



Jesus is Risen

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Easter

Sundays Year A Weekdays Year 2

	Market Drayton	Intention	Newport
Saturday 4 April Holy Saturday			Vigil Mass 8:00pm
Sunday 5 April EASTER DAY	Mass 11:00am	Elizabeth Heseltine RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 6 April of the Octave			
Tuesday 7 April of the Octave	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 8 April of the Octave			Mass 10:00am
Thursday 9 April of the Octave			
Friday 10 April of the Octave	No Rosary		
Saturday 11 April of the Octave			Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 12 April Divine Mercy 2nd Sunday of Easter	Mass 11:00am	Philip Murphy RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 13 April Feria			
Tuesday 14 April Feria	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		
Wednesday 15 April Feria			Mass 10:00am
Thursday 16 April Feria			
Friday 17 April Feria	Rosary 7:00pm		
Saturday 18 April Feria			Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	Mass 11:00am	Lyn Wilcox RIP	Mass 9:15am
Monday 20 April Feria			
Tuesday 21 April St Anselm	Zoom Evening Prayer 7pm		Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 22 April Feria	Mass 10:00am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 10:00am
Thursday 23 April ST GEORGE			School Mass 2:15pm Mass 7:00pm <i>Latin</i>
Friday 24 April Feria	Rosary 7:00pm		Mass 10:00am
Saturday 25 April ST MARK	Mass 9:30am	Priest's Intentions	Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 26 April 4th Sunday of Easter	Mass 11:00am	To be confirmed	Mass 9.15am



We welcome Fr Terence Coyne who will celebrate Mass for us on 12 April.



Easter Offering Some years in the past, the Easter Collection was given to the priest. Now, however, these offerings will go to the parish. Therefore, if you wish to give a gift to Fr Lee, please give this to him directly and not through the usual Offertory collection.

Readings for Easter Sunday Mass of the Day year ABC Psalter week 1

Ent 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.

1st reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43. *We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

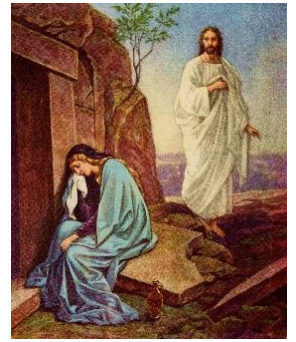
Response **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.** x3

2nd reading Colossians 3: 1-4. or (1 Corinthians 5: 6-8 alt for any year) *Seek the things that are above, where Christ is,*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20: 1-9 *He must rise from the dead.*

Comm ant **Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, Alleluia, alleluia!**



Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter year A Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon Like newborn infants you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st reading Acts 2: 42-47. *All who believed were together and had all things in common.*

Response **Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.** x3

2nd reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9.

In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus said: 'You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20:19-31. *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

Comm ant **Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**



Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter year A Psalter week 3

Ent antiphon Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, Alleluia.

1st reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33. *It not possible for him to be held by death.*

Response **O Lord, you will show me the path of life.** x4

2nd reading 1 Peter 1: 17-21. *You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.*

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 24: 13-35. *He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

Comm ant **The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia!**



Continued Catechesis for All: Resumes on 21 April: all are welcome to attend these sessions, you may attend either venue **21** (Drayton) **24** (Newport) **April**, and 12 & 15 May.



Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Glynis Kirton, Clarice Clack, Freya Jackson, Fr Anthony Wild, John O'Rourke, David Smith, Niall Gallivan, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian & Dawn Huxley, Shane McGroggan, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Peace According to global conflict data from the UN, **there are over 50 active armed conflicts taking place across the world**, the highest number recorded since WWII. Tens of thousands of people are killed each year, as a direct result of warfare, and millions more are displaced, forced to flee their homes in search of safety. We pray for all victims in our world troubled by violence, hatred and unrest in the Middle East and Iran, in Israel and Gaza, and for the peoples of Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Yemen, Iraq, Myanmar, and all those in countries affected by conflict; pray for an end to all war, and for peace to reign in our troubled world.



The 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 will support them with understanding and prayer. The month of **April** is dedicated to the **Holy Spirit**.

Fr Lee, Deacon David, and Deacon Wilf wish all parishioners and their families a happy and holy Easter

Offertory	29.03.2026	Loose Plate £120.65	Envelopes £91.00	St Orders £175.85	Total £387.50	Thank you
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Refreshments in April will be on the second Sunday, that is **Sunday 12 April**.

Grateful thanks to all who make these enjoyable occasions possible

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