

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I begin by wishing you, and your families, a very Happy and Holy Easter!

This is certainly not the Holy Week and Easter that many of us were expecting, but even in the midst of these uncertain times, we can see new life all around us. The gardens are now coming into bloom, the new leaves on the trees are beginning to emerge and the grass is growing. There is much, even in the difficult times, to rejoice in!

It has been most encouraging to hear from so many parishioners during this past week, offering their time to help those who are alone and isolated. We continue to keep in our prayers all those who are isolated, lonely, upset and struggling in these difficult days.

Being Parish Priest is very strange at the moment. It is lovely to have Gerard, our seminarian from Oscott, staying in the presbytery and Oskar (the four-legged curate) is certainly enjoying all of the extra attention. Yet, I am very conscious that I've not seen you for many weeks now. I have spoken to lots of you, and many have kept in touch by e-mail. We may not see each other, but that doesn't mean that you're forgotten – you are very much in my prayers!

In these days of the Easter Season, we keep each other in our prayers, and we continue to commend everyone in our two parishes to Our Lady; asking particularly for her maternal protection for those who are suffering and isolated at this time. We pray also for all those who are working tirelessly in our NHS and essential workers at this time.

Keep safe.

God bless,

Fr Craig.

Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us.

St Christopher...pray for us.

St Thomas of Canterbury...pray for us.



Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our communities. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease, and assist those whose skill can put an end to this affliction. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift, and sustain them daily in your service. May their hands bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)**

Please contact Fr Craig for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be live streamed at various times during the week

Please visit our Parish Website.

EASTER DUTIES 2020 – from the Bishops’ Conference

“Many of you will be aware of performing your “Easter Duties”; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.”

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

THE PARISH OFFICES – CODSALL & TETTENHALL

Both of our parish offices are currently closed.

ST CHRISTOPHER’S 200 CLUB APRIL DRAW

1st D. Biddle 2nd M. Grizzell 3rd M. Jeff-Watts

Prizes will be available once we are back to normal. Thank you to Christine and Seán for organising the 200 Club!

CRUCIFIX AND TABERNACLE RESTORATION

Please consider whether you might be able to contribute to this work. Thank you for £2050 already received!

Unfortunately, the ceiling above the Crucifix and Tabernacle in the church is starting to shed paint and plaster, so I have delayed their return until the roof replacement is completed.

NEW VESTMENTS FOR HOLY MASS

You may not be aware, but we are very limited in the number of vestments (what the priest wears to celebrate Holy Mass) available in either parish. We have, therefore, ordered a new set for each parish. A set of four will cost £1800. Thank you to those who have already donated £1400 towards these vestments for St Christopher’s and £450 for St Thomas’s. Please think about whether you might be able to donate.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall. Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. The SVP are continuing to be of great help within our parishes as they offer support to our housebound and isolated parishioners. We thank them for this important task!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who got in touch last weekend to volunteer to help with looking after our parishioners! We had a great number who came forward to help with shopping and other simple, but important, tasks! It is a wonderful way for us to put our faith into action during these difficult weeks. A particular thanks to Jo Stewart for coordinating the help!

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR APRIL 2020/2021

Are available in the porch at St Thomas’s and at St Christopher’s. You will (hopefully) be able to collect these very soon!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

A huge “Thank you” for your generosity in continuing to support your parishes – even during whilst they are closed, we still need to pay for their upkeep. A number of people have been in touch to ask what they should do with their Gift Aid Envelopes and weekly offerings during the current situation of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please do consider continuing to support your parish financially either by Gift Aid envelopes or cash. You can either wait until we are able to return to Mass, or alternatively, you can post it through the Presbytery letterbox at 115 Wolverhampton Road, (not the office side). If instead, you would like to consider setting up a Standing Order, please get in touch. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things

and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

During the Easter Season we don’t recite The Angelus, but instead we sing the Easter Marian Anthem, the Regina Caeli. We might not know it at the moment, but it is very easy to pick up...I promise you!

Ant.
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R E-gí-na cæli * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui-a
quem me-ru-ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surréx-it,
si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,
alle-lú-ia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

All Parish groups have stopped meeting until further notice due to government guidelines.

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12TH APRIL 2020

Saturday	11		Pro Populo
Sunday	12		Thomas Toal RIP
Monday	13		Benefactors Ann Picken and Vicky Brown RIP
Tuesday	14		Mary Mason RIP
Wednesday	15		Mrs Alice D'Souza RIP (<i>not streamed this week</i>)
Thursday	16		Renata Pedrazzi RIP & Shirley Brookman
Friday	17		Irene Hughes
Saturday	18		Pro Populo

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – YEAR A

19TH APRIL 2020

Saturday	18		Sheila Crump
Sunday	19		Yannick

N.B. All Mass Intentions will continue to be celebrated on the date requested.

Whilst Fr Craig is now celebrate Holy Mass privately, you will be able to join him in prayer via our parish live stream. The times for all Live Streams can be found on our parish website.

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday	Easter Monday
Tuesday	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday	Easter Wednesday
Thursday	Easter Thursday
Friday	Easter Friday
Saturday	Easter Saturday

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES... Zofia Stanislawska, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Margaret Waleczek, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Fr David Duggan, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock.

To add a name to the sick list, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

COLIN JAMES
funeral service at Bushbury Crematorium
FRANK EAGLE
funeral service at St Nicholas Churchyard
PETER HARVEY

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR MARCH 2020

November	Loose	Gift Aid	Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher	£575.47	£474.00	£1814.00	£2863.47
St Thomas	£443.40	£663.10	£978.00	£2084.50

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

DIARY DATES...

Something for us all to look forward to...!

Sat 17 October	Holy Mass to celebrate the Opening (20 years) and Consecration of St Christopher's (10 years)	St C	5.30 pm
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