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Easter Sunday

Saturday	30 th	8.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	31 st	8.15 am	Bobby Cullis RIP
		10.30 am	Fred Carruthers RIP
Monday	1 st	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	2 nd	9.30 am	Tom Emery RIP
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to St Jude
Thursday	4 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Friday	5 th	9.30 am	Jim & Krissie White RIP
Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Anne & Mike Steere RIP
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	The Parish
	8 th	10.30 am	Krissie White RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

COLLECTIONS: Church: £539 Digital Collection: £60 Thank you for your generosity.

THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS TO FATHER LIAM (GIFT AIDED)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peter Honiball, Richard Wells, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Sarah Johnstone, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Leslie Green, Bernard Berendt, Jessie Crouch, Joan Emerton, Dick Rains, Lilian Lee, Harry Lambrou, Michael Last, Anthony Lawton, Bernard Smyth, Catherine Edwards, Gladys Feaver, Marie Garselis, Paul Dillon, Edith Gibbs, Kathleen Keohane. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE EASTER MASSES are your personal gift to Father Liam. (Gift Aid applies). If you are not Gift Aiding, special Easter Offering envelopes are in the Porch. If you will be away for Easter you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards

4. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ABORTION LAW: There are postcards in both porches to complete and post to your MP asking them to vote in support of the amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to lower the abortion time limit for the unborn child from 24 weeks down to 22 weeks. Please write the name of your MP and post to House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

5. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.

6. EASTER POSTERS have once again been supplied by our local Knights of St Columba. If you would like to display one in a prominent window of your home, as an act of witness at Easter, they are available in the porches.

7. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is on April 13th Please put the date in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

8. KRISSIE WHITE RIP: Requiem Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd April at St Michael's, High Salvington

9. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese.

10. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER is an exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of the Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker (including Bishop Richard Moth and Father Graham Ricketts) and small group discussions and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April 2024 and will run to the 23rd May. See poster in church porches The Promise Of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, so please book now using the link below to avoid disappointment. You can find more information on the course and book your place here: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father>

11. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

12. TURNING TIDES: Everyday items are always needed: Coffee, Sugar, Long-life Milk, Carton juice - large and small, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals. Many thanks to all who are able to help

FATHER LIAM SAYS: What was the most extraordinary question you were ever asked. It might make very interesting reading if a number of you took over the task of writing this column and telling us about the surprise you got on being asked a particular question. The question that greatly surprised me once was; 'Does coming to the Easter Vigil count as Sunday Mass? Of course, you all know that the celebration of the Easter Vigil is the heart of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Vigil was how Easter was celebrated. It is the oldest and greatest of the Christian feasts. In the early Church there were not several celebrations of the Easter feast. The Mass of the Easter Vigil was how the whole community celebrated Easter day, just as there were not the number of celebrations of Sunday Mass – the whole community gathered to celebrate together. The celebration of the Easter Vigil was prepared for by the forty days of Lent and is extended throughout the whole period of fifty days which we call Paschal tide or Easter Time. This is the great season of rejoicing culminating in the feast of Pentecost, which completes our Easter celebrations. This is because the first Pentecost was the completion of Christ's redeeming work. The General Roman Calendar is the document that regulates how we are meant to view and celebrate the Liturgy. This is what it says about the Easter Season: 'The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost are celebrated as one Feast Day, sometimes called 'The Great Sunday'. The singing of the Alleluia is characteristic of these days. The Sundays of the season are counted as Sundays of Easter'. This shows that the Church today understands Easter in exactly the same way as did the Church in the early centuries. The Calendar and Missal of the Church underwent a major reform sixty years ago in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council. Prior to that the Sundays which followed Easter Sunday were called 'Sundays after Easter – rather than 'Sundays of Easter' as is now the case. We are now meant to regard the season as an uninterrupted celebration of Easter itself. The earliest form of the Liturgical Year consisted simply of Sunday, the Easter Triduum and the fifty days following Easter Sunday. The Triduum means the Three great days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil. The early Church viewed every Sunday as a weekly Easter. The fifty days were viewed as a single day and were designated as 'The Great Sunday'. On these days, fasting, which was a big feature of the early Church, was excluded and kneeling was forbidden. The faithful prayed standing as a sign of the Resurrection and the Alleluia was repeatedly sung. The mystery of the Resurrection permeated the whole season as it the Good News of salvation, the cause of the Church's rejoicing. The Gospel readings recount the appearance of the Risen Lord and his Resurrection is viewed from different perspectives. The active presence of the risen and glorified Christ is foremost in the scriptures during the season. He is contemplated as the Good Shepherd, as the source of the Spirit and the giver of the Living Bread and the Vine from which the branches derive life and sustenance. Since this mystery is indeed Good News for the world, it must be witnessed and proclaimed. Instead of Old Testament readings, the first reading is from the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles is set before us to remind us of the witness borne by the disciples to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. An important way of keeping the Resurrection before our eyes is by the presence of the paschal candle prominently displayed in the Sanctuary. It is lit at every Mass during the Easter Octave and at every Sunday Mass throughout Easter tide. In the Acts of the Apostles, the forty days between Easter Day and the Ascension are recorded as a time when the Risen Lord is visibly present to his Church. We celebrate his continuing presence with us, with the lighted paschal candle as a visual aid. In my memory, the paschal candle was ceremonially extinguished after the Gospel on Ascension Day. But now it remains until Pentecost – the fiftieth day.