

**Fathers Cooke, O'Brien and Parkinson wish you all
a very Happy and Holy Easter**

<p style="text-align: center;">27TH MARCH 2016 EASTER SUNDAY <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: <i>Vigil page 677; Morning Mass 723; Preface 42</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">3RD APRIL 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: <i>page 730; Readings 735; Preface 42</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>This week the Gospel is chosen because it relates “what happened today” – eight days after Easter, Jesus comes again to his disciples. The story of Thomas’s doubt and faith leads us to think about our doubts and faith – but always in the context of being part of the family of the Church. Remember last week, and the baptisms you may have witnessed, or the renewal of your own baptismal promises: “this is the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptised.”</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) – Masses with Children’s Liturgy <i>A Day of Special prayer for New Members of the Church</i></p> <p>Monday (28th) 9.30am Mass (SB) Bank Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday (29th) 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p>Wednesday (30th) 10am Requiem Mass for June Smith (SC) 7pm Parish Meeting (SJ)</p> <p>Thursday (31st) 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Friday (1st) 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p>Saturday (2nd) 10am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SB) 5pm Mass (SC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) 2pm SVP Festival Mass (Thornleigh) <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></p> <p>Monday (4th) 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ) – <i>The Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from 25th March)</i></p> <p>Tuesday (5th) 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p>Wednesday (6th) 9.15am Mass (SC) 1.15pm-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)</p> <p>Thursday (7th) 11.30am Requiem Mass for Bernard Ramsden (SJ) – <i>St John Baptiste de la Salle</i></p> <p>Friday (8th) 9.30am Yr 4 Mass in Church (SJ)</p> <p>Saturday (9th) 10am Pilgrimage to Wardley Hall 10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (SB) 5pm Mass (SC)</p> <p>Next Sunday (10th) 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. On Maundy Thursday all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>On this Divine Mercy Sunday, in this Year of Mercy, we think about priests called to be channels of God’s mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation; that they may always convey the unconditional love God has for us. We also think about all those (priests and people) whose vocation is to be involved in the corporal works of mercy, stretching out the loving hand of God to those in need – caring for the hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, imprisoned; and burying the dead.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters</p> <p>Giving each other new life: Today’s theme is new life. It reminds us of our promise to be a source of life to each other every day in tenderness, understanding, encouragement and praise, yet also by forgiving our spouse particularly when he/she is vulnerable and full of self-doubt. Today is a good day to thank God for all the life we have received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters</p> <p>Taking time out for our relationship: On Easter Sunday night the risen Jesus greets the Apostles saying ‘<i>Peace be with you!</i>’. How can we find peace in such a hectic world? We are called to make time for our relationship with God, and make a diary entry for our personal relationship. Listening and dialogue build intimacy and peace – with each other and with God.</p>

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Prayers Please

Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Sheila Riley, Barbara Stoppard, Vera Evans, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Bernard Ramsden, Denis Bolton, Arthur Sims, Thomas Connelly, Teresa Wilson, June Smith

Anniversaries: Daniel Evans, John French, John Reddy, Ernie Pilling

Mass Intentions: Eileen & Stan Dearden, Bernard Burke (Birthday Remembrance), Maggie & Jack Holt (Easter Intention), Arthur Sims, Thomas Connelly, Mass of thanksgiving to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady & St Peregrine for a recovery from sickness, Greta Barlow (sick), Cassie Wilson (sick), A Special Intention, Teresa Wilson, John French, John Reddy, Gladys Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Daniel Evans, Ernie Pilling, Deceased members of the Villa & Strange families, The Hibbert family

Congratulations: To four adults from across our three parishes who will be received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Parish Meeting – Wednesday 30 March – 7pm (SJ)

This meeting is part of the ongoing consultation about the future of our diocese and particularly about our parishes. Pope Francis speaks about us creating "Missionary Parishes" and so our agenda for this meeting will address three main issues:

1. What are the strengths of the parish at present?
2. What obstacles are there to effective mission in the parish?
3. What are the most pressing needs of the area (and in what ways, if any, are they being addressed through the parish?)

Please come along and contribute to this discussion

Offertory Envelopes: The new offertory envelopes are now available for you to collect for use from the 6 April. Gift Aid can be claimed for any money given in the envelopes, by standing order or by cheque, provided that we keep a record of it. In order to gift aid your donations, which costs you nothing but gets an extra 25p per £1 for the church, you simply need to fill out a Gift Aid declaration once. If you are a taxpayer, please do consider signing one of these forms so that we can boost our income in this way. Even if you are not a taxpayer, you might wish to make your contributions by standing order rather than envelope or loose money. Please speak to any of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators who will be happy to answer any queries regarding the Gift Aid scheme: Kathryn Wilkinson (SB) 419213; Chris Molyneux (SC) 400472; Jack Donnelly (SJ) 852127.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting of Book Club will be on Wednesday 30 March (1.15-3pm). The book under discussion is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. All welcome and a Happy Easter to all our members!

Pilgrimage to Wardley Hall: Just a reminder that the Coach will leave St John's Church at 10am on Saturday 9 April. Cars can be left on the car park. Please could everyone remember to bring a packed Lunch with them. We should arrive back at approximately 3pm.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 April (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let us know if you will be attending by telephoning the office (301927) or emailing office@sbsj.org.uk.

Patmos Room: Unfortunately, there have been delays with finalising the work. Although it looks almost complete, there are a few outstanding issues to be resolved and the Building Control Officer has not yet signed it off which means we can't take possession of it. Hopefully, it won't be too much longer!

SVP Festival Mass: Will be held at Thornleigh College on Sunday 3 April at 2pm. Canon David Ryder will celebrate the Mass and there will be a short talk with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 2/3 April

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	V Cryer	K Egan, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	E Rothwell	M Russell, A Grundy, A Rawlinson, A Cunliffe, M Speed, M Cropper
11.15 (SB)	C Bridge	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 9/10 April

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	M Maybury	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	P French	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, M Russell, D Ramsden, A Rawlinson, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	L Lamoury	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan

An Easter Prayer

Lord

*The resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life
and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it. Amen.*



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