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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 3pm & 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am, 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wed. 12:45pm – 6:15pm; Sat. 10:30am -12noon

Sun. 4pm - 5:45pm; First Fri. 10:45 – 12noon

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am -11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm; Wed. 12:45pm – 1:15pm

First Fri. 10:45am – 12noon (and at call)

ROSARY: 9:40am Monday to Friday

MORNING PRAYER: 9:40am Sat

FATIMA DEVOTION: First Saturday 11am

PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Sat. 11am

EASTER VIGIL/EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR A 11TH/12TH APRIL 2020

Note: The Blessing of the Fire is omitted at this liturgy. We shall begin with the usual Greeting and the blessing of the Paschal Candle. This will take place in the sanctuary. There is no procession and the usual ceremony and the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet) then takes place. The Liturgy of the Word then follows using the readings set out below. The Renewal of Baptism promises is made without the blessing of water. This is followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Church are postponed. We shall fix a suitable occasion for these to take place as soon as practical once the restrictions are lifted.

First Reading Genesis 1:1—2:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night.' Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven.' Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to

divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,

in the image of God he created him,

male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came:

the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

The word of the Lord

Resp. Psalm 103: 1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24 R. cf. v.30

Response: **Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe! **R.**

You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains. **R.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song. **R.**

From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul! **R.**

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15—15:1

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to

Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

R. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise. **R.**

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. **R.**

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. **R.**

You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,

the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **R.**

Third Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14

Thus says the Lord:

Now your creator will be your husband,
his name, the Lord of Hosts;

your redeemer will be the Holy One of Israel,
he is called the God of the whole earth.

Yes, like a forsaken wife, distressed in spirit,
the Lord calls you back.

Does a man cast off the wife of his youth?
says your God.

I did forsake you for a brief moment,
but with great love will I take you back.

In excess of anger, for a moment
I hid my face from you.

But with everlasting love I have taken pity on you,
says the Lord, your redeemer.

I am now as I was in the days of Noah
when I swore that Noah's waters

should never flood the world again.

So now I swear concerning my anger with you
and the threats I made against you;

for the mountains may depart,
the hills be shaken,

but my love for you will never leave you
and my covenant of peace with you will never be shaken,
says the Lord who takes pity on you.

Unhappy creature, storm-tossed, disconsolate,
see, I will set your stones on carbuncles

and your foundations on sapphires.
I will make rubies your battlements,
your gates crystal,
and your entire wall precious stones.
Your sons will all be taught by the Lord.
The prosperity of your sons will be great.
You will be founded on integrity;
remote from oppression, you will have nothing to fear;
remote from terror, it will not approach you.
The word of the Lord.

Resp. Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 R. cf. v.2

Response: **I will praise you Lord,
You have rescued me**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

Fourth Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, "These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land."

'But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone.

'And so, say to the House of Israel, "The Lord says this: I am not doing this for your sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land.

"I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God."
The word of the Lord.

Resp. Psalm Pss 41:3,5; 42: 3,4 R. Ps 41:1

Response: **Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you my God**

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? R.

These things will I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng wild with joy. R.

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell. R.

And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. R.

After this psalm and the accompanying prayer the altar candles are lit, and the priest intones the Gloria in excelsis Deo, the bells are rung, then we have the Collect of the Mass.

Collect: Let us pray.

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Epistle of Paul to the Romans 6: 3-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realize that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

The priest now solemnly intones the Alleluia 3 times
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.'

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The gospel of the Lord

- Homily
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we ask, O Lord, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal mysteries may, by the working of your power, bring us to the healing of eternity.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

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.'

The word of the Lord

Resp. Psalm Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24

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

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.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

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.

The word of the Lord

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the paschal victim
offer your thankful praises –
a lamb the sheep redeeming,
Christ, who only is sinless,
reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended
in that combat stupendous;
the prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
what you saw when wayfaring.
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
the glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
the shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen;
to Galilee he will go before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen,
our new life obtaining;
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen.

Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani,
Agnus redemit oves.
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.
Mors et vita duello confluxere mirando.
Dux vitae mortuus regnat vivus.
Dic nobis, Maria,
quid vidisti in via?
Sepulchrum Christi viventis
et gloriam vidi resurgentis,
Angelicos testes,
sudarium et vestes.
Surrexit christus spes mea;
praecedit suos in Galilaea.
Scimus, Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere,
tu nostri, victor Rex,
miserere. Amen. Hallelujah

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel John 20:1-9

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

- **Homily**
- **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**
- **Prayer of the Faithful**

Prayer over the Gifts

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER PATRICK

Beloved people of God, Easter is here again! Alleluia! Easter is a season like no other; it resounds the foundation of our faith and the restoration of our relationship with God. It is a time for great rejoicing and that is why the liturgy of Easter begins by proclaiming the Exultet—one of the most beautiful hymns ever composed to the honour of God. This ancient hymn highlights the spectacle that Jesus' resurrection is. The reality of the love of the Father for us who when we were dead because of sin, Christ, the Son of God leads us to grace, breaking the barriers of sin and death and rising from the dead. By this unique action of his rising from the dead darkness is vanquished; sin is washed away; Satan is defeated; Heaven is now wedded to the earth again and sanctifying grace is restored to us which has been lost in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned. This, beloved in Christ is the foundation of our faith. For as Scripture says: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is useless, you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). And in another passage of Scripture St Paul says: "but we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Rom 6:8-11). This is the reason for our rejoicing in spite of the lockdown response to the pandemic. The corona virus situation has brought with it certain ugly realities of death, isolation, fear, anxiety, sickness and pain. It has come upon us just as Lent began and made the penitential season such a lengthy period. But we Christian people have been able to accept this length of time as a period of grace for us to grow in holiness of life, faith in God, charity towards others, trust in the ability of God to save us and a time to be more conscious of the reason God made us and put us in this world. Now, here we are at the feast of Light. God says to us: "Do not be afraid" (Matt 28:5). "I am with you always" (Matt 28: 20). Our Lord Jesus Christ is with us and will forever be present in our midst. He is true to his promise. He is alive. Even now, he wants to meet us where we live. He wants to find a dwelling there. He wants to entrust us with a mission of making his presence known and experienced by everyone. Let us therefore rejoice and be glad for Easter is here and darkness shall vanish forever. Alleluia!!!

PARISH PROGRAMMES STREAMING ONLINE

Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm & 6:45pm

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm

PRAYERS: (Mon—Sat) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 6pm Night: 9:00pm
(Sun) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 5:30pm Night: 9:00pm

ROSARY: 11:30am daily **Divine Mercy Novena:** 3:00pm

ADORATION: Mon—Fri: 12:45pm to 6:20pm

Sat: 10:45am to 6:20pm

Sun: 1:00pm to 5:45pm

Monday 13TH APRIL: 10:00am Mass & 12.10am Mass ONLY