

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*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.*

Or

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 117

**RESPONSE:** *This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Alternative reading* 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

**GOSPEL** John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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 moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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## Easter Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

**Sunday Hymns:** Entrance: 275 Jesus Christ is Risen Today Offertory: 243 In Bread We Bring You  
Communion: 14 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks To The Risen Lord Recession: 554: Thine Be The Glory  
**Services During the Octave of Easter**

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil, followed by the First Mass of Easter offered for Canon Mathew George (Foundation Mass).
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira family. Reader A Smith, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary
	10:00 am	Holy Mass for the people of the parish. Reader N Fox, offertory Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister M Geisel
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Dorothy &amp; Rosemary</i>		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		Monday within the Octave of Easter
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Albertina Vieira RIP
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Albertina Vieira RIP
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
	12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Rosario "Roan" Tablante
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		Thursday within the Octave of Easter
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Albertina Vieira RIP
		Friday within the Octave of Easter
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Albertina Vieira RIP, followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy Today, falling within the Octave of Easter, Friday abstinence is suspended.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Second Sunday of Easter Sunday offered for Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader I Suttle, offertory R Hennon

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

My every blessing of the Risen Christ be upon you!

*From Fr Paul Chanh who is privileged to celebrate this Easter with you.*

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:** Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection but invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus - in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Easter Offering:** This weekend, the offertory collection taken at the Easter Vigil service and the two Masses on Easter Sunday morning, will form the customary personal gift from the parish to Fr Paul, our priest.

**Knock Pilgrimage:** There will be a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland, on 4<sup>th</sup> June this year. The escorted pilgrimage costs £949 per person. Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the notice board in the church porch and on the parish web site.

**Easter Weekend:** This weekend, being the second weekend of the month, Fr Luke would usually be celebrating Masses at St Mary Magdalen church. However, being Easter weekend, this will be delayed by one week and Fr Luke will be here next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April, instead.

**Foundation Masses:** Due to administrative lapses as a result of the multiple changes of clergy at St Mary Magdalen church in the last 18 months, a number of Foundation Masses that are established within the parish were not in fact get offered last year. Those that were missed last year will be offered by Fr Paul this year instead, in addition to the Mass scheduled for this year. Apologies to those affected by this oversight. A list of Foundation Masses established within the parish, showing the target date for their celebration and the date they lapse, has been added to the parish web site.

**Parish Key-Holders:** For insurance purposes we need to have a list of key holders for the parish property, and we want to update our records to make sure that we have all the information correctly recorded. There are some forms in the church porch, and on the parish web site, and we would request that anybody that holds any key for parish property completes one of these forms to record their details and details of each of the keys they hold. Please return completed forms to Fr Paul.

**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Jo Fox, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, David Nash, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Leonard Mattingly (1982), Alice Woolley (1966), Michael Staunton (1968), Dora Kuzmiene (2015), Emmie Stoneman (1976), Kevin Barrett (2002), Timothy Curran (2000), Margaret Flynn (1963), Doreen Andrews (2005), Daniello De Dona (2020), Terence Sparkes (1997) Ernie Lacey (2005) and Audrey Smith (2004) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace*