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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

(MARCH 31, 2024)

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.
Response to the Psalm:	This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!
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.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

(Saturday)	Easter Vigil Mass	Vance Coelho (Intentions) Joshuel De Sousa (Intentions) Noah Pereira (Intentions)	06.00pm
	Mass	Domingos De Araujo (Anniversary)	09.00pm
Easter Sunday	Mass	People of the Parish	09.00 am
	Mass	Ariana Goes (Intentions)	10.30am
Monday	10.00am	Mass - Thanksgiving	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass - Maureen Harvey (RIP)	
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass - Simon Szczerkowski (Anniversary) Elijah Souza (Intentions)	
Thursday	09.00am	Mass - Mary Harney (RIP)	
Friday	09.00am	Mass - Santiago De Cruz (RIP) Celina Colaco (Intentions) Niclau Camilo Rodrigues (RIP)	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 7, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass - Violante Monteiro (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass - Nyla Britto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass - Epiphania Siqueira (Intentions) Idalina Menezes (Anniversary)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

RESIGNATION OF BISHOP DECLAN AND APPOINTMENT OF CANON BISHOP

After 23 years as Bishop, Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Declan on health grounds. We hold Bishop Declan in prayer at this time.

Pope Francis has also appointed Canon Bosco McDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton, succeeding Bishop Declan. We offer our prayers and our congratulations to him, praying that God will watch over him as he prepares for ordination, and as he prepares to lead us, his diocesan community, ever closer towards the Lord.

WELCOME: We welcome into the Church Joel Hayes and Andrew Russell who are received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

CAFOD has written to thank us for the collection we made during the lent fast day, which came to £979.85. They have thanked the parishioners for their generosity and kindness.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for Dorothy Roberts who died recently. Her funeral service will be at Kingsdown Crematorium on Thursday 4th April. Please also remember her family in your prayers.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to North Swindon Parish Council, who donated the marquee for use during the Holy Week. We also thank Councillor Ana Fernandes, and all those who have helped to transport and set it up.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1756.70 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

*OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday of the Resurrection

First reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.