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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Saviour.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

Easter Sunday - 21 April

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He must rise from the dead.

Sat 20 HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil
8:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sun 21 EASTER SUNDAY
10.00 am For the People of the Parish

Mon 22 10:00 am - Mass
Tues 23 10:00 am - Mass
Wed 24 10:00 am - Mass
Thur 25 10:00 am - Mass
Fri 26 10:00 am **Sr. Celestina RIP**
Sat 27 10:00 am - Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 28 April

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Eight days later, Jesus came.

Sat 27 6:00 pm Edward Hughes RIP
Sun 28 10:00 am People of the Parish





**HE HAS RISEN,
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
WITH PRAYERS TO YOU
ALL FOR A HOLY AND
BLESSED EASTER**

Bishop Philip sends his blessing to us all for Easter. Fr Chris and Fr Paul, also, wish you all joy and abundant blessings for Easter and wish to thank everyone who has helped to make the Holy Week services complete: the altar servers, choir, church cleaners, Eucharistic Ministers, flower arrangers, greeters, readers, those who take care of the Altar and sacristy and anyone else who has contributed in any way. Thank You

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Our Candidates who will be Received into the Church at our Easter Vigil Mass: Brita Coleman, Laura Hutchinson, Nuriye Arslantas, Marcell Kozma and Jan Hughes.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27 response v 1
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9-13,17-19
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

EASTER COLLECTIONS

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our priests. This is the main source of their annual income. If you would like to gift aid the money there are envelopes on the table in the porch.

EASTER DUTY

The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11 am.** If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact the Parish Office for the form.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

- Joan Coleman, Jean Williams, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore, June Walsh, Margaret Sauce, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

– Saturday 27th April 11.00am - 4.00pm

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15pm *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30pm *Talk "Praying for the Power of the Holy Spirit."*– Geoff and Gina Poulter; 3.30pm *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4.00pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809. *Next month's meeting 18th May: "Prayer for Healing and Deliverance"*

LIVING SIMPLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to be a parish that looks outwards and helps those in need? This joint conference from CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will show you practical ways of doing exactly that. By learning more about CAFOD's Living Simply award and Caritas's social action projects you can help your parish or community group to become more outward looking. So come along to St. Peters in Winchester on Saturday 4th May for the Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor conference and learn how to truly put your faith into living action.

VIVA VOCE

The brand new diocesan magazine has arrived in our Parish this weekend and with it launches the online equivalent www.vivavoce.uk and the accompanying app, Viva Voce AR. There are some copies of the magazine in the porch. Please discover for yourself the many great stories inside Viva Voce, drawn from the many communities of our Diocese.

HOOK PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY TIME!

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April. Please leave a message, both the phone and emails will be checked regularly!



PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE, WICKHAM,

near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 April. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.