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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The announcement from the Government of the continuation of the lockdown for a further three weeks means that all churches remain closed.

**Further information, and for resources on how to celebrate faith at home, please see the Diocesan Website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)**

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in April:**

**And we pray for** Giuseppina (Pina) Winlow who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium on Mon 20 April at 9.45am. We also pray for Bob Burns who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Joseph & Elizabeth Coates, Tony Power, Peter Pegg, Joan Hope, Helen Douglas, Maureen Fernyhough, Maureen Summers, William Flett, Ivan Knowles, James Bryan Ruddick, Molly Hagan, Maureen Harvey, Lawrence Walkers.

**Helpline:** Please call **251 3770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping. **If you would like to volunteer** to help then please ring this number.

**Fr Martin** will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

### **Prayer for the End of the Virus:**

*Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your children.*

*We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.*

*Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.*

*Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.*

*We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.*

*We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.*

### **Extract from Pope Francis' Easter Message:**

"Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" - "He is truly risen." Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is risen!"

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart - for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end."

**Items for the Newsletter** can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address or in writing delivered to the presbytery.

**The 'Magnificat' Booklet** is an excellent resource and is available online free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the daily mass readings at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

**Live streaming of Mass** from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches is available via the Internet. Please see the diocesan website.

**First Reading**

*Acts 2:42-47*

*The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 117*

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say; 'His love has no end,'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

**Second Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

*Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-31*

*When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned to faith.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty.  
What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?**