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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

“They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day”

The Mass Readings: See from page 271 in *Sunday Missal*

The Order of Mass: See from page 449 in *Sunday Missal*

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Easter Sunday 5 April	9am 11am	Raymonda Valiukeviciute RIP Joan Baker Birthday Thanksgiving & Blessings
Easter Monday 6	9:30am	Catherine Sheridan birthday thanksgiving
Easter Tuesday 7	9:30am	Sr Margaret Cashman
Easter Wednesday 8	9:30am	Sr Mary Whelan
Easter Thursday 9	9:30am	Sr Mary Holmes
Easter Friday 10	9:30am	Sr Munanie Syengo Juliana
Easter Saturday 11	9:30am 6pm	Viroshi Livera RIP (1 st Anniversary) People of the Parish

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER: The joy of Easter is so great that the Church celebrates it for eight full days — the Easter Octave. Every day this week is treated as Easter Day itself, filled with celebration, prayer, and thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Christ. The Octave concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday. The celebration of the Lord's Resurrection continues throughout the Easter Season, lasting for 50 days until Pentecost. It is a joyful time when we reflect on the new life Christ has won for us and deepen our faith in the Risen Lord.

PARISH NOTICES:

WITH GREAT JOY, we congratulate **Jude Ikonomi** who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, and **Sonia Theresa Gregoire, Charlotte Cunningham** and **Martyna Zelazna** who received Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice with them as they become full and active members of our parish community. May their faith continue to grow and flourish!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: NEXT SUNDAY

9am, 11am & 6pm – Mass

2pm: Rosary + Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers + Holy Hour of Adoration

UPDATING THE LIST OF OUR DECEASED:

From next Sunday, the list of deceased family members, relatives, and friends published in the parish newsletter will include **only those who have passed away recently**. This change is simply due to **space limitations** and does not mean that those mentioned previously are forgotten. It is important to remember that the **names of all the deceased of our parish are recorded permanently in the Parish Book of Remembrance** and will never be removed. We continue to **pray regularly for all our departed brothers and sisters**, asking the Lord to grant them eternal rest.

AUGUSTINIAN MISSION APPEAL:

Raised a total of **£733.27** – thanks for your generosity!

MASS TIMES:

Monday to Saturday: 9:30am

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am (live streaming)

NO EVENING MASS TODAY

GROUP MASSES:

Ugandan: 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm

Filipino: 3rd Sunday of month at 2pm

Hispanic: Last Sunday of month at 1:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays: 10 - 11am & 6.30 - 7:30pm

Confessions – Saturdays: 10 - 11am & on request

CHURCH OFFERINGS / DONATIONS:

For **weekly offerings or donations via our Bank**, please use the following Account (and specify who is the beneficiary of your offering). Thank You!

Bank Name: NatWest

Account Name: RCAS ROEHAMPTON

Account Number: 11716401

Branch sort code: 60-07-20

Those who are in the **GIFT AID scheme** and wish to give their donation online should make use of the following account number:

Bank Name: NatWest

Account Name: RCAS ST JOSEPH - COVENANT INCOME ACCOUNT - ROEHAMPTON

Account Number: 11732709

Branch sort code: 60-07-20

CARD MACHINE:

A **card machine** is available at the back of the church. Please follow the on-screen instructions. Donations can also be **made from your phone** using this **QR code**.



MASS INTENTIONS:

To request a Mass intention, please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it to a priest or the Parish Office, or select “Mass Intention” on the card machine. The diocesan suggested offering is £10. This is not a fee, but a voluntary offering given in support of the priest and the mission of the Church.

ROEHAