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Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Happy Easter!

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church. With thanksgiving and joy we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. Christ's resurrection gives meaning and purpose to our earthly existence. He came that we may have life and have it to the full. It is this Easter faith that we share which helps us experience, even now, something of the future life that awaits us in heaven. The Easter mystery gives us courage to persevere in the way of faith and so we take heart and rejoice on this day made by the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Sincere Thanks...

...to all who worked so hard preparing the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Thank you to the church cleaners, musicians and choir, readers and ministers, MC and altar servers, sacristans, flower arrangers, laundry people, brass cleaners, floor polishers, welcomers, caterers, fire-lighters, procession marshals and all-round helpful people. It has been a blessed and memorable week!

Wishing you Easter joy; Alleluia!

Fr Michael

THE EASTER OFFERING goes to the priest of the parish. Many thanks for your generosity.

ACT OF WITNESS in support of life and against abortion outside the L & D Hospital on Saturday 29th April 1 - 2 pm. Please come to pray for all those involved. In case you wish to make a note of the remaining dates for 2017 they are: 24th June, 9th September, 28th October, 9th December.

MEMORIAL MASS at Holy Ghost for Father Tom Colreavy on Easter Monday 11am all welcome.

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS - Thurs 20th April 7:15pm

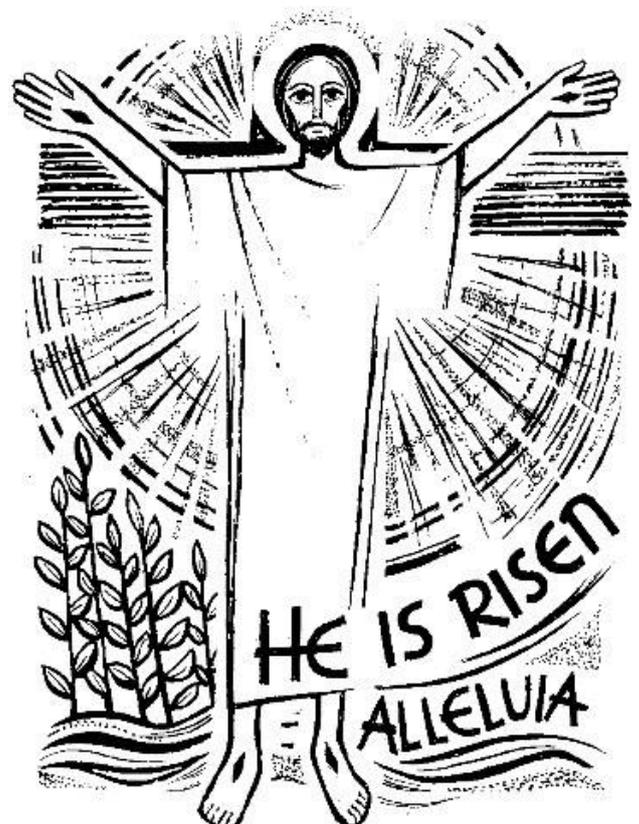
NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS - Fri 21st April, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Sat 22nd April, 11am (Group 2)



Next **Sunday 23rd April** (Divine Mercy Sunday), from **2:00pm - 3:30pm**, we will hold a Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, with a talk, a testimony and confessions, enthronement of the image, followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in song - then tea in the Hall.

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2017

Vigil 8:30pm	Calignawan family (in thanksgiving)
9:00am	Eileen Lana Burford, RIP
11.00am	Charlotte Seery (birthday)
Monday - Easter Octave	
10:00am	Roger O'Donoghue, RIP
Tuesday - Easter Octave	
9:00am	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wednesday - No Mass Today</i>	
Thursday - Easter Octave	
6:30pm	Petie Sheridan, RIP
Friday - Easter Octave	
10:00am	Requiem: Giovanni Petti, RIP
Saturday - Easter Octave	
10:00am	Patrick & John McLoughlin, RIP
10:30-11:00am	<i>Confessions & Adoration</i>
5:30pm-6:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Next Week - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Margaret Moloney, RIP
11:00am	Esther McDonnell, RIP
Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.	
Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.	
Lunch Club: Returns Friday 5th May	



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Acts 10:34,37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

or
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Easter 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!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

St Martins De Porres Charismatic Renewal Group Sponsors a 7 - Weeks



Seminar

Starting on Friday 21st April 2017

by 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Come and experience the power of the holy spirit and be empowered to live a spirit-filled Christian life.



St Martins De Porres Charismatic Renewal Group



SEMINAR TOPICS

Seminar 1 - God's love - 21st April 2017.

Seminar 2 - Salvation-28th April 2017

Seminar 3-New Life- 5th May 2017

Seminar 4-Receiving God's gift-12th May 2017

Seminar 5-Baptism in the Spirit-19th May 2017

Seminar 6-Growth-26th May 2017

Seminar 7-Transformation in Christ-2nd June 2017

COME! JUST AS YOU ARE AND BE BLESSED

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Fr Michael & John Jephcott

Next Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael Williams & Tania Clarke

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk

+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623
between 6pm-8pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

1st Collection: Sunday 9th April – **£1091.55**