

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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## Noticeboard

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

*The Masses this week are those of the Octave of Easter.*

## May the Peace and Blessing of the Risen Lord be with you all!

**Our sincere thanks** to all who made our Holy Week services so prayerfully special. God bless you all for all that you do for your Lord and for your parish!

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Winnie MacLellan, Donald Alistair MacDonald, Ian Kerr, James Campbell, Gregore Wilk, Adrienne Filipczak, George Stokes, Rosemary Clark, Ann MacBeth, Duncan MacBeth, Lindsey McMonagle, Donald John MacNeil, Mary Walker, John Deakin, Una Tully, Natalie Smith, Donald MacDonald, Donald MacLennan and Heber McMahon.** We remember very especially **Mary Bogle**, sister of Chrissie MacLean and Jean Bryans, who has died in Leeds. We offer our sympathy and prayer to her husband, her family and all who loved her. May she now rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. And may the souls of all our loved ones rest with him also.

Fr. MacKinnon has been impressed by the **First Confessions** he has already heard. We thank the parents who have obviously prepared their children so well. And we are deeply grateful for the children's recognition of the loved of Jesus in this sacrament.

It is St. Mary's turn to host this year's **Ecumenical Easter Service**. It will take place next Sunday, at 6.30 p.m. Please be part of it.

Fr. MacKinnon has had his eyes tested and is awaiting new spectacles, long overdue. Soon he will see you in all your splendour!

## **An Easter Prayer**

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people  
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.

Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart.  
*Susan Coolidge*

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 MacDowell*

Why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it? What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks  
*Peter Kreeft*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the best attested facts on record. There were so many witnesses to behold it, that if we do in the least degree receive the credibility of men's testimonies, we cannot and we dare not doubt that Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection is a fact better attested than any event recorded in any history, whether ancient or modern.  
*Charles Spurgeon:*

Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.  
*N.T. Wright*

After death something new begins, over which all powers of the world of death have no more might.  
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Martyred by the Nazi regime)*

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

We cannot give up in the face of evil. God is Love and he has defeated evil through Christ's death and resurrection.  
*Pope Francis*