

**The Lord is risen
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

Happy Easter



Archdiocese of Birmingham
Holy Family RC Parish
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**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.**

COLLECT

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.' 10:34a, 37-43
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117

**This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

or: Alleluia.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R.**

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'

3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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! **Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;

let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you. O Lord.

'He must rise from the dead.'

20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,

we offer the sacrifice

by which your Church

is wondrously reborn and nourished.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread

of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,

with unfailing love and favour,

so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,

she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK			
Sat 4 th	8.00 pm	People of the Parish/Catechumens	5th April 2026: The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday (Solemnity)
Sun 5 th	10.30 am	Pauline Simons (1 st Anniversary)	
Mon 6 th			
Tues 7 th	10.30 am 12.00 pm	John Regan (Anniversary) Agnes Ray (Requiem)	
Wed 8 th	10.30 am	Peggy Regan RIP	
Thurs 9 th	10.30 am	Ann Hackett RIP	
Fri 10 th	10.15 am	Christopher Peter Howell (Requiem)	
Sat 11 th	4.00 pm	Mary Conneely (Anniversary)	
Sun 12 th	10.30 am	Pauline Simons (1 st Anniversary)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £420.17			
SECOND COLLECTION: £155.17 (Church Maintenance)			
NO SECOND COLLECTION this weekend			
Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)			Altar Lamp – John & Maureen Myles RIP Our Lady's Lamp – Kevin Lynch RIP

RECENTLY DEAD: John McKay RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 14th April 2026, 1.00 pm.
 Thomas Dale RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 24th April 2026, 12.00 pm
 Michael Thomas Raughter RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gabriel Farrow, Philip Cartland, Patrick Goulding, Michael MGuire, James Hollywood, Martin Cotter, Josephine Kennedy, Irene O'Reilly, Christopher Walsh, Catherine Reddy, Patrick Byrne, Julia Loughran, John Harkin, Bernard Tarbuck, Philomena Byrne, Baby Mia O'Reilly, Helena Doherty, Pat & John Regan, Alphonsus Marconi, William Ecocks, John McHugh, Catherine O'Neill, Patrick McCafferty, Donald Brennan, Donald Guinivan, Delia Murray, Liam Baird, Keelan Grealish, James Power, Juvenal de Jesus, Rosaleen Owens.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter, Peter McCann.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – Visit the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org or www.ukreligiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

SINCERE THANKS to all who help in cleaning, decorating, and preparing our parish church for the Easter celebrations.

WE CONGRATULATE Katie-Louise Canning, Lori Walker and Hemma-Louise Webber, who were baptised, confirmed, and received into the Catholic Church during our Easter vigil celebration. Please, keep them in your prayers.

EASTER OFFERINGS: The collection this Easter Weekend is your gift to the Parish Priest. Thank you.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!!!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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