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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 16/04/22	20:00 CTK	Easter Sunday	Pat & Gill Walsh (Anni.)
	19:00 OLAM		James Heaney (RIP)
Sun 17/04/22	10:00 CTK	Easter Sunday	All known to Bishop David Evans
	10:00 OLAM		All known to Fr The-Quang
Mon 18/04/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Monday	Tommie Beirne (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		James Green (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Audrey McCarty (RIP)
Tue 19/04/22	09:30 Mon.	Easter Tuesday	Maria Green Junior - Recovery
	12:00 CTK		Tommy Byrne (Anni.)
Wed 20/04/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Wednesday	Catherine & Jack Foxall
	09:30 Mon.		Mr Czeslaw Trapszo (RIP)
Thu 21/04/22	08:00 Con.	Easter Thursday	Michael Canavan (B'day Anni.)
	09:30 Mon.		Senior Maria Green
	11:00 OLAM		Requiem Mass - Sr Mary Ireland
Fri 22/04/22	09:30 Mon.	Easter Friday	Patricia Morrisroe - Get well
	12:30 CTK		Funeral Service - Eileen Ismay
	15:30 OLAM		Funeral Service - Ann McCarthy
Sat 23/04/22	10:00 Mon	Easter Saturday	Joe Thewlis
	12:30 CTK		Kevin Berns (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Annie McDonnell (Anni.)
Sun 24/04/22	10:00 CTK	2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Lawrence Tams (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		James & Margaret Head (Silver Jubilee)

Easter Greetings: Bishop David, Deacons Dominic and Gary and Fr Thé-Quang would like to wish all the parishioners and their families a Happy Easter. May the Spirit who rose our Lord Jesus from the dead raise what has fallen asleep in you.

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Sean Mulkeen, Jack Foxall, Rose Lewsley. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for Eileen Ismay, Sr Sylvia Mary Ireland, Michael Murphy, Fr Laurence Crowe, Ann McCarthy, Scott Bibb, Julia Casey, Elizabeth Bridge and Jack Foxall who died recently. May they rest in peace.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT – TRUSTEES

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Gospel Commentary – Fr. Donagh O'Shea OP

At some point after we have been bereaved, they tell us, we need "closure": that is, we need to leave the painful event in the past, and though we will never cease to love our departed relative or friend, we have to get on with our life. This process begins with the funeral; "we bring the body of our brother or sister to its place of rest," as the funeral liturgy says. In a strange way, that place of rest is a place of rest for us too. It is painful and yet it is a comfort to visit the grave: our sorrow is able to focus itself there. When for some reason there has been no funeral - when the person is "missing presumed dead" - there is a kind of unending pain that can never come to "closure".

What the disciples found on the first Easter Sunday morning was an empty tomb. There was to be no "closure": it was to become a matter of quite different significance. It was to be the *beginning* of a story, and not the end. The new story would not be, "He is dead," but "He is risen." Jesus would not belong just to the past, he would never be left behind while we go on with our lives. He is risen! He goes before us! It is not closure but opening to a new kind of life.

"Alleluia!" This has been the shout of Christians from the beginning and uninterruptedly through the ages. They pronounce it differently in different places, but it is always the same Hebrew word. It means "Praise God!" It is an exclamation of joy. It's the word that expresses a Christian's fundamental outlook on life.

Is it realistic to be always positive and joyful like that? Surely there are times for sadness and dejection....

In answer, may I quote a passage from an address that Timothy Radcliffe made to a general assembly of Dominicans as Master of the order? He took a verse from John's gospel (20:19): "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." Then Fr Radcliffe said:

"It is the sight of the wounded Christ that frees the disciples from fear and makes them glad. It is the wounded Christ that transforms them into preachers. . . . When we see the wounded Christ, then we can face the fact that we are already hurt. Perhaps we have been hurt by our childhoods, by growing up in dysfunctional families, or by our experience of religious life, by botched attempts to love, by ideological conflicts in the Church, by sin. Every one of us is a wounded preacher. But the good news is that we are preachers *because* we are wounded. Gerard Vann, an English Dominican, was one of the most famous writers on spirituality in the English-speaking world since the Second World War. He struggled with alcoholism and depression all his life. That is why he had something to say. We have a word of hope and mercy because we have needed them ourselves. On my bookshelves I have a book written by an old French Dominican called *Les Cicatrices*, (*The Scars*). In this book he tells how he came to Christ through the hurts of his life. And when he gave it to me he wrote a dedication, 'For Timothy who knows that the scars can become the doors of the sun.'"

The wonder of the Resurrection is that *everything*, even our wounds and failures, becomes the stuff of new life.

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Envelopes	£ 58.00	64.00	91.60
Loose	£ 344.54	230.63	412.06
St. Orders	£ 206.69	206.69	206.69
Total	£ 609.23	501.32	710.35

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Marriage Encounter England and Wales recognise that the very pillar of vibrant church communities are good couple relationships, leading Christian families to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. We are therefore delighted to offer the opportunity for all couples to experience a life changing Marriage Encounter Weekend in 2022, in person or online. Our next experiences are:

1. Online Saturdays – 14 and 21 May 2022 and
2. Non-Resident experience on the 11-12 June 2022 located in:

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Prayer Intentions during the month of April

17th - As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross. We pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the church's battle to protect all life, protecting the dignity and wellbeing of human beings, from conception to their natural death.

24th - This Wednesday marks 54 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.