

**ST OSWALD & ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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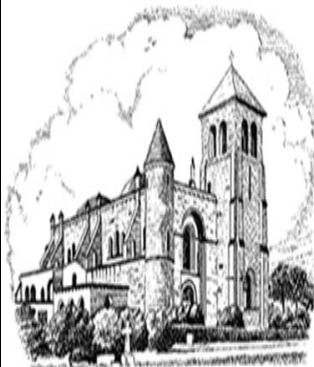
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Week commencing: 4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY (B)

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9.30am (OLI) Parishioners

11.00am (StO) Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday	Monday of Octave of Easter 10.00am (OLI) Sick & Retired Priests
Tuesday	Tuesday of Octave of Easter 9.30am (StW) Sheila Purcell
Wednesday	Wednesday of Octave of Easter 9.30am (StO) Jane & Bryan Topping
Thursday	Thursday of Octave of Easter 9.30am (StW) Jill Lownsbrough
Friday	Friday of Octave of Easter 9.00am (OLI) Mary Byrne
Saturday	Saturday of Octave of Easter 10.00am (StO) Margaret & Wiktor Wisowaty

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW) Betty & Brian Williams
Sunday	9.30am (OLI) Parishioners 11.00am (StO) Frank Hayton 6.30pm (OLI) Eliza Hughes

**Please note: Mass on Bank Holiday Monday at
Our Lady's is at 10.00am**

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00am-12.00noon (StO)

Rosary: There will be no public recitation of
the Rosary until further notice.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tues-Fri: 10.00am-12 noon (StO)

Sat: 11.00am-12noon (StO)

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Holy Hour: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for
the intention of:

Henry Costello

Anniversaries

6th Apr	Gillian Hulse	
7th Apr	Stephen Doyle	Frances Wilkie
8th Apr	Mary Daley	Albert Jones
	Elizabeth McNulty	
9th Apr	Mary Byrne	Ann Grindley
	Margaret Taylor	
10th Apr	Edna Tucker	

Catholic Pictorial

The Easter edition of the Catholic Pictorial is
available at the back of Church or online at

<https://bit.ly/3dpZUxc>

Holy Places

The annual collection for the Holy Places, which goes to support the maintenance of the sites
associated with Our Lord's life, death and resurrection in the Holy Land, will be taken after all Masses
next weekend.

Archbishop's Easter Message 2021

'The events of the first Easter morning began quietly, in stark contrast to the violence and baying crowds which accompanied the crucifixion on Good Friday. Mary Magdalen went to the tomb early in the morning on the first day of the week – while it was still dark – while it was quiet with no people around and none of the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, the busy city. Things began to change when she saw that the stone had been rolled away, she ran to Simon Peter and the disciple John saying, 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him'. The disciples ran to the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, they believed.

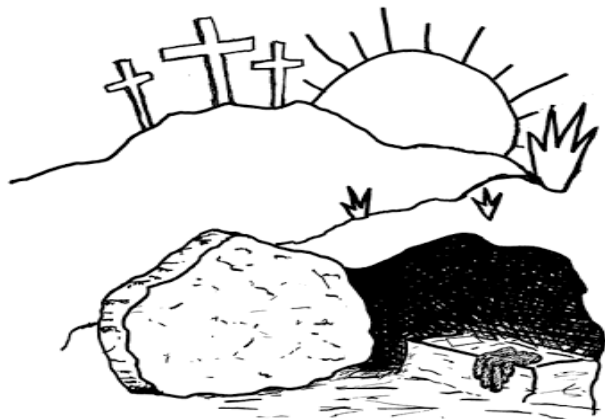
Mary though was not joyful, she did not have hope, she stood outside the empty tomb weeping asking where the body of Jesus had been taken. Yet as she recognised the risen Jesus her life was transformed moving from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy and from despair to hope.

For over a year now we have been living under the darkness of the pandemic, just as the light of the Risen Christ is always with us so we have seen light in that darkness through the bravery, generosity and kindness of others. The light offered to us by the heroes of our NHS, carers, and all who have worked to keep our country going.

Easter is always a time of reawakening and this year as a country we are approaching our own reawakening. Our villages, towns and cities have been quiet, but they are slowly and cautiously coming back to life. We are seeing hope through the vaccine, developed through the gifts of science, giving us hope for a better and safer future.

There have been times of grief, loss, doubt and despair during the dark days, and we hold in prayer all who have suffered. We bring those times to our celebration of the resurrection which begins in darkness in our churches with the lighting of the Easter Candle symbolising the risen Christ. A life-giving light overcoming the darkness, bringing healing to a broken world.

Just as the lives of Mary Magdalen and the disciples were transformed on the first Easter morning so too our lives may be transformed as we embrace the light of the Risen Lord who sheds his peace on all humanity. May God bless us all on this glorious Easter Day.



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**

Easter Blessings

My thanks go to all who have helped to make the Sacred Triduum such a worthy celebration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection: to Deacons Malcolm and Jim; to our stewards and cleaners, without whom it would not have been possible to keep our Churches open since June of last year; and to our sacristans, readers, musicians, and all who contributed in any way by their prayerful presence.

May the Lord grant you, and your families,
the peace and joy He brings,
and the new life He has won for us
this Eastertime.