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Alleluia, Alleluia!***EXULT**

“O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.”

So says the Easter Proclamation, or Exsultet, which is chanted at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, in the darkened church. I have spent a lot of time with this magnificent prayer in recent weeks and I have found its riches to be truly inexhaustible. No other prayer tells the entire salvation history of the Church whilst expressing how the New and Old Testament form one seamless whole. At the heart of Easter, the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar, is the mystery of this union of heaven and earth. Easter is truly a marriage, Christ is joined to his Church and we, the people, are cleaved to God. Cleave has two contradictory meanings, to join and to separate. The sin of Adam separated us from God; but the sacrifice of Christ joins us to God, divine and human are brought together as they were in the body of Christ. Throughout the Passion we see glimpses of Christ's human frailty, as the burden of His impending suffering seems too great to bear. And yet, He endures so as to win our salvation. Christ is fully human and fully God and in this marriage of His two natures heaven and earth are brought together.

In the Easter Vigil this marriage is most powerfully symbolised by the reception of new Catholics into our community. The 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' (RCIA) reaches a climax at Easter, as around the world those who have heard and responded to God's call embrace their new life in Christ. In Beckenham we welcome our 3 catechumens and 3 candidates as they embrace the divine in their lives on this truly blessed night. It is a moment for us all to reflect on the incredible gift with which we have been blessed, the divine spark within each of us is rekindled by the light of Christ.

If Easter represents the marriage between Christ and His church what does that mean for each of us? Marriage is built on the found-

ations of commitment, fidelity, honesty and communication. Our relationship with Christ calls us to to commit to him exclusively and wholeheartedly, to be honest, especially when addressing our failings, and to speak and listen to Him, through prayer. So, this Easter let us seize the opportunity to strengthen our commitment to Christ, to build a loving relationship with Him, so that we can renew the face of the earth.

With Easter Blessings,  
Deacon Ray

Risen Jesus, who on the first Easter Day stood among your disciples and said, "Peace be with you", be present with us in your risen power. Fill us with hope and joy and pour your Spirit into our hearts that we may proclaim your Easter Gospel today and always for we are your Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

[From Generous Love by Arthur Howells]

On behalf of Fr John, Fr Damian, Deacon Sean, Deacon Ray and myself, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter. Thank you to all the people who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the Triduum.

God bless, Fr Steve

**COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES****Maundy Thursday**

The collection will be for Mary's Meals. (See next page of the newsletter.)

**Good Friday**

At the Pope's request the collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Palestine.

**Easter Masses**

Offerings made at the Easter Vigil and all the Masses of Easter Sunday are your personal gifts to our priests.

Donations can be made using the contactless machine, through Church Suite using this link <https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/donate/>, in the basket or by bank transfer:

Account Name: RCAS Beckenham  
Sort Code: 60 02 12 Account Number: 14282887

## MAUNDY THURSDAY COLLECTION

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

By providing a daily meal at school, Mary's Meals creates a fundamental change in the lives of children who don't have enough to eat and provides hope for today and tomorrow. This hope feels even more important when these children are growing up in war zones and places of conflict, as many in these programme countries are.

Mary's Meals can provide a meal for just 10p (thanks to the work of many thousands of volunteer cooks and their experience in sourcing locally procured food in bulk), meaning that a child can be fed for a whole school year for £19.15.

Fr Steve has asked that Mary's Meals is our charity for Maundy Thursday.

## MY DAY BY DAY FOR EASTER

Once again we have copies of these little booklets to help you navigate your way through the days after Easter. There are versions for infants, juniors and adults. A donation of at least £1 is requested which can be placed in the wall box in the porch marked papers

A happy Easter from Rosemary and Barbara in the Parish Office, Von in the Presbytery and Johnny who is everywhere else.

The Office will be closed on Easter Monday but will also be shut on Tuesday.

**This newsletter is a double issue covering two weekends.**

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the porch

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Did you know you can donate to the second collection by card at the back of the church?

We recently installed a second card donation device at the back of the church just for second collections, so you don't have to remember to bring cash with you.

We are aware that the devices sometimes freeze - the software has been updated recently, which should improve things, but you can also try lifting the lid and pressing the small power button on the right side of the device to reset them.

## LIGHT OF CHRIST PRAYER MEETING

There will be **no meeting** this Wednesday 3 April.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 10 April

- 7.40 pm Praise and Worship
- 8.00 pm Mass
- 9.00 pm Adoration
- 9.30 pm Meeting concludes with refreshments

All Welcome. Further details from Tom on 07982 999 319

## DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Saturday 13 April at 7.00 pm.  
in the Church Hall.

Please come and support Deacon Sean's charity NEWT and enjoy a fish and chip supper as we dive into Fr Steve's favourite music.

