

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



17 April 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

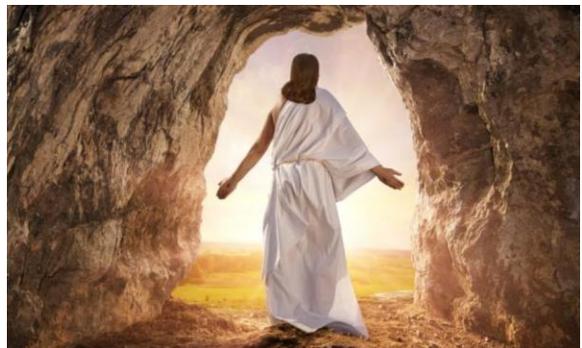
HE IS RISEN

To understand Peter's homily, we need to see it in the context of the whole chapter of Acts 10. Peter preached this in the home of the Roman centurion, Cornelius, as he was about to baptize the first official Gentile Christians. This incident describes the bridge on which the faith crossed from belonging to a small group of the chosen people to embracing *'everyone who believes in [Jesus of Nazareth].'*

Peter's earlier homilies cited the traditions of Israel; now, among the Gentiles, he simply proclaims that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power and that Jesus went around doing good. Peter carefully described Jesus' death and the fact that God raised him up *'and granted that he be visible, not to all people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God.'*

To a sceptic, that is a terribly flimsy argument. In effect, Peter was saying: *'Everyone knows Jesus died. Lo and behold, a few of us were privy to seeing him alive again!'*

Why would anyone believe that? Why would Jews accept being excommunicated from their synagogues and Romans risk the derision of their sophisticated colleagues on the basis of such statements made by former fishermen and tax collectors?



Those of us who've been churchgoers for most of our lives often assume the Resurrection like we assume that the sun rises in the morning. In fact, bringing real critical questions to the topic might lead us to shaky ground. Really, why would Peter's audience (or we) accept such an absurd story? What was happening that led people to side with the disciples? It has to do with what Peter and Cornelius shared. In Cornelius' house, Peter witnessed the presence of the Holy Spirit, and because of that, he took the unprecedented and scandalous step of baptizing Gentiles.

In choosing this scene for our Easter liturgy, the church reminds us that discipleship does not flow from dogma or theology and has nothing to do with ethnicity, status or gender. Christian discipleship is truly catholic, meaning universal.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sunday 17 April – EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am

11.00am

Tuesday 19 April – EASTER WEEK

NO MASS

Wednesday 20 April – EASTER WEEK

10.00am

Thursday 21 April – EASTER WEEK

10.00am

Friday 22 April – EASTER WEEK

10.30am - *Frederick McShane RIP*

6.00pm - Holy Hour

7.00pm - Mass

Sunday 24 April – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am

11.00am

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation - 1Cor5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has
been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast
then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with
the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. Amen.

UKRAINE: The Diocese, through Caritas, is working to keep parishioners informed as to the current situation while we wait for the UK Government to clarify the role that faith organisations and other charities will play in the formal response to refugees entering the UK.

Please look at the Caritas website for the latest news and updates on the crisis.
<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

PARISH NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LESLIE: I'd like to thank everybody who has helped us prepare for our Easter celebration. Musicians, florists, readers, ministers, everybody! Your witness to the faith is a credit to our parish. I am truly grateful. A happy and holy Easter to you all. God bless.

EASTER DAY COLLECTION: The Easter collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Leslie in his mission and ministry this Easter, please visit this website: <https://bit.ly/3JqFeUO>

YOU ARE INVITED: We have been invited to the Westbourne Rotary Club Queen's Jubilee street party to be held in Lansdseer Road, Westbourne from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 June. As numbers are restricted, please speak to Suzanne in the office if you'd like to attend.

CAFOD: We are pleased to announce that the recent CAFOD collection raised £1803.02. Thank you for your continued support.

KEEPING SAFE: The increase in Covid rates locally indicates that it is wise to continue to sanitise hands and wear face coverings, if possible, at Mass. Please refrain from attending church if you are unwell.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. It will take place from 18 - 22 July 2022. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780 221686

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Try this online newspaper for free for four weeks. Contact Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email her at: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY: Thank you for supporting the Holy Places with your generous donations.

FREDERICK McSHANE RIP: Friday 22nd April at 10.30am with his committal at Bournemouth Crematorium at 12.15pm. May he rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075

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PRAYERS PLEASE

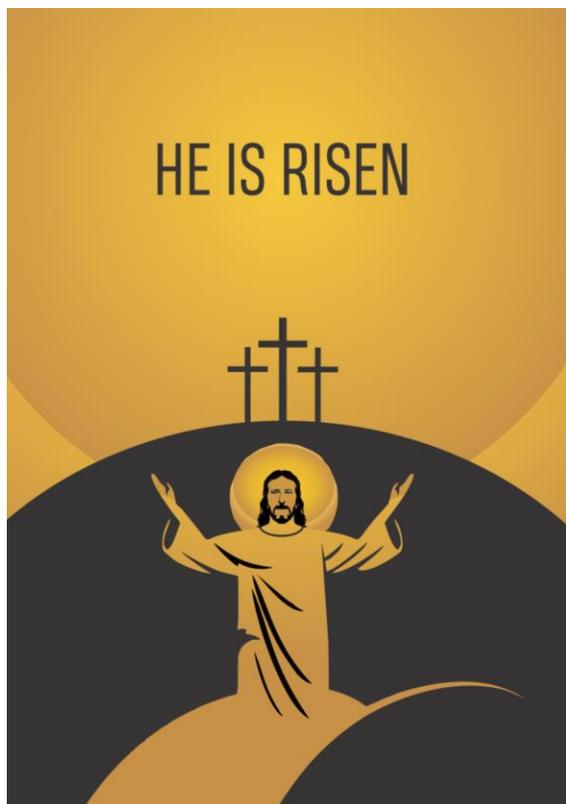
Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Teresa Wraith,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. *'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb'* she said *'and we don't know where they have put him.'*

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this time they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



GOING GREEN: There are many small things we could, and should, be doing to save energy that don't involve major changes but would be a step in the right direction especially if enough of us do them. For instance, replacing filament, fluorescent and halogen bulbs with LEDs. These bulbs are more expensive than the old ones but last a great deal longer so are cost effective in the long run. We guess this is something most people are already doing but if not, why not?

Some energy providers will replace every bulb in your house as long as you are continuing customers but as light bulbs give up the ghost they can be easily and affordably replaced one at a time. Could you increase the use of a microwave, slow cooker or pressure cooker? Even little things like putting lids on saucepans or measuring the amount of water you boil to make drinks can help.

How to be environmentally friendly - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/ztj8kty

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