

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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## Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday, 5 p.m.  
Other weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday:  
9.45 to 10 a.m.  
4 to 4.30 p.m.  
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

**Christus surrexit! Χριστός ἀνέστη!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Gaudia Pascalia!**

**Easter peace and joy to you all!**

**Our sincere thanks** to all who have once again made Holy Week and Easter such a blessing of us all: Thomas, our deacon, our organist and cantors, our readers and Eucharistic ministers, our pass keepers who have made people so welcome, and our young servers, faithful as always to the altar of God. We thank those who have prepared so beautifully the flowers for our Easter celebration. God bless you all.



At Easter, our Faithful Departed are especially close to us. We remember especially **Archie MacDonald**, who has passed away peacefully in the Belford Hospital after a long illness, borne with great patience. Archie was quite simply a good and faithful man. May he now rest in the peace of his risen Lord. We extend our heartfelt prayer to Eileen and all the family. We remember also those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Betsie MacLean Wilkie, Thomas MacKinnon, Krystyna Wilk, Billy Corrigan, Doctor Charles Connochie, Mary Kate Philips, John Lindsay, Elizabeth Gribben, John MacMaster and Brian Kearney**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and that through the love of the crucified and risen Lord.

We thank the parishioners who shared so prayerfully in our **Way of the Cross** during Lent. It was a very special time for us all.

**Fr. MacKinnon** thanks all those who handed in Easter cards and gifts. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. And a special thanks to those who handed in gifts for our servers.

Please remember to hand in your **SCIAF Boxes** as soon as possible! Fr. MacKinnon is still trying to find out how many 20p coins one can put in a SCIAF box. He should be able to find out in the next week or so.

We thank **Father Wynne** for being our visiting confessor. He really appreciated being with us. After his retirement in June, he will, health permitting, be very happy to help out in St. Mary's.

Outside of the cross of Jesus Christ, there is no hope in this world. That cross and resurrection at the core of the Gospel is the only hope for humanity. Wherever you go, ask God for wisdom on how to get that Gospel in, even in the toughest situations of life.

*Ravi Zacharias*

Many Christians have so busied themselves with programs and activities that they no longer know how to be silent and meditate on God's word or recognize the mysteries that are in the Person of Christ.

*Ravi Zacharias*

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine.

*Dwight L. Moody*

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 first thing that stuck in the minds of the disciples was not the empty tomb, but rather the empty grave clothes - undisturbed in form and position.

*Josh McDowell*

For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ.

*Fr Brennan Manning*

We live and die; Christ died and lived!

*John Stott*

All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, hell afraid of it, while men are the only ones to ignore its meaning.

*Oswald Chambers*

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

*Anon*

Christ is not alive now because he rose from the dead two thousand years ago. He rose from the dead two thousand years ago because he is alive right now.

*Christian Wiman*

Jesus no longer belongs to the past but lives in the present and is projected toward the future; Jesus is the everlasting "today" of God. This is how the newness of God appears to the women, the disciples, and all of us: as victory over sin, evil, and death - over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. And this is a message meant for me and for you, dear sister, you, dear brother. How often does Love have to tell us, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive!

*Pope Francis*

