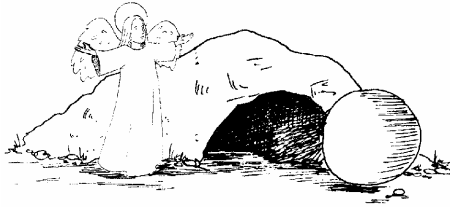


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Easter Sunday
4th April 2010



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Today is the day of days, not only for Christians but for the whole world. By rising from the dead Jesus has released us from mediocrity and has opened up the frontiers for us to a life that can be full now and overflowing in eternity. Today is the focal point of history; let us rejoice and be glad!

EASTER VIDEO REFLECTION BY ARCHBISHOP NICHOLS

Archbishop Vincent Nichols has recorded an Easter video reflection on four paintings from the permanent collection of London's National Gallery. It can be viewed on the home page of the diocesan website <http://www.rcdow.org.uk>

The four paintings featured are: 'The Crucifixion' attributed to Jacopo di Cione; 'The Entombment' by Dirk Bouts; 'Noli me Tangere', The Master of the Lehman Crucifixion and 'Christ Glorified in the Court of Heaven' by Fra Angelico.

In his introduction to the Easter video, Archbishop Nichols said: 'We will look at the scene of Our Lord's death on the Cross; we will look at a scene of His entombment, of the first glimpse of the Risen Christ and finally a painting of the glory of heaven, the promise of eternal life that is held before us all.'

'As we enter into Holy Week, we prepare to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's death and Resurrection and one thing is important to remember that in the Liturgy the power of those events is open to us now. Through Liturgy, we become participants not spectators and the same is true for these paintings.'

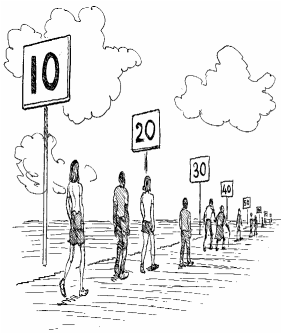
'Here the artist is a witness, not just a craftsman, and they are witnessing to the truth of Christ, to the truth contained in his death and Resurrection and that is a truth that is offered to us.'



The clothing collection raised a splendid £356.00. Thank you. The 100+ has become a 200 club for the first time. Look out for the Easter bonanza draw on 25th April. March club winners: John Ball No. 65, Joseph Dain Williams No. 182, Neil Brett-Richards No. 185.

CAKE AND BOOK SALE WITH GRAND DRAW RAFFLE

We will be holding a cake and book sale along with The Big Grand Raffle Draw on Sunday 25th April. We would like to ask for donations of books, homemade cakes and also volunteers who are able to help set up on Saturday 24th April in the afternoon, help to run the Stalls and make Teas and Coffees on Sunday 25th April. If you can help with donations or are able to volunteer please contact Sharon on 07979800974. All money raised from this event will be going towards the New Parish Centre.



Fifty days, from Easter until Pentecost, is the official period for taking our newly received Christians deeper into the mystery of faith. It has an off-putting name that comes from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): mystagogy. But this ugly word simply means leading someone into the truths of faith. For those who have spent months and years preparing to be part of God's Church these fifty days represent the last lap on the road. But of course mystagogy never ends. Those of us who have been Christians for years need continually to deepen our understanding of our faith. For growth in faith takes a lifetime.

So over the next fifty days let's remember in our prayers those who have recently been baptised or received into the Church. And let's renew our own commitment never to stop delving deeper into the riches of our faith. For an unexplored faith is a wasted faith...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Apostles 10:34.37-43 Apostles 5:12-16
Psalm 117 Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4 Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19
John 20:1-9 John 20:19-31

Mass Times

SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1,827.58

CAFOD: £50.86

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

The new rota for purificator laundering is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

LINE DANCING

There is Line Dancing every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

The next Fundraising Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 8th April at 8.00pm. All New Ideas, and People, are welcome.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Friday 9th April at 8.00pm.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be Training and Renewal sessions for the Eucharistic Ministers of the Parish. The first session will be on Sunday 11th April starting at 2.30pm in Eleanor Hall. This will be for all existing Ministers, and for all those who are willing to become a Minister. It will be led by Mary Crowley from the Diocese of Westminster. The Second Session will be on Sunday 18th April at 2.30pm. We do need some more people willing to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, in particular at the 12.30 and 6.30 Masses on a Sunday. If you are willing to help, please see Fr. John.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT WESTMINSTER**CATHEDRAL 11-19 APRIL 2010**

Come and see the journey of Jesus from the moment of his trial, through the events of Good Friday to the empty tomb.

- Life sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin
- Replica nails, a spear and whip – based on archaeological findings
- a large image of the face of Christ
- a large image of the empty tomb.

The exhibition coincides with the display of the Shroud of Turin at Turin Cathedral, Italy. Admission: Free.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th April

at 11.00: Ifeanyi Ihekaigbo-Iwuaba
Uzochukwe Ezuma

at 12.30: Dylan Brown
Isabella Carpineta
Nathan Ajagbe
Owen McGlynn

Sunday 11th April at 1.30 - Sabrina Michael

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Mary O'Brien will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th April at 10.00am.

HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 623156 so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

WALK WITH ME

The Easter edition of the Walk With Me Booklets are available after all the Masses at £1.00.

NO GREATER LOVE

"No Greater Love" is an extraordinary documentary and a unique depiction of an alternative spiritual way of life. It will be showing in cinemas from April 9th.

Have you seen the article about the Parish in the April Edition of The Westminster Record?