

St Ignatius of Loyola

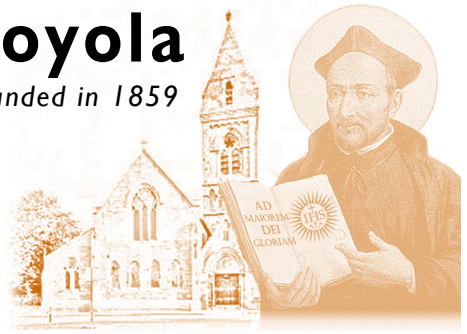
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord- B

31 March 2024

THE EASTER OCTAVE

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

MONDAY 1 APRIL

Easter Monday

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Easter Tuesday

8.30am Holy Mass

9.30am Requiem Mass for *Jemima McFarlane*

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Easter Wednesday

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Easter Thursday

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Easter Friday

8.30am Holy Mass

9.30am Requiem Mass for *Maureen Chinskie*

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

Easter Saturday

4.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose plate

£1055.00 Gift Aid

£528.00

Many thanks for your continued generous support of the parish.

Fr Krzysztof, Fr Christopher, Monsignor Conway and Deacon Stuart wish all our parishioners and visitors to St Ignatius' a **very happy Easter**. Many thanks for the cards and gifts. *May your kindness and generosity be rewarded by the Risen Lord.*

A heartfelt thanks, too, goes to all who worked so hard to prepare the liturgies and the church for Holy Week, especially those who served on the altar, our choir and organist, the church cleaners, the flower arrangers, the sacristy team and many other volunteers who gave of their time willingly and generously. *May God reward your goodness.*

The Easter Octave: An octave is an eight-day period which prolongs the celebration of a feast in the church. The Easter Octave begins on Easter Sunday, concluding on the Second Sunday of Easter. These days of special solemnity allow us to dwell with profound joy on this great mystery: the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, and our share in its fruits through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The continued celebration of the Resurrection means no other feast can take place this week, hence the Annunciation of the Lord (25 March) is transferred to next Monday, having been already displaced by Holy Week.

Each day the Gloria is recited, and, if the Roman Canon is used as the great Eucharistic Prayer, two special texts are used including this, which recalls those who received the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil:

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we make to you also for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit, granting them forgiveness of all their sins; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each day at Mass the Gospel narrates the first appearances of Christ to his disciples: On Monday, the women meet the Lord; Tuesday is the encounter of Mary Magdalene with Him in the garden; Wednesday recounts the meeting on the road to Emmaus; On Thursday the Risen Christ appears in the Upper Room; Friday sees the disciples eat with the Lord on the shores of Galilee; On Saturday Mark summarises the other appearances heard in other Gospels; then on Sunday, Jesus reveals himself to doubting Thomas.

LOYOLA CENTRE

Bingo Night

Friday 5 April, 7.30pm

Entry-£8, doors open at 7.00pm

Raising funds for the parish.

Cash prizes and raffles on the night.

Art exhibition

**Saturday 20 - Wednesday 24 April,
10.30am-6.00pm**

Loyola Hall will be hosting an art & illustration exhibition— traditional drawing in the 1960s style- featuring the work of Bill Stewart on the theme Reminiscence. Entry free.

To hire The Loyola Centre call
Heather on 07780 136369

The Liturgy of Easter is one great act of thanksgiving for the **Resurrection of Christ**. The Church calls out '**Alleluia**' for the first time— and repeats it many times today— a Latin transliteration of the Hebrew word Halleluyah, meaning 'Praise God'.

The first reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles is a homily St Peter gave to Cornelius' household, a Roman centurion ready to convert. In his homily, he outlines the **core** of Christian faith — the **kerygma**— that Jesus was put to death; that God vindicated him by raising him from the dead; that the Risen Christ commissioned the Apostles to be witnesses throughout the world to Him; that through faith in Him, everyone can receive forgiveness for their sins.

The psalm is a hymn of **thanksgiving** for God's faithfulness to his covenant, a sign of love for His people. The 'right hand' of the Lord has been 'lifted up' is understood by the Church to be referring to the Resurrection of Christ. He is the 'stone which the builders rejected'- rejected by the religious leaders of the time, which has now become the 'cornerstone' of the new covenant.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul mentions leaven— a sourdough used for its fermenting properties. Adding this to dough in a sense 'corrupts' the batch, creating a light and airy loaf. Jesus used the idea in a positive sense when he used leaven in his description of the Kingdom's growth. Paul uses it negatively, comparing it to the corruption sin introduces into a life. He goes on to teach that Christ is the '**true Passover**'- the lambs and goats sacrificed in the past prefigured him. It is Him alone who destroys the old leaven of sin to

make way for a new, holier life for God's people which the unleavened bread symbolised. Jesus used unleavened bread at the Last Supper where he instituted the Holy Eucharist. This the 'feast' we must celebrate with **sincerity and truth**— in other words free from sin. Since Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, we must partake of this holy sacrifice in a state of grace. If we are conscious of serious sin, we must be reconciled with God before we approach the altar to receive Communion.

Prior to the Gospel, we hear the ancient Sequence which is to be recited on this day, the *Victimae Paschale Laudes*— which dates from the 11th century. It tells the story of **death and life** locked in a battle, wherein Christ, the Paschal victim, victorious over death, reconciles us to the Father. It narrates the account of Mary Magdalene: Upon finding an empty tomb and the clothes which once covered his head and limbs, proclaims 'Christ my hope has arisen.'

As sabbath rest precluded certain activities, the women waited until daybreak to return to the tomb. All four Gospels, though particular details are expressed differently in each, record that the women were the first to hear the angelic announcement of the Lord's Resurrection— their **faithfulness** was being rewarded by God.



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, for his love has no end
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter B

Acts	I John	John
4:32-35	5:1-6	20:19-31



Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Recently Dead:**

Elizabeth Anne (Liz) Gallen, Maureen (Mary) Chinskie, Jemima McFarlane, Mark McKay, Elizabeth Crane.

Funeral Arrangements:

Jemima McFarlane	<i>Requiem Mass:</i> Tuesday 2 April 9.30am
Maureen (Mary) Chinskie	<i>Requiem Mass:</i> Friday 5 April 9.30am
Elizabeth Anne Gallen	<i>Requiem Mass:</i> Wednesday 10 April 9.30am

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

James McGuigan (17 March), Denis Kennedy (27 March), Mary Morgan (28 March), Mairead Cassidy, Jim McElroy, Mary & George McCormick, Edward Pearson SNR, Mary Penman, James Collins (31 March), Catherine McCamley, Marie Baird, John McCann SNR, Lawrence, Agnes & James O'Rourke.

Easter Remebrances:

Jemima Duffy, Anne Davies, Sadie & Malcolm Gray, Thomas Gray, The Muir Family, The Gray Family.

*O God, glory of believers and life of the just,
by the death and resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed:
have mercy on your servants,
and make them worthy to share the joys of paradise,
for they believed in the resurrection of the dead.*

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget Mcllvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood, Ann Hattie, Kiera Loughrie.

Those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Matrimony this year.

Giftaid envelopes: Please collect your new envelopes from the back of the church. If you don't already giftaid your donations to the parish, please ask for details.

SCIAF Boxes should be returned as soon as possible. Don't forget you can giftaid your donation be adding your details to the base of the wee box.