

Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday, 31st March 9.30 am (Summertime begins - clocks forward 1 hour)	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection (no Children's liturgy until 21 st April)	Anthony & Elizabeth Stulberg Silver Wedding Anniversary
Monday, 1 st April 9.30 am	Easter Monday	Fred Mudd – Anniversary
Tuesday, 2 nd April		
Wednesday, 3 rd April		
Thursday 4 th April 9.30 am		Sheila Conroy – Birthday Remembrance
Friday, 5 th April	First Friday	
Saturday, 6 th April 2.15-12.45 pm		Confessions
Sunday, 7th April 9.30 am	Second Sunday of Easter Feast of the Divine Mercy	Julie Locke – Birthday Remembrance

Sick - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Grace Bellard, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Ava Davidson, Tony Devereux, Gerarda D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Peter Galvin, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Brian O'Reilly, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

Lately Dead – Sheila Blanchard, Francis Curran, Pat Fraser, Anthony Lowry

Anniversaries – Fred Mudd

Birthday Remembrance – Harriet Carr, Sheila Conroy, Julie Locke

Special Intentions – Anthony & Elizabeth Stulberg, Innocent people of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine

St. Julie's Easter Coffee Morning & Raffle today (Easter Sunday) – The draw will take place today for the Easter Hamper and other prizes kindly donated. It is not too late to buy your raffle tickets in the Parish Hall after 9.30 am Mass. Cakes also will be on sale. All proceeds towards upkeep of St. Julie's Church. Everyone invited.

Dementia Support Group - next meeting Tuesday, 2nd April at 1.00 pm in St. Julie's Parish Hall, Howards Lane, Eccleston WA10 5HJ. It is an opportunity for Carers to meet up and gain emotional and practical support. Carers are more than welcome to bring along the person they care for. **Do you care for**, or have cared for someone with **memory problems**, then come along, you will be very welcome. For further information please contact Joan O'Hanlon on 07984 735 590.

SVP Update - From last October until February 294 people have donated food: £2,850 of dry food and £700 of food vouchers from Farm Foods. Members also provided fresh food from local supermarkets. These are people of all faiths – and none. They came from Corpus Christi, St. Julie, St. Teresa, Portico, Holy Cross, St. Ann, St. Austin, St. Luke. A big thank you to all who have helped, especially Father Martin and his parishioners, all mini vinnies!

Journey in Faith – Our 2nd series of talks at the De La Salle brothers' house, 7 Wokefield Way, will be at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 9th April**. If you would like to know more about the talks, please contact Dave Mc Kenna 01744 631166.

Thank you so much for all the Easter cards, gifts and lovely messages. I wish you and your families and friends a very joyful and peaceful Easter. Fr. Michael

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

Easter Sunday (B)

INTROIT ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

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

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

PSALM Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Rv.24

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

*You must look for the things that are in heaven,
where Christ is.*

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! I Cor 5:7-8
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The first thing that strikes us from today's Gospel is that the very first person to go the tomb is Mary of Magdala. We would have expected the apostles to be the first there, but no, it is a woman who is the first one there. However, Mary's reaction is that "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb." She tells Peter and John who rush to the tomb, and only when John enters the empty tomb does he realise what has happened and that Jesus, as he had promised, had risen from the dead. There are times in our own lives when we have the impression that Jesus is not with us, that we can't pray, or we feel no-one is listening to us. But we have to be careful that we are not doing what Mary, Peter and John did and look for Jesus in an empty tomb. If we can't find him where we normally do, we need to look for him elsewhere – in the poor, in the sick, in the marginalised, in the abandoned ones in

our society. It may simply be in doing a small act of love for someone when we least feel like doing it, that risen Lord makes himself felt in our hearts.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INTERNATIONAL POWER

173. In this regard, I would also note the need for a reform of "the United Nations Organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth".¹⁵¹ Needless to say, this calls for clear legal limits to avoid power being co-opted only by a few countries and to prevent cultural impositions or a restriction of the basic freedoms of weaker nations on the basis of ideological differences. For "the international community is a juridical community founded on the sovereignty of each member state, without bonds of subordination that deny or limit its independence".¹⁵² At the same time, "the work of the United Nations, according to the principles set forth in the Preamble and the first Articles of its founding Charter, can be seen as the development and promotion of the rule of law, based on the realization that justice is an essential condition for achieving the ideal of universal fraternity... There is a need to ensure the uncontested rule of law and tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation and arbitration, as proposed by the Charter of the United Nations, which constitutes truly a fundamental juridical norm".¹⁵³ There is need to prevent this Organization from being delegitimized, since its problems and shortcomings are capable of being jointly addressed and resolved.

151. Ibid.: AAS 101 (2009), 700.

152. PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 434.

153. Address to the Members of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, New York (25 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1037, 1041.

The Fire of Love* HOW TO ACQUIRE PERFECT LOVE

In a truly loving mind, there is always a song of glory and an inner flame of love. It springs from a clear conscience and real spiritual joy. It delights in Jesus day and night. The world, the flesh and the devil have no power when the mind and heart are turned wholly to Christ. Doing great things is not what counts. What counts is love – loving and being loved by Christ.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to develop your love in me. Give me an immeasurable urge towards you, an unbounded affection, an unrestrained longing, a fervour that throws discretion to the winds. The more we love you, the more pressing love becomes. Reason

cannot hold this kind of love in check. Fear does not make it tremble; wise judgement does not temper it.

While doing good things to excess can turn to evil, this does not happen when we love God, because God cannot be loved too much. If we love, we long to have the one we love near us; as Scripture says: 'Tell my beloved that I languish for love' (Song 5: 8).

When we begin to turn to Christ, we are first moved with a real sorrow for sin. This makes us give up all that leads to self-glorification. Everything else is forgotten in order to gain Christ and have him set as a seal upon our heart (cf Song 8: 6).

*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press

