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Easter Sunday – 12th April 2020

Bishop Robert has written a pastoral letter which can be viewed directly from the Diocesan website. In the meantime 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

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. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Margaret Lewis, David Cranmer, Kenneth Miller, George Dunleavy, Martino De Freitas Alves, Gillian Henderson, Anne Bianchi, Sylvia Wall, Maud Reynolds.

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. The Intentions will be for the People of the Parish but if parishioners would prefer for 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.

Easter Message: The exceptional circumstances this year mean that we have had to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at home – just like the Israelites celebrated the first Passover at home as families gathered together in prayer. It can still be a life giving experience. This time provides us with the opportunity to think about how we go about celebrating faith in our family and what importance we attach to this. As we do so we join in giving thanks for the many acts of kindness that people are performing to assist those most in need. We remember those who are self-isolating and their families. We pray for all NHS workers in thanksgiving for the amazing work they are doing. We humbly ask that we may remain patient and find hope in the Easter proclamation that Christ is risen from the dead. We are always an Easter people even though we live in a Good Friday world – not only effected by the coronavirus but by many other forms of suffering and human conflict. Our role is to express this Easter faith by the way we live. Rich in hope, confident in trust, blessed with peace and radiant with joy. The risen Christ is with us, showing us the way to follow and comforting us in our needs. I take this opportunity to wish you, your families and friends every peace and joy this Eastertide. I hope families will be united in faith even if this year extended families cannot all be physically united. I am also very grateful for your Easter cards and greetings. During this time let us continue to pray for one another. *Fr Martin*

Items for the Newsletter can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address.

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

First Reading

Acts 10:34.37-43

This is part of an early sermon of Peter.

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.'

Responsorial

Psalms 117

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

1. 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.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
3. 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

Through Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

On discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty, the disciples begin to grasp what the Scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead.

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.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?