

Parish News

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26th/27th March, 2016 Easter Sunday

With great joy we have come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today we proclaim to the world a message of hope: Christ is risen, do not despair!

Today we proclaim eternal life to all who have died in faith.

Today we proclaim joy to all who think their life is a failure or a disaster.

Christ is alive in our midst. He has risen from the dead to be with us in body and soul, as man and God. This is our faith which we proclaim today.

Responsorial psalm

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

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

We pray for the souls of all those who have died about this time including

Priest of our diocese:
Monsignor [Peter Dooling](#)

Members of our parish family
Joan Beck and John Christopher Docherty

Sunday and weekday services

Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter **Mass: 7.00 pm**
(for the Bell and Colcagno families)

Easter Sunday **Mass: 10.00 am**
(our parish family)

Monday within the octave of Easter Eucharistic service: 10.15 am

Tuesday within the octave of Easter Eucharistic service: 10.15 am

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Thursday within the octave of Easter **Mass: 10.15 am**
Sandra and Michael Dingwall [Bernard James]

Friday within the octave of Easter **Mass: 11.30 am**
(Georgina Swain and Carmen Bottigieg)

Saturday within the octave of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation
11.00 to 11.30 am

Saturday for the Second Sunday of Easter **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Michael Griffith [Robert, Julie and Jackie])

Second Sunday of Easter **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Jimmy Brogan [Tom McLaughlin])

Prayer to be said during the Year of Mercy at the end of the bidding prayers:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

✓ *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God*

R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Week ending 26th/27th March

Car park Fred Cork
Jane McGovern

Welcoming Bill Martindale
Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning Group 4 Fred Cork
Michael and Maureen Griffith

Flowers All flower arrangers to help

Little Church No Little Church

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Bill Martindale/
Maureen Mawditt
Kath Duthie/
Veronica Dilcock

Readers
Easter vigil and Easter Sunday See list in the church porch

Week ending 2nd/3rd April

Car park Marion Smith
Richard Hannah

Welcoming Bill Martindale
Jane McGovern

Altar linen Pat Blakeman

Church cleaning Group 5 Charlita O'Neill

Flowers Alice Rossiter

Little Church No Little Church

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Bill Bush

Offertory procession Bill Hanley & A. N.
Other
Bill & June Bush

Readers

Saturday for Sunday Barbara Browning
Ben Hanwell

Sunday Krys and Jane Szokalo

The piety shop is open after the 6 pm Mass on Saturdays, and 10 am Mass on Sundays

The Year of Mercy

Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

To enter into the spirit of this special year of grace, monthly meditation and reflection sessions will be held to think about one of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, using them as the basis for prayer. The next session will be on **Monday, 11th April**. If you can't make it this day, the following sessions will be on **Mondays, 9th May, 13th June and 11th July**, from 2.30 to 3.30 pm at 52 Foxley Court, Bourne, PE10 9TY. You will be most welcome.

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Monthly pamphlet

Each month there will be a pamphlet describing two of the Works of Mercy, with ways in which we can put them into practice in our lives. At the end of each month, we shall have a service of prayer in church concerning these particular works.

Year of Mercy prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father. Let the Church be the visible face of forgiveness and mercy in the world. You willed that your ministers would feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

Please pray ...

... for the happy repose of the soul of Fraser Armitage, aged 23, who was tragically killed in a road accident near Anwick. Fraser leaves Sarah, his partner, and baby son, Joel, who was baptised in our church last July. Fraser's funeral will be on 29th March at 12 noon at Grantham Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

Flower collection

Thank you for your generosity in the recent flower collection for the altars. It came to £241.

Please pray for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Tony Armstrong, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Mark Bush, Marcello Calcagno, Paul Croker, David and Kate Davies, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gaine, Veronica and John Garratt, Michael Griffith, Mimi Gunn, Peggy and Stan Hart, Jennifer Holdsworth, Eric Keating, Dianne Keaton, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Winifred Phillips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs Slattery, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Bill Tupholme, Jane Walker, and Anne and Ken Woods. **Please inform Father Michael if there are any other names to be added, or, indeed, if someone has recovered.**

Easter blessings

I should like to wish each of you – and I should so much like to be able to do this personally – every blessing and happiness for this Eastertide.

We are so privileged to be able to celebrate the greatest of all events which have taken place in the entire history of the world.

I should like to thank all those who have worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare for Holy Week and all the services.

You will, without doubt, be greatly blessed by God.

Coffee mornings

No coffee and tea in the parish hall on Monday morning with it being a bank holiday. Normal service will resume on **4th April**, from 10.00 am. **June Ellis**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note there will be **no adoration** on Tuesday, 29th March. Adoration will resume on **Tuesday, 5th April**, from 8.00 am till 5.00 pm.

Know more about the Church

If you would like to know more about the teachings of the Church, come and join us in the presbytery at **7.00 pm** on a Tuesday. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 5th April**.

Faith in Families boxes - contents

Please return your Faith in Families boxes to me at the presbytery office as soon as possible. Thank you. **Kath Duthie**

A suggestion – an Easter gift

Could you please bring a tin or a packet of something when you come to the Easter vigil service, or to Mass on Easter Sunday morning, which we can give to the Food Bank. You can bring your gift to the altar in the offertory procession, and it can become part of our offering for the Mass.

Easter Masses collection

As you know, the collection taken at the Masses over Easter is your Easter gift to your priest. If you are a tax payer, please be sure to write your name on the front of the gift envelope that was circulated last week. Spare copies are available. We can then reclaim for the parish the income tax you have paid.

Our Lady's Primary School

a. During Lent the children have been carrying out extra actions that will make a difference to others in our community: the Reception class invited their parents to bake with them; Year 1 visited the parish coffee morning to chat with parishioners; Years 2 and 3 visited local pre-schools to play and read with children; Year 4 visited a care home and sang to the residents; Year 5 packed for shoppers at Tesco, and Year 6 are litter picking.

b. The school has recently undergone an Ofsted inspection. The school has been confirmed, again, as "good", particularly for the quality of its teaching, learning and assessment; its leadership; the behaviour and safety of its children; and the effectiveness of the governing body. We are delighted with this outcome, which reflects the hard work and dedication of all the staff and governors. See the full report on the school's website.

Mrs. Sarah Weldon, head teacher.

Easter gift

Looking for a gift to give a loved one for Easter? What better than a jar, or perhaps a couple of jars, of Barbara's delicious marmalade? Just £1 a jar! They are on the table at the back of the church.

Fashion show plus fund-raising

We are having a fashion show at M & Co, in Southgate, in **April**. We need models to show off the fashions – all ages and sizes, and young girls, ages 11, 12 and 13 who would like to model clothes. **Contact me on 01529 488976 or on line: janemcgovern@outlook.com**

Sing a New Song ...

... **A workshop on 21st May** for parish musicians and all lovers of music – with Tony Wheat, at The Holy Trinity Centre, Boundary Road, Newark, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Cost: £10.00. Bring your own food for lunch. Refreshments provided.

One Hundred Club winners

The March draw took place recently: double sets of winners this month! The winners were: £75 – Bernard James and June Ellis; £50 – Denis Sheridan and Jacqueline Fordham; £25 – Tom Marsden and Colette Benson. Congratulations! For those who didn't win this month: you never know – it could be *your* turn in April!