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**9th APRIL 2023 – YEAR A**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 1

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** We proclaim your Death, Lord Jesus

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Special Intention

**Sun:** 10:00am - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Tue:** 9:30am - Mary Nelson

11:00am - Funeral Prayers for Faye Samples

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Esprit-Puyppe & De Loose families

**Thu:**  9:30am - Special Intention

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Zelinda Muccillo

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Peggy Byrne

**Sun:** 10:00am - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Doris Flawn, Anthony Randell, Margaret Batchelor, Maureen Morphett, Margaret Fischer, Patrick Connell, Edie Broadbent, John Downes, Mario Fratangelo, Connor Evans, Geoge Osborne, Doris Hopwood, Jane & Eric Turner, Brigid Crean, Margaret Caracchia, Jennifer Wheeler, Zelinda Muccillo, Elizabeth Irwin, Paula Freeman, Jacoba Richards, Michael Harris, Jan Kala, Patrick Walsh and Antonio Girardi.

**Please remember in Prayer**

Jacob, Peter & Paul, Frank, Val, Neal, Yvonne, Kele, Sam Sophie, Lewis the Bailey & Thompson families, Melissa, Josie & family, Josh & family, Eileen, Marie, Andrew, Christophe, Leanne, Timothy, Sandrine & family, Eileen, Jayne, the Collett family, Wendy, Rita, Achu, Daw, James, David, the Donnelly & Peachey families, Erykah, Everlyn, the Allen family, Liz, Merin, Edwin, Isabell, Albin, Katherine, Rowan and Karra.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £519.37. Thank you very much.

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Will be taken this weekend at both Masses.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** There is a comprehensive list of requested items at the back of Church (including tinned foods & household goods). Please keep the donations coming, as stocks are running low and demand is increasing more and more. Thanks to everyone for all the donations, both of goods and money!

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Existing donors, please pick up your new box of envelopes from the back of church. Any new donors (tax payers) are always welcome. You can donate any amount whenever you like and it is all in complete confidence. If you are interested, please call in to the Parish Office.

*Please discard the yellow envelopes and start using the new green ones from this weekend.*

**EASTERTIDE**

*The fifty days from Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection until Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one single feast day, a ‘Great Sunday.’ It is on these days in particular that the Alleluia is sung.*

The Easter Vigil itself is regarded as the ‘Mother of all holy vigils.’ For on this night the Church awaits in vigil the resurrection of the Lord, and this night we wait in hope and expectation.

The Easter Fire is prepared outside the church from which the Easter Candle is lit and taken in procession, the Exsultet is sung, readings from the OT are proclaimed, bells are rung at the *Gloria*, NT readings follow, blessing of water and sprinkling, Renewal of Baptismal Promises replaces the Creed, and double Alleluia at Dismissal and throughout the Octave.

**Easter Sunday Morning**

Without Jesus’ resurrection from the dead,

what he began would have petered out.

The resurrection was God’s resounding ‘yes’

to all that Jesus said and did,

to all he lived and died for.

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A very Happy Easter to you All

Fr Joe and Deacon Peter

The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock - the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experience in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?