

St. Joseph's Newsletter - 4th April 2021

Sanctuary Lamp

Dermot (Derry) McKeon RIP

Marian Candle

Margaret Thompson 80th Birthday Wishes

Lately Dead

Derry McKeon, Pat Williams,

St Joseph's Scouts Spring Bedding Plants

If anyone is interested in having their bedding plants delivered (in May), please E-mail us on stjosephsplants@gmail.com or call Alan on 01925 711228 and we will drop off an order form at your address.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Archbishop will be coming to Warrington in the autumn to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with those young people who are currently in Year 8 at High School. An invitation will be issued to young people in Year 8 at St. Gregory's Catholic High School and Cardinal Newman High School in the next few weeks. However, if your child is in Year 8 at another High School and would like to be Confirmed this year, please contact Fr. John Schofield by the end of April. Thank you.

'Highway to Heaven'

Introducing a new feature to our Newsletter called 'Highway to Heaven'. Each week we will publish a different street/road name from our local area and ask you to pray for the residents in that location.

This week's location is: **SHOREHAM DRIVE**

New Offertory Envelopes

The new boxes of envelopes for the Tax Year commencing 2021/22 are now available for collection from church during Holy Week and whenever the church is open. To assist distribution if you could deliver some boxes to your friends and neighbours, it would be very helpful. If you have never had a box of envelopes and would like to start using them, please contact Alan Newey on **01925 695729** or by email on

newey1948@sky.com

Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday

Life Without End



Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.

Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

Fifty Days of Easter

Easter Day is certainly the most important day of the church year, but the Easter celebration lasts a full 50 days, until Pentecost. For families with young children, now is a good time to talk about the symbolism of candles, or to dig out, and chat about all those photos of the family Christening. Are the family Christening photos still on your pen drive? Why not print them off and put them on show.

Holy Humour Month

To recognise the healing power of Christian joy, humour and celebration, April has been nominated Holy Humour Month. Christianity is about life and death, but that isn't an excuse for Christians to take themselves too seriously. A smiling face and a cheerful outlook has to be the best kind of evangelism.

Mass Intentions

Fr. John and Fr. Mark will celebrate Masses this week for the following intentions:

Easter Sunday 4th	8.30am	Mathew Kenny (Get Well)
	4.00pm	Margaret Cunningham (Anniversary Remembrance)
Monday 5th	12 Noon	Christopher Higginson
Tuesday 6th	No Mass	
Wednesday 7th	7.00pm	Betty Wilson
Thursday 8th	No Mass	
Friday 9th	No Mass	
Saturday 10th	No Mass	
Sunday 11th	8.30am	Michael Kenny (100th Yr Anniversary)
	4.00pm	Kitty & Pat Fallon (Anniversary Rem)

The following is a loving tribute to Pat Williams who sadly recently died
RIP Pat

EASTER 2017

At Easter, two thousand and seventeen,
The World, at large, appears so very mean.
Atrocities are daily 'News events'
And Donald Trump still keeps us in suspense,
And yet, in little churches everywhere,
Enormous 'good' is done, to show we care.
With Faith and Trust and Hope - our inner core
Knowing God Himself, has never asked for more.
We strive to help the needy and ill-shod
As members of the family of God.
We show our neighbours that we truly care,
With practicalities and a lot of prayer!
Peace is found, within our own church walls.
There is a welcome there, for anyone who calls
From children, to all husbands and their wives
Who see Jesus, as the centre of their lives.
So may I, wish 'Happy Easter' to everyone,
In the name of God the Father and His Son.

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An Easter Message from Frs. John and Mark

Easter is the great feast of new life and new beginnings: New life and a new way of living in the resurrected Lord, the beginning of a new relationship between God and his children which we renew each year, and this Easter especially the beginning of a new life with the insight and re-evaluation of what our priorities are in the wake of the Corona virus. God Bless you all with new life, new hope and new joy this Easter,
All our love and prayers, Frs. John and Mark.