

# East Hendred Catholic Parish



## Easter Day 2020

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**Fr Andrew is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Easter Greeting**

**Time: Apr 12, 2020 11:30 AM London**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/152236000?pwd=MnErOW4weUdGMWJrbUUxaJVN2xnZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 152 236 000**

**Password: 8EqBdp**

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### **Children at Easter**

The resources suggested earlier in the week may come in handy at Easter but no doubt families have evolved their own traditions, whether Easter Bonnets or Easter Egg hunts, or just a celebration meal, followed by too much chocolate. However you spend the days ahead, we wish you a happy Easter.

### **A Family Easter?**

A helpful distinction has been made during our present emergency between 'family' and 'household'. Because of the lock-down, many 'families' cannot meet and some 'households' are not able to have a 'family Easter'. Some 'households' are one person living alone. For people living alone, in particular, the festival may not seem at all festive and some of the normal ways of coping – trips to friends and meals out – are impossible. Let us pray for one another and support one another, as best we can.

### **Musical items**

Jesus Christ is risen today

| [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBNamFYN\\_6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBNamFYN_6E)

Byrd, Haec dies

| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Earz7ABf8c>

Arr. Walford Davies, O sons and daughters

| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeyNsG7AoaU>

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVIhBdRU90E>

Arr. Wood, This joyful Eastertide

| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsPilOf70Cw>

Victoria Regina cæli

| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BXo66MfKSs>

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### Antiphon

*Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum (cf Ps 139:18, 56)*

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. *Ps* O Lord, you search me and you know me: you yourself know my resting and my rising.

### 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.

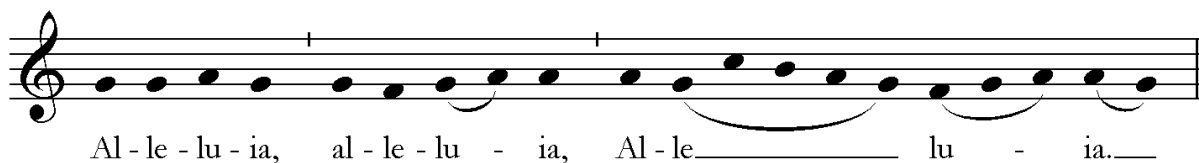
### First Reading

*Acts 10:34, 37-43 (RSV)*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household and said: 'You know the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Alleluiatic Psalm

*Ps 118:1-2, 15c-17, 22-23 (RSV)*



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O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

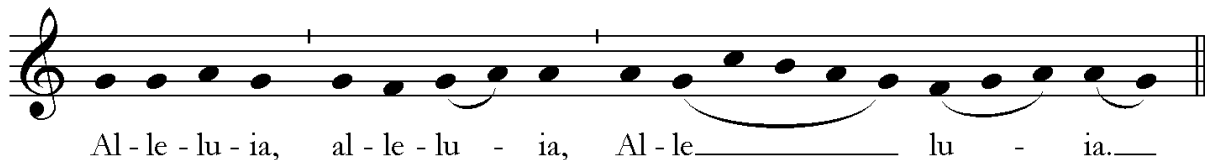
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted,  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!'

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the head of the corner.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.



### Second Reading

*Colossians 3:14 (RSV)*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### Sequence

*Victimae paschali laudes*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

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Tell us, Mary: say  
what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as He rose!

The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:  
He goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen  
from the dead we know.  
Victorious King, Thy mercy show!  
Amen. Alleluia.

### Gospel Acclamation

*O filii et filiae*



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### **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

### **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

*John 20:1-9 (RSV)*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalen came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

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Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Reflection

*Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**THIS** beautiful story, introducing us in the Fourth Gospel to a series of resurrection appearances, is very carefully crafted. For St John, darkness is unbelief and light is belief. The Light of Christ shatters the darkness in which we dwell. So we see Mary Magdalen coming along, in the dark. She sees the stone rolled away and runs away afraid. She seeks out Simon Peter and John the Beloved Disciple, who run towards the tomb. By now day is dawning. Their haste, in the right direction, is a move toward the light. The theologian von Balthasar sees John as Love – the Beloved Disciple who spoke frequently about Love – and Simon Peter, leader of the apostolic band, as Authority. In the race to the tomb, Love outpaces Authority. But we notice John – representing Love – stepping aside, allowing Peter – representing Authority, to take precedence.

With the dawning of light and the increase in belief, more and more is seen. So, from a distance away, Mary Magdalen saw the stone out of place. John, from the doorway of the tomb, saw the linen burial cloths. Simon Peter, entering the tomb, saw the linen cloths too but also, separately, the napkin in which the head of Jesus had been wrapped. In this passage we have the two male witnesses, required by law and custom, but the next incident, which we don't get quite to in this morning's Gospel, will be the first real resurrection appearance, the encounter of Mary Magdalen – a single witness, a woman – with her risen Lord.

