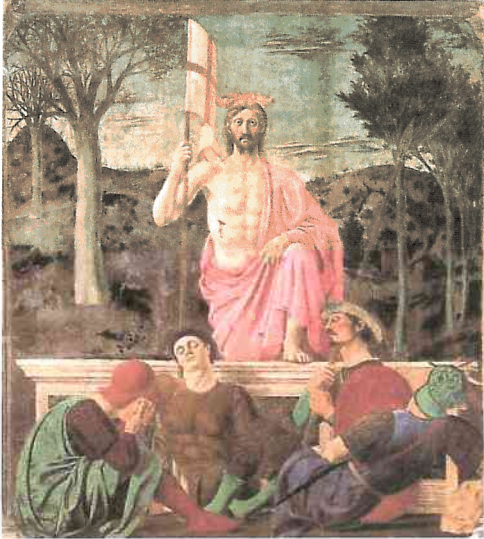


# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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## Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	Monday, 5 p.m.	
	Other weekdays, 10.15 a.m.	
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
	9.45 to 10 a.m.	
	4 to 4.30 p.m.	
	5.30 to 5.45 p.m.	

**Christus resurrexit! Χριστός ἀνέστη!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**Gaudia Pascalia!**  
**Easter joy to you all!**

**Our sincere thanks** to all who helped during Holy Week! We are grateful as always for our pass keepers, readers, altar servers, and Eucharistic ministers. We thank our organists and our cantors for singing so beautifully on Holy Thursday night and at the Easter Vigil. Our sacristan works faithfully in the background. And we are most grateful for flowers beautifully arranged and for altar robes and linen made ready for our celebration. God bless you all.

Those who came to the Easter Vigil are asked to keep the special **parish Easter candles** used during the service.

Our Faithful Departed are especially close to us at Easter. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Simon MacKinnon, Marianne Brooks, Sheena MacConachie, Agnes Maguire, Frank Keenan, Winnie MacLellan, Donald Alistair MacDonald, Rosemary Clark, Ann MacBeth and Duncan MacBeth.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord Jesus.

**Fr. MacKinnon** thanks all those who handed in Easter cards and gifts. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Please remember to hand in your **SCIAF Boxes** as soon as possible!

We wish our **school children and staff** a very pleasant Easter break.

There is an ecumenical **Easter Service** next Sunday in the Church of Scotland in Caol, beginning at 6.30 p.m. Easter is surely the time to share our Christian faith.

**Holy Communion** will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week.



Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song.  
(Pope John Paul II)

The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. (Cardinal Basil Hume)

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise. (Carl Knudsen)

We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. (Pope Francis)

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin:  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen  
Our joy that hath no end. (Saint John of Damascus)

In every grave on earth's green sward is a tiny seed of the resurrection life of Jesus Christ, and that seed cannot perish. It will germinate when the warm south wind of Christ's return brings back the spring-tide to this cold sin-cursed earth of ours; and then they that are in their graves, and we who shall lie down in ours, will feel in our mortal bodies the power of His resurrection, and will come forth to life immortal. (David Gregg)

For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the presence of the risen Jesus Christ. (Fr. Brennan Manning)

The resurrection of Christ changed the midnight of bereavement into a sunrise of reunion; it changed the midnight of disappointment into a sunrise of joy; it changed the midnight of fear to a sunrise of peace. (Billy Graham)

Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen. (Mother Teresa)

God had brought me to my knees and made me acknowledge my own nothingness, and out of that knowledge I had been reborn. I was no longer the centre of my life and therefore I could see God in everything. (Fr. Bede Griffiths)

Angels, roll the rock away;  
Death yield up thy mighty prey:  
See, he rises from the tomb,  
Glowing with immortal bloom. (Thomas Scott)

### Mass of Resurrection

Smiling faces circle the altar,  
heaped with flowers' sweet-smelling sacrifice,  
incense chokes the air, symbol of prayers  
rising to God, wafting all around the world,  
this Easter morning.  
Looking on are the saints  
and all those gone before.  
We invoke them before assembling  
at the table, hungry for love  
and our risen Lord.  
We hold hands,  
pray His prayer,  
open our eyes  
and our hearts  
and see Him  
smiling back at us  
all around the circle. (Sue Donoghue)