Reserve your tickets - £20 per head, now, to be paid for on the night, by emailing [ticky.colling@gmail.com](mailto:ticky.colling@gmail.com)

Any tickets left will be on sale after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday 6/7 April

**Please buy your tickets in advance.**  
There will be a bar and a raffle

Just a reminder that the clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night.

Being formed in the likeness of Christ we strive to become a truly Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion and communion.

### JOHN POTTER RIP

Celebration of Life – Saturday 6 April  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Bromley

Tea and biscuits at 12.30

Service at 1.30 pm

Reception at 3.00 pm at the Scout Hut  
(Bishop Challoner School)

The following link gives further details and  
how to RSVP

<https://thefifth.org.uk/john-potter/>

### A TRIP TO READING MUSEUM

**Tuesday 23 April**

I plan to take a group to Reading Museum to see a copy of the British Bayeux Tapestry which was made by groups of women from nearby towns in the late nineteenth century.

We will meet at 9.30 am at Beckenham Junction for the 9.40 train. Underground to Paddington then the Elizabeth Line (1 hour journey) to Reading. If you have a Freedom Pass travel is free there and back.

The museum is a 5 minute walk from the station. Entry is free but donations are welcomed. Picnic or cafe lunch. We have a free hour after our timed visit; there are some interesting abbey ruins to see or you can take a stroll along the river.

Group visits have to be booked so please text 07904 812 350 or email

[alagar@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:alagar@pobroadband.co.uk)

by Friday 12 April if you want to join me.

Mavis Alagar

### THE JOSEPH EVENT

7 April in the Hall after Family Mass

Tammy Ferrando, a parishioner at St Edmund's, is the author of religious books for young children.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> she is asking you to vote for the title of her third book which is about little Chris desperately wanting to be Joseph in the school nativity.

The Joseph Event is for everyone but mainly for people who buy books for the 3-7 year age group. There will be treats for those who cast their vote but there will be something special for everyone who comes across.

Tammy's first book, A Prayer from the Heart is on sale in the Repository and her second, Lost Until the Light Comes, is just about to be published.

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Pope Frances has called for Life in the Spirit seminars to be held in all parishes. Seminars are being run throughout the archdiocese with the support and encouragement of Archbishop John Wilson.

St Edmunds will be a hub for the seminars.

The seminars will be running in St Edmund's Hall as follows:

Wednesdays at 8 00 pm on 24 April, and 1, 8, 22 and 29 May.

All these seminars will be preceded by Mass in the church at 7.30 pm.

There will be a retreat day at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 18 May.

For more information or to register, go to [bit.ly/LISS2024](http://bit.ly/LISS2024) or email

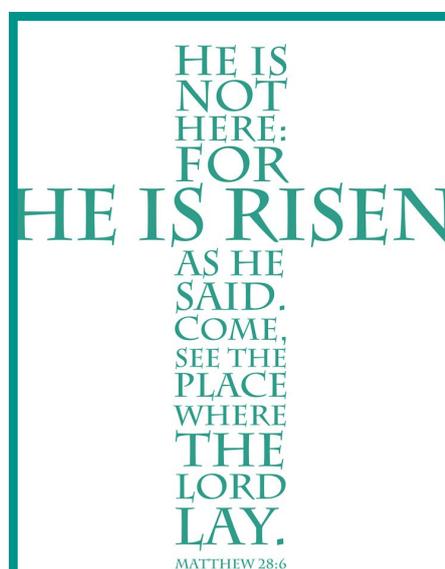
[norwoodsouth.org.uk](mailto:norwoodsouth.org.uk)

Flyers will be available at the back of the church after Easter.

*I ask each and all of you that as part of the current of grace of Charismatic Renewal you organise seminars of Life in the Spirit in your parishes and seminaries, schools, in neighbourhoods, to share Baptism in the Spirit*

*Pope Francis.*

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 23.03.24	
Plate Collection	1365.51
Contactless	248.30
Bank Standing Order	614.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1266.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3494.44</b>



**MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 31 March Year B**

**Saturday 30 March**

7.45 pm Church

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Colin Dowling RIP  
Pietro Perdoni RIP  
Dr Michael Ekong RIP

**Sunday 31 March**

8.00 am Church

**Easter Sunday**

Dec'd Brothers of Beckenham  
Catenians  
Lucas Ubaldina Sylvia & Amon de Souza.

