



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## EASTER SUNDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020 Year A

<b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</b>	<b>11 Apr</b>	8.00pm	Ray Todd (RIP)
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>12 Apr</b>	10.30am	
Monday	13 Apr	10.30am	
Tuesday	14 Apr	10.30am	
Wednesday	15 Apr	10.30am	
Thursday	16 Apr	10.30am	
Friday	17 Apr	10.30am	
Saturday	18 Apr	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	19 Apr	10.30am	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): No Confessions until further notice</b>			
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<b>Sacred Heart:</b>	<b>Our Lady:</b>		
<b>Divine Mercy:</b>	<b>St Joseph:</b> Special Intention (BK)		
<b>St Anthony:</b>			

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We especially remember those who have died from Covid-19. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### ASSISTANCE

If any of our parishioners are in need of help with shopping, please let us know by calling the parish phone number: **07706400871**. We have a few volunteers who are more than happy to assist you.

### THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Annie Neville
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	

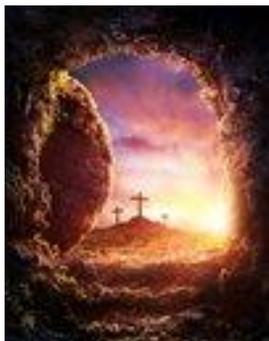
May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain. We remember also all those who are suffering with Covid-19.

### MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

If you would like to submit any Mass Intentions and devotional candles, please do so by calling the parish phone number.

### PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.  
Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely. Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word. Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.  
Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome. Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.  
We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.



This prayer has been sent out from Rome and can be used for the opening prayer at Masses except on Solemnities. Maybe we would like to pray it daily and unite ourselves with each other and the wider church as we implore the Father to bless our world at this time.

### Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

### Readings for the Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum are the three days leading up to Easter. It starts with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Maundy Thursday and finishes at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when we celebrate the Jesus' resurrection. For those who wish to reflect on the mysteries we celebrate during these days, the readings for the liturgical celebrations are:

**Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper** – celebrated in the evening usually about 7.00pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
**Gospel:** John 13: 1-15

**Friday: The Lord's Passion** – celebrated in the afternoon usually about 3.00pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5: 7-9  
**Gospel:** John 18: 1-19:42

If you are following the liturgy in your missal you will see that there is an extra intercession added by the Pope for time of crisis:

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

**Saturday: The Easter Vigil** – celebrated at night usually about 8.00pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:2  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Exodus 14:15-15:1  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:** Romans 6:3-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10



Please take time to listen to Archbishop Bernard Longley's Easter message on:  
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/holy-week>

### READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

### REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

Easter is the beginning of a new way of seeing and engaging with the world around us and this year heralds this new beginning with many challenges to our understanding. We enter a new way of living with the needs of our brothers and sisters being of paramount importance as we come to our celebrations.

The journey to the cross Jesus makes was a single act. This was to transform the lives of all people and bring that gift of hope to support us in our journeys in his footsteps. When we celebrate the Vigil this year we will not be able to gather and participate in the lighting of the Easter candle that focuses our attention on the Risen Lord, but that light still shines in each heart this year just as brightly.

We are called to celebrate the gift of salvation with a renewed understanding of how we are to live out that redeeming presence in our time. We are called to be the living flames that radiate that light of Christ for the world to see. As we search with our families and friends to live out this commitment let us be reminded of the words in the Exultet,

*"Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, that glows to the honour of God."*

So while we cannot gather, let us rejoice in our part in bringing this gift to the world.

May you all have a peaceful and holy celebration of our redemption and let that light,

*"Mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night."*

Have a happy and a Holy Easter.

*Fr George*

The document attached last week showed the times of the Holy Week Services from St Peter's in Rome. These can be watched on Vatican News on You Tube. Please note that times are listed in GMT, so they are actually one hour later than on the sheet. Some of these are also available on EWTN for those who do not have internet access. If you prefer a liturgy in English, especially as they are long, there is live streaming available through the diocesan website.

**Pope Francis says:** "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able to share it with others."