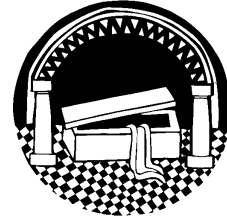




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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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 today, 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! This year our Easter celebrations will be different—we are not able to gather in Church, or indeed with family and friends in our homes. Nevertheless, just as for this first disciples locked in the Upper Room, the Risen Lord comes to stand in our midst, wherever we are. May our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus strengthen us at this time and always. *Please display the poster on the back of this newsletter in a window to let the world know that Easter is still happening!*

ROLLING YOUR EGGS ...



Something I always ask children to do on Easter Sunday morning is ROLL YOUR EGGS! Eggs are a symbol of new life, but they also remember the stone being rolled away from the entrance to Jesus' tomb on this Easter Day, so that the Risen Lord could walk free to lead us to new and eternal life! This is why it's fun just to take a chocolate egg and

(before you scoff it!) give it a roll across the living room carpet in memory of that stone rolling away on the first Easter morning.

EASTER SEASON

It took the disciples quite some time to realise that Jesus had truly risen from the dead! We take time too, reflecting on this wonderful world-changing event for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday on 31st May.

ROCHDALE FOODBANK

... continues to welcome food donations. The Foodbank can also use money donations to buy food. The location that you can use to donate food is: Staff Entrance, Number One Riverside, accessed by vehicles from Smith Street near to Mecca Bingo. It is manned 24 hours.

STAY AT HOME —PRAY AT HOME

We are all being asked to "STAY AT HOME—PRAY AT HOME" until we can gather together again. Please remember to check our **YouTube Channel**, where daily and Sunday Masses will be available for the duration of the crisis. Please also bookmark and check the Diocesan website

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

which is collecting lots of information and ideas for prayer and worship at home. A reminder, if you have Sky you can watch

daily Mass (and a lot of other Catholic content) on EWTN (channel 588), and of course if you have a long wave radio you can hear Mass on RTE at 11.00 a.m. every Sunday on 252 kHz.

We are all looking out for each other at this time: if you have any problems not being addressed by family or other bodies, please get in touch with Church and we will see what we can do.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

A couple of parishioners have asking about Sunday giving. Please don't worry about this at the moment! We will survive! Hang on to your envelopes until the situation improves. In the meantime, if you want to make donations to Church, use online banking to do so. Our account is "SCRDTR ST VINCENT DE PAUL NORDEN REGISTERED CHARITY" with Barclays, number 80492523 and the sort code is 20-55-34. Many thanks.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Teresa Smith (nee DeSilva); John Kelly.

Mass Intentions Received: Mary Kiely, Sheila Hughes, Clive Robinson, Bridget McHale, Mary Carpenter, Philip Tully, George Andruszko, Thomas Eamonn Coleman.

Prayer for Health Staff

Wondrous God, author of life, you fashioned us in your likeness and breathed into us the life which is your own. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift and sustain them daily in your service, that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those Affected

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY!

HE IS RISEN!



ALLELUIA!