



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS** A BIG thank you from Fr Daley and the parish to the volunteers for their time and contributions this Easter, much of it in addition to their normal duties: the flower ladies for the beautiful arrangements, musicians, stewards, readers, altar servers and groundsmen.

**PARISH OFFICE NOTES** The parish secretary will be on leave for a week from 18<sup>th</sup> April. On a more general note, please could any messages for the office be emailed to [parbold@hotmail.com](mailto:parbold@hotmail.com), or a message left on the answer machine. Messages passed verbally after Mass may possibly be forgotten!

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL** St Mary's Church, Leyland is hosting a Celebration of the Day of Divine Mercy, starting with

prayer at 3:00pm; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Benediction. Holy Mass will be held at 5:00pm. The full address is Broadfield Drive, Leyland PR25 1PD. See poster and leaflets at the back of Church.

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE** For details please see poster in the main porch or Our Lady and All Saints website under 'Weekly News'.

**URGENT: GIFT AID DECLARATION FORMS** If you are a gift aider and have not renewed/returned your Gift Aid Declaration (addressed to you personally) please could you return via Offertory basket or through Priory letter box, asap? Many thanks.

**ANIMATE YOUTH: FLAME** Animate will be taking a coach to Flame next march. Flame is an event held in Wembley Arena every two or three years. 10,000 young people from across the country participate in Flame and it can be a positive experience in the faith journey of young people to be at such a large scale event. Tickets are now on sale. There is a poster at the back of church for details of costs and travel. For more information and to book a ticket, please email [admin@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateyouth.co.uk) or call 01744 740461

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, PATRON SAINT OF UKRAINE** Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and you O Prince of heavenly host by the power of God cast down into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Please take this newsletter home with you*

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Celebration of Holy Mass

17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	10:30 am	Intentions of Mother Marilla
18 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Monday of Easter Octave	7:00 pm	Margaret Gibson, Anthony and Agnes Eccles
19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Tuesday of Easter Octave	7:00 pm	Gillian Goddard
20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Wednesday of Easter Octave	7:00 pm	Dec <sup>d</sup> Mellor Family
21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Thursday of Easter Octave	11:30 am	Joseph Lewis and Robert Trevelyan
22 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	Friday of Easter Octave	9:30 am	Special Intention (R)
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10:30 am	Pro populo

**CONFESSIONS** All welcome to celebrate this important Sacrament before Mass on Monday and Tuesday evening.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Kathryn Taylor, Clare Crossan, Sheila Jennings, Fr Cassian, Michael Smith.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Ethel Halton, Tony Bryant, Jean Heaton

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Loose £89.05, Envelopes £97.60, SOs £435.00. Many thanks.

**WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE FIRST EASTER?** Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA, has stated, It is challenging to consider the pivotal event of Easter, Christ's Resurrection, from our human perspective. Scientists have theorized that Christ rose in a burst of radiation that created the three dimensional image on the Shroud of Turin, which many believe to be Jesus' burial cloth. Scripture tells us that those closest to Jesus didn't immediately recognize Him in His glorified body. Jesus ate fish in front of the disciples to prove His physicality, even as He was able to enter the Upper Room by going through locked doors. His glorified body had new abilities, but He was not a disembodied ghost as some of the disciples feared. For all the value of scientific inquiry and speculation, the meaning of Easter is far more real and personal than theoretical. Scripture is clear – Christ rose and since Christ rose, we too have the opportunity for eternal life. It is as simple, and as complex, as that.



**WAS JESUS TRULY RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD?** Few events in history are as well documented as the Resurrection. We take for granted ancient events with one ancient reference, whereas all the writers of the New Testament attest to Christ's death and resurrection. Most of them, and many others who witnessed His appearances before the Ascension, gave their lives as evidence of its truth. Since the first century many millions more who believed their testimony have followed their example. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 639) says, The mystery of Christ's Resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears

witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . ." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

**WHY DO WE CALL THE DAY THE LORD ROSE "EASTER"?** The official language of the Church is Latin, the ancient language of Rome. In Church texts Easter is *Pascha*, derived from the Hebrew *Pasch* or Passover. The Passover of the Lord is the saving event completed when Christ rose from the dead. In the languages derived from Latin this naming is followed, e.g. *Pascua* in Spanish. English, however, while it has many words from Latin is derived from Germanic roots, as is modern German. What is *Ostern* in German is *Easter* in English. Although the origins are obscure, it may be a reference to the daily resurrection of the Sun in the Ost or East, upon which our natural existence depends. Christ, Himself, is often thus called the Orient, since upon Him our resurrection from sin to grace depends, as well as our bodily resurrection at the end of history.

**WHO SAW JESUS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION?**

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, the "other Mary," the apostles (except for Judas Iscariot), and the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. In 1 Corinthians 15:6, St. Paul says, "Then [Jesus] appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep." St. Paul continues saying, "Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me" (1 Corinthians 15:8). This indicated St. Paul's encounter with the Lord (after the Ascension of Jesus), which prompted St. Paul's immediate conversion to Christianity (Acts 9:1-19).



**EASTER MORNING**

As the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over death that you conquered, help us, Lord, tomorrow as well, when the dresses are put away and the candy is all eaten and on with life we go let us not forget.

The celebration of your resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring, beyond the lily, beyond new lambs grazing in open fields. Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.

This alone, the most touching and profound of your signs that fear is dead and belief in you brings, not just hope but life. What better living parable could You have brought? All fear death. All. Even in the garden, You took on our fear if for only moments, it was as real as our fears can be real and You knew then that this single enemy must be destroyed. And, You sacrificed your life, leaving those who had been comfort, and follower; You left them behind, to conquer fear.

I shall cling to this now, and the tomorrows given me.  
Peace and thanksgiving lifted unto you.  
Amen.

**WHAT IS THE EASTER OCTAVE?** This is the "eight-day" period from Easter Sunday through to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day in the octave is considered a solemnity, as if Easter is repeated for eight days.