**FAMILY**

11.00 am Church

James Dougan RIP (12th anniv)

5.30 pm Church

Phil Wheat RIP

**Monday 1 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Marie Cronin RIP

**Tuesday 2 April**

10.00 pm Church

**Feria**

In thanksgiving-Charlotte,  
Michael & Jacqueline Ekong

**Wednesday 3 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

John Potter RIP  
No Life in the Spirit Mass

**Thursday 4 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Renate Betson RIP

12.45 pm Church

Requiem of Margaret Knowles

8.00 pm Claver

Adoration

**Friday 5 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Fiadh O'Connor RIP (1st anniv)

Adoration & Benediction

1.30 pm Church

Requiem of Jean Porter

**Saturday 6 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

In thanksgiving to St Martha

6.00 pm Church

For the people

**VIGIL**

**Sunday 7 April**

8.00 am Church

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Michael Keane RIP

9.30 am Church

Keith Guinane RIP

**FAMILY**

11.00 am Church

Patricia Hanrahan RIP

5.30 pm Church

Doreen Cameron RIP

**Monday 8 April**

10.00 am Church

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

Dec'd members of the O'Flynn  
Family

**Tuesday 9 April**

10.00 pm Church

**Feria**

Intentions of the Geoghegan &  
Flannery Families

**Wednesday 10 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Patricia Griffin RIP (101 b'day)

**NO ADORATION**

11.30 am Church

Requiem of Donald Clarke

8.00 pm Hall

Life in the Spirit Mass

**Thursday 11 April**

10.00 am Church

**St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

Amancia Senio Eguia RIP

8.00 pm Claver

Adoration

**Friday 12 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Ann Elmer RIP

**Saturday 13 April**

10.00 am Church

**Feria**

Ints of Loretta

6.00 pm Church

Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

**VIGIL**

**Sunday 14 April**

8.00 am Church

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Safe delivery of Imani Rogers

9.30 am Church

Monica Grima RIP

**FAMILY**

11.00 am Church

Peter Calderwood RIP

5.30 pm Church

For the people

*There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am, and, after the 10.00 am Mass Monday to Saturday there is Adoration unless there is a funeral.*

*Friday Adoration concludes with Benediction.*

*Confessions are every Saturday from*

*10.30 am - 11.00 am and*

*from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm.*

*If there is a priest available, confessions will be heard after the weekday 10.00 am Mass.*

**We remember in our prayers the sick, the house-bound and their carers.**

In particular, we pray for: Pet Kilcullen, Hedwig Harper, Keith Kench, Fr Ray Brennan, Terry Woollard, Wendy Adams, Marie Rennie, Elizabeth, Rosanna Sookram, Anne Flynn, Ursula Dyer, Michael Stannard, Hans Halpin, Paul, Margaret Ziolek, Norma Powell, Joan Morris, Fr Barry Hughes, Catherine Sanders.

**We pray for those who have died:**

Jean Porter, Anna Mansfield, Donald Clarke, Margaret Knowles, Angela Bowers, Linda Himsworth, Dr George Oriokot, Pamela Venkatasami, Ivor Nazareth, Michael Keane, Pablo Rodriguez & Anthony Hale.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Marise Daniel Howells, Hugh Beck, Dcn Ray Zacaroli, Daphne Rowe, Jose Urbano Blanchet, Sandra Naughton, Johanna Walsh, Mario de Pascalis, Kathleen Scanlon, Mary J Edet, Peter Abbott, Jane Keappock, Gian Bianca Inzani, Constantino Basconciolo, Anne Barber, Jay Leader, Martin Calver, Patrick Keegan, Viktor Ugincius, Kate Mashall, Patrick Hunt, Monica Richardson, Basil Howells, John Edet, Terence Arnaud, Rainer Stuper, Harry Bradford, Sarah Chaplin, Zoran Jovic, Brian Glynn, Patrick Keegan, Martha Brown, Ellen McGrath.

**We pray for all in our parish suffering from ill health, for their families and for those who care for them.**

Regrettably, Monday Meditation will be cancelled until 8 April.

Contemplative Saturday on 23 March will also now not take place.

**DIARY**

**April**

Thu 4 Requiem Mass for Margaret Knowles at 12.45  
Fri 5 Requiem for Jean Porter at 1.30  
Mon 8 Law Surgery in Hall Meeting Room  
Wed 10 Requiem for Donald Clarke 11.30  
Sat 13 Desert Island Discs with Fr Steve. In the Hall at 7.00  
Mon 15 Requiem Mass of Anna Mansfield at 12.30

**December**

Saturday 7 Parish Christmas Fair