

# OUR LADY'S AND ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCHES – NEWSLETTER

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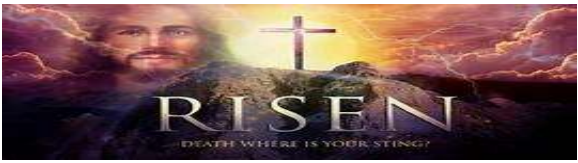
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## SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Readings: Acts 10: 34,37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; St John 20:1-9

**Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Blessing of Food for Polish Community Holy Saturday Family Mass Easter Vigil for both Parishes	11:00 am Our Lady's 4:00 pm St John Fisher 8:00 pm Our Lady's	Blessing of Food for Polish Community All the Young Families in our 2 Parishes For 2 Parish Families & +Kieran Jones
	6:20 am Beacon Hills 9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's	Sun Rise Service on the Lickey Hills All the Parish and School Families Plant Dedications & +Jose Edgar Hernandez
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April- Easter Monday	12:00 pm St John Fisher	All the Sick and Elderly Parish Members
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April- Reception into Church	<b>6:30 pm St John Fisher</b>	<b>+ Christopher Bourke</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - <b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>11:00 am St John Fisher</b>	<b>+ Christopher Bourke</b>
Easter Saturday- 6 <sup>th</sup> April - Baptism	11:00 am St John Fisher	Esme Rose Hinchley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Red Boxes Appeal	4:00 pm Our Lady's	+David Joseph
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Missio Appeal	9:00 am St John Fisher	+Tom Mannion
Divine Mercy Sunday – Missio Appeal	11:00 am Our Lady's	All the Holy Souls
Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service	3:00 pm Our Lady's	Divine Mercy Rosary, Benediction and Confessions

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:** 30 Alf Kempson, William O'Leary, Ada Williams, Kieran Jones, Margaret Banting, 31 Dan Mooney, Patricia Waldron, Neil Pattison, **April 1** Doris Griffin, James Docherty, Winifred Garfield, 2 Martin Shaughnessy, Hilda Priddey, Harold Priddey, Jim Behan, 3 Alice Doherty, 4 Margaret Forsyth, Peter Turner, Alice Holmes, Martin Fitzgerald, John Williams, John Anderson, 5 Julia Noone, Betty Clossick, Jessie Gallagher, Anne Reilly, Enid Walker

**Please Pray for those who are Sick:** Margaret Owen, Carol Spooner, Dave McGrath, Mary Smallwood, Margaret Cooper, Trisha Forest, Fr Tony Rohan, Ann Docherty, Nancy Witcomb, Maz Boyce, Lily McKenna, Mary and Victor, Margaret Izon, Carl Brookes, Sheila Cox, Peter Flanagan, Pat Farrell, Jan & Mark Hurley, Peter Rafferty, Jackie Hurley, Helen Ingram, Mary Molloy, Andrea Byrne, Linda Simms, Rita Fitzpatrick, Christina Cooper, Fr Gerry Lennon, Ann Glenn, Mary Markley, Pat Curly.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS)		St John Fisher (SJF)	
Gift Aid £191.00	<b>Total £526.23</b>	Gift Aid £347.00	<b>Total: £543.62</b>
Loose Money £335.23		Loose Money £196.62	
Contactless £0.00			
Easter Flowers £59.22		Easter Flowers: £183.72	

**Deaths:** Pray for **Christoper Patrick Bourke** who will be **received into St John Fisher Church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6:30 pm and Funeral service on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11:00 am** and followed by Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery.

**Baptism Dates:** The fourth coming Baptism Preparation sessions will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 5:30 pm in Our Lady's Church – Rednal and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath.

**SVP:** Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items and Easter treats for our last food parcels for this term. We made and delivered 105 parcels, which will help our families to enjoy the Easter celebrations. **OUR FIRST FOOD PARCELS NEXT TERM IS ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL.** Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL** between 10:15am and 11:15am Please donate any new/ used carrier bags for the food parcels. (One of our parishioners is happy to take broken bags for life back to supermarkets to exchange for new ones!) It is by working together that we can make a difference. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and happy Easter. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197.

**Easter Flowers:** Dear friends, you may take your Easter plants home after the Easter Saturday Vigil or after Easter Sunday Mass. **Please DO NOT** plant your plants out until all fear of frost has gone. **NB The plants are only for those who have ordered them.**

**St Paul's School for Girls:** RE Teacher to cover a maternity leave, starting as soon as possible. For further details please telephone or download an application form from our website: [www.stpaulql.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulql.bham.sch.uk) 0121454089

**Administration Support Officer:** Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary range: £21,000 to £25,000 fte p.a. plus benefits, hybrid remote working. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced Administration Support Officer for our Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. The post holder will support the work of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust's Safeguarding Team by providing general administrative support including Maintaining the team's computer (confidential case management) and manual filing systems. Manage the initial Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) screening requests process and periodic rescreening. Assist with maintaining the CSSA training record system, including sending out reminders regarding mandatory refresher training. Carry out administrative duties such as general filing, typing, copying, binding, scanning etc. Act as first point of contact for incoming visitors, telephone calls etc. For an informal discussion about this role please call Claire Reay, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6240. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to [julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk) by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Shortlisting: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Interviews: w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Easter Offerings:** for your Parish Priest (Fr Srinu). on Holy Saturday (Family Mass, Vigil Mass) and Easter Sunday. The Easter offering envelopes will be available at the porch of the Church. For BACS Transfer the Bank Details: Name: REV Srinu Bonthu, Sort Code: 40-44-02; Account Number: 62032287 and Bank: HSBC UK. Thank you all for all your generous donations and gifts.

**Church Giving:** We are doing the accounts for 2023 and will present these in due course. Thank-you for supporting the parish. 'Loose money' on the collection has increased. That is good news. But can people who give this way please swap to standing orders? It means no counting, banking and security issues. That way, it can also be gift aided (government adds 25% from taxpayers to increase the donation). If all our loose money was gift aided it would increase our collection by £7,000 per annum at no cost to you. That's a big increase and would cover a loss we made last year. Forms can be found in the church porch.

**Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus:** (a) **Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead** ([Mark 8:31](#); [Matthew 17:22](#); [Luke 9:22](#)). (b) **The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday** ([Luke 24:3](#)). Although the guards claimed ([Matthew 28:13](#)) that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to have stolen the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by a 16-member team of armed Roman soldiers. (c) **The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples** in his Resurrection, in spite of his repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of his Resurrection. It also explains why the apostles started preaching the resurrected Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (d) **The transformation of Jesus' disciples:** The disciples of Jesus were almost immediately transformed from men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion ([Luke 24:21](#), [John 20:19](#)) into men who were confident and bold witnesses of the Resurrection ([Acts 2:24](#), [3:15](#), [4:2](#)). (e) **The Jews and the Romans could not disprove Jesus' Resurrection** by presenting the dead body of Jesus. (f) **The apostles and early Christians would not have faced martyrdom** if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' Resurrection. (g) **The Apostle Paul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians into a zealous apostle, preaching the Good News of Jesus throughout much of the Gentile world, supports the truth of Jesus' Resurrection** ([Galatians 1:11-17](#), [Acts 9:1](#), [Acts 9:24-25](#), [Acts 26:15-18](#)). (h) **The sheer existence of a thriving, Empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim.** (i) The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. (j) The apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus.

**CHRIST IS RISEN AND IS OUR HOPE – HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE.**

WISHING YOU ALL AN EXTRODINARY AND JOYFUL EASTER. MAY YOUR LIFE BE FULL OF BLESSINGS.