter Sunday Gospel (Jn 20:1-9), consider - did any words stand out? If so, ponder or discuss them & enjoy this reflection:-

“There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each ‘performance’ is different.

Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully.

Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples.

The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith. ***What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

For Easter, the Our Father in Latin. Thanks to Angela at St Mary’s for sharing.

**Pater noster, qui es in coelis;
sanctificetur nomen rum:
Adveniat regnum tuum;
fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in coelo, et in terra.**

Panel nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie:

**Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris:**

**et ne nos inducas in tentationem:
sed libera nos a malo.**

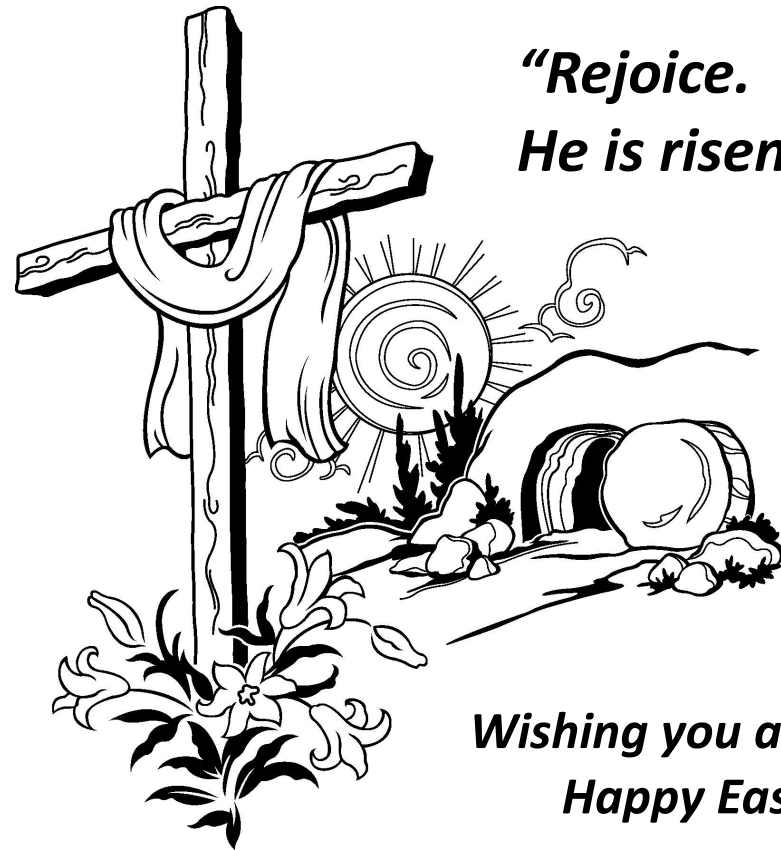
Amen

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Easter Sunday - 31st March 2024



***“Rejoice.
He is risen!”***

***Wishing you all a very
Happy Easter.***

Weekend Masses will now be streamed via YouTube only.
Simply search ‘St Mary of the Rosary’ for our page.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

NEWSLETTER: Please note this is a two week edition of our newsletter.

YEAR 6 AT ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: The coffee morning hosted after this term's school mass raised a wonderful £271.86 for CAFOD. Year 6 pupils thank all parishioners for their generosity.

St AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Thank you for submitting the names of your loved ones. Details will be entered into our book by Maria Graham, whose beautiful and valued ministry is much appreciated.

ST MARY'S CHILDRENS LITURGY: Volunteers required for our children's liturgy sessions. Please speak to Alison K or email parishsecretary@mail.com

CONFESSION:

Saturday 6th April, 11am - 11:30am at St Aidan's

Saturday 13th April, 11am - 11:30am at St Mary's

No confession on Saturday 20th April

Saturday 27th April, 11am - 11:30am at St Mary's.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 24th March 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £210.80 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £82.00

Candles: £43.00 / Holy Places: £25.00

Sunday Coffee Morning: £92.20 (donated to Heart North East)

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £302.56 / Envelopes: £53.00 / Donations: £30.00

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Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

BIRTHDAY COLLECTION: Fr Hall celebrates his 70th birthday in April and respectfully requests donations to charity in lieu of cards and gifts. His chosen charity is the St Vincent de Paul Centre in Newcastle which supports asylum seekers and some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/page/ne12catholic or left in marked envelopes in offertory baskets. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY CAKE: will be shared with both parishes in our church halls after masses on Sunday 21st April.

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 31st March & 7th April 2024

Sat. 30th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Ita O'Looney & Peg Younger
Easter Sunday (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Laura Anne Heslop
<i>Mon. 1st April (St. Aidan's)</i>	<i>4.00pm</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tues. 2nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Norman Wise
Wed. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. John McElhone
Thurs. 4th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 5th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Monica Jackson
<i>Sat. 6th (St Aidan's)</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Confession</i>
Sat. 6th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Lucia Francisco Borromeo
Sun. 7th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Private Intention
Sun. 7th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Lucas Pereira
Mon. 8th	*** NO MASS ***	
<i>** Tues. 9th (St. Mary's)</i>	<i>11.45am</i>	<i>Requiem Mass for Rose Smith</i>
Wed. 10th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Private Intention
Thurs. 11th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. John McElhone
Fri. 12th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ena Duffy
<i>Sat. 13th (St. Mary's)</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Confession</i>
Sat. 13th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Mary Chakkoria
Sun. 14th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 14th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Sr Jucunda

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Living God, we are filled with joy as we celebrate the rising of your Son. Inspire us to make our world a better place for everyone as we look to the future with hope. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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