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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

9 APRIL 2023:
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Resp. Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 9 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (pp. 362 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 11 April	EASTER TUESDAY Mass Intention: Francis Black, RIP (Anniversary on 10 April)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 13 April	EASTER THURSDAY	NO LITURGIES	---
Saturday 15 April	EASTER SATURDAY	NO LITURGIES	---
Sunday 16 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (pp. 367 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection: They Saw and Believed

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet, today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan: to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture" and teach us what He had told them: that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," the one whom today's Psalm prophesies will be resurrected and exalted (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, to give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Second Reading calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

(Scott Hahn)

Thought for Easter Sunday with Pope Francis

In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used and disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone — Jesus — the source of life, is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, and tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. (Easter Sunday Homily, 16 April 2017)

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Today's Liturgy: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, Year A (pp. 362 ff.)

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THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to help make our Triduum and Easter liturgies so beautiful! Your support of the parish is very much appreciated. God bless you all!

'LANTERN OF THE NORTH' – A historic Post-Reformation pilgrimage through Moray. Masses will take place as follows:

Saturday 22 April at 12 noon: St. Ninian's, Tynet

Saturday 13 May at 12 noon: Scalan Seminary (Homilist: Fr. Domenico)

Saturday 27 May at 12 noon: St. Gregory's, Preshome

All of the days will begin with a short talk on the history of each location, followed by Mass, then a picnic lunch. All welcome!

PIETY STALL – looking for Easter Cards, First Holy Communion gifts, or ideas for presents? Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024! – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE – DRAW TODAY AFTER MASS! - £1 per strip. 5 prizes to be won. Tickets available at the front door!!

PRIZE BINGO: our next evening together will be FRIDAY, 28 APRIL. Doors open at 6.30pm; 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes; there are often very appreciative comments from the players. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated!

90 CLUB: NEXT DRAW ON SUNDAY, 30 APRIL! – Would you like to be a winner too? Why not speak to Don for details?

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald

RIP: Mel Finlay

Anniversaries: Francis Black, Peggy Johnstone, Isobel Campbell, Msgr. Robert MacDonald, Ruby Bell