Staying with the two ideas of Love and Authority, we see a negotiation here between history and narrative. We have a beautiful story crafted with great care, which makes our hearts glow. We also have the sharp critique of history. Are we really sure that a man died, and rose from the dead, that the tomb which contained his dead body was found to be empty, that he

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himself appeared to Mary Magdalen and his disciples? Does this narrative of love stand up as authoritative history?

When the world seems a particularly dark place – as it does in our present emergency – the word ‘Gospel’ (Good News) is more searching than ever. Is there a ‘Gospel’? Is there ‘Good News’? Is there a ‘narrative of love’? It is shocking for us in the advanced industrial West to encounter ourselves what is commonplace in other parts of the world and was commonplace throughout the world until the extraordinary economic and technological transformation of recent days. We used to speak in hushed tones about the Flu epidemic which followed the First World War and caused even more deaths than that war. We now know that such disasters are not permanently banished even from our comfortable circumstances. The Gospel – the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death – is either Good News nowhere or it is Good News everywhere. We see signs of it in the extraordinary dedication and kindness of health workers and volunteers. We see signs of it in the emergence of new forms of communication during social isolation. We see signs of it in the resourcefulness of scientists and their fearless search for truth and the way they co-operate together. The world is darker than we thought but that surely makes the Gospel brighter. Certainly the ‘narrative of love’ seems to be flourishing.

Earlier I said ‘negotiation’ between history and narrative, because, in the end, nothing is ‘either-or’. Everything is ‘both-and’. We push and pull at the narrative and discover that it has the ring of truth, that it convinced enough people at the same, and subsequently, and in ensuing generations, in lives lived, and experience of the resurrection faith as the basis for hope. So this narrative of love can be trusted as a historical story, at least according to the test of love. Nothing to do with love can be painstakingly verified. The beauty of a painting. The quality of a piece of music. The nature of a human relationship. Nothing that can be painstakingly verified ends up being significant enough to inspire love.

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Many of the debates and discussions in the Church end up being about Love and Authority. Sometimes Authority versus Love, and phrases like 'Law and Gospel', 'Dead Letter and Spirit' fly around. Of the three people who gathered at the tomb that morning, it was the most vulnerable – Mary Magdalen – who first ran away yet who came back and went on subsequently to have the richest encounter. The two disciples who came along to verify the evidence needed to learn to give way to each other. John the Beloved readily gave way to Peter: Love is better at giving away to Authority than the other way round. But without Authority we have chaos and the rapid decay of the content of the Gospel. May we progress from darkness to light, from superficial belief – which is not very far from unbelief – to profound belief. From death to resurrection. Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Renewal of Baptismal Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.



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### **Prayers**

Filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our needs.

1. For the shepherds of our souls, especially Pope Francis and Philip our Bishop, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd: let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the whole world, struggling with economic disorder, political instability, and the scourge of plague, that it may know the peace given by Christ: let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our brothers and sisters who at this time suffer, in their homes and in hospital, that their sorrows may be turned to gladness which no one can take from them: let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who care for the sick, protect the vulnerable, and maintain the running of human society: let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our own community, that it may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ: let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed, that they may move from darkness to light, into the nearer presence of the Risen Christ: let us pray to the Lord.

O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need: hear the desires of those who cry to you, and receive the prayers of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Our Father**

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**Communion Antiphon** *Pascha nostrum immolatus (1 Cor 5:78)*  
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** *St Alphonsus Liguori (18<sup>th</sup> cent.)*  
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed 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 wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **Prayer after Spiritual 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.

### **Prayer for the Parish Community**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. *cf 2 Corinthians 13:14*

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E-gí-na cæli \* læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a  
quem me-ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surréx-it,  
si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,  
alle-lú- ia.

### Scripture Reading (Easter Week)

**Easter Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28:8-15

**Easter Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18

**Easter Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35

**Easter Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48

**Easter Friday** Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14

**Easter Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

**SECOND SUNDAY** Acts 5:12-16

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

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## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK**

### **PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

#### **THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol.

#### **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: Michael watts, John Stibbs, Frank Morgan, James Dunn, Marcella Raab, Winifred Norris, Patricia Whiting, Isaac Smith, Charlotte Boyle.

#### **HOLY FATHER'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**

Freedom from Addiction: we pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

#### **OUR CHURCHES**

Our Churches remain locked by order of the Bishop and those who have keys are asked not to enter, except by agreement with Fr Andrew, until the emergency measures are lifted. There are periodic inspections to ensure that all is well.

#### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

in case of emergency, please contact Fr Andrew on 01235 835038. if you need a priest in person, Fr David O'Sullivan from Wantage is happy for you to have his phone number, 07554427063