

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Hello Everyone,

Cardinal Nichols has recorded a special radio programme for the BBC on Easter Sunday. This will be broadcast at **0800 on all 39 BBC local radio stations.** **PLEASE NOTE:** In last week's newsletter it stated that the programme would also be broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is **NOT being broadcast on Radio 4, but will be broadcast on all 39 BBC local radio stations.**

I certainly won't be the first to think that we have never, ever before, celebrated an Easter like this. However, that's not true.

We are in Lockdown, and that is so vital to protect our wonderful NHS and all frontline workers. But if we think about it, its not the first time Easter has been like this. The first Easter was: no-one was there at the tomb to witness the Resurrection, were they? The women, who understood, who 'got it', unlike the disciples who 'didn't get it,' wanted to anoint the body of Jesus on Friday, but they couldn't because evening was approaching. Long before anyone ever thought of inventing clocks time was calculated from sunset to sunset, so the next day had already begun. And the next day, Saturday, was the Sabbath on which no work could be done. They had to wait until Sunday, the first working day of the week. And as for the disciples, well they were definitely in Lockdown! A self-imposed lockdown, trapped in the upper room with the doors firmly bolted and

12th April, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY (A)

**All Masses are Livestreamed to the Parish Facebook page:
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Coventry.**

<https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/>

Sunday 10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY. Kevin Gibney, R.I.P. (Eileen Gibney)
Monday 9.00am	From today Livestreamed Mass times return to 9.00am. Easter Monday. For all the people of the Parish.
Tuesday 9.00am	Easter Tuesday Special Intention.
Wednesday 9.00am	Easter Wednesday Bridgid Piercy, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
Thursday 9.00am	Easter Thursday Austin O'Malley, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
Friday 9.00am	Easter Friday. Veronica Dixon, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
Saturday 9.00am	Easter Saturday. Ernie & Veronica Mills, R.I.P. (John, Elizabeth & Veronica)
19th April, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.	
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.

living in the agony of their fears, their doubts and their self-recriminations. (Oh, I'm not criticising because I'm certain that, had I been there, I'd have run away just as quickly.)

And so, the Resurrection is that deeply personal moment for the Trinity: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And in that moment the human nature of Jesus is fully united to his divine nature. All of us are searching for the answer to the question: 'who am I?' Not what other people think of me, but who is the real me? And in Jesus, the 'real me' is God Himself.

On Holy Thursday we reflected on the wonder of the Trinity. Of one single God, but in a community of three distinct Persons, existing in a continuous

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relationship of total self-giving and receiving from each other. This is the only way God could exist. Now, it seems staggeringly and wonderfully obvious, but it is only revealed to us at Easter. And we are invited into this community, into the very life of the Trinity, into perfect fulfilment. As St John puts it so beautifully: *My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.*

(1 John 3:1-2)

The late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, who was born on 15th February 1927 and died on 31st August 2012, speaks so movingly of this revelation of the Trinity:

The Resurrection is a revelation of God as Trinity: of the Father who raised his Son to life...That the Resurrection is the Father's great "yes" to His Son as God as well as man. It reveals to us the divine value of sacrifice, of going out of oneself, of losing one's self as Jesus did on the cross. Jesus, betrayed, killed, obedient unto death, who from the cross gives the Spirit of life, shows us that the power of self-giving unto death is divine...It is the norm for authentic human life in the image of God.

The Holy Spirit, the gift of the Risen Jesus to believers, makes all who are prisoners of their fear of death into free, courageous and loving witnesses to life.

The Easter event, therefore, reveals a new face of God which appears as the Trinity, as paternity, as intimacy, as gift, as sonship, as company, as enthusiasm, as love, as fullness of life, as communication.

And we, the Church celebrates this new image and knowledge of God in history...What kind of Church communicates this image of the Trinity? A Church

that is enthusiastic, prayerful, courageous, sacrificing, trusting, self-giving, and loving; one that puts itself in the father's hands.

The late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini

And so, my friends, in this Easter of 2020 let us hear the words the Risen Lord Jesus first spoke to his friends, locked in that upper room: **PEACE BE WITH YOU.**

We are limited, God is not. His peace, joy and Divine life will enter into all our hearts this Easter.

May the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you and your families,

God bless you all, and keep safe,

Fr. Tony.

7-Day Candles: 11th – 18th April

(Although you can't see them on the Livestream which is pointing at the altar, every Saturday I light the new candles that have been requested)

Sacred Heart:

Our Lady: Celine McCrea's Intentions.

By the small Crucifix: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers Fr Mike Stack, Norma Dias, Mr Ndunaka, Josephine and Timothy Onwuekwe, Jan Rattray, Benny and Bridie McAndrew, Eunan MacIntyre, Matt Moten, Rosie Hallett, Maria Scott, Winnie Coleman, and all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of Austin O'Malley, Wilfred Turley, Carole Flynn, Thomas Francis Ryan, Martin Kavanagh, Thomas McKenna and all who have died.

St. John Fisher parish now has a website which can be accessed at: www.sjfcov.org

On the next page are some ideas for online Children's Liturgy.

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Faith at Home

Children's liturgy resources.

- Ten Ten is offering all families and schools the opportunity to access free prayer resources for the home and also have a video for children's liturgy each week

<https://tntenresources.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=82585f83bf242b4b0a627d7e1&id=f66e0b5a7a&e=85f1080896>

- A mum in Westminster Diocese creates a children's liturgy video on Saturday evenings for use on Sunday. For those that use Facebook there is a link to page so families in your parishes can create their own 'watch parties' and join together with other families.

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

For those who do not have Facebook here is the link to the YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>

- CAFOD link to their children's liturgy resources <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
- Catholic Mom has useful printable worksheets <http://catholicmom.com/kids/catholic-gospel-coloring-worksheets-sunday-mass/>

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Exploring the faith together as a family

- <https://www.youcat.org/> - great resource for all ages explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church and has an accompanying app via these links

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.youcat.daily&hl=en>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/youcat-daily/id1447116947?mt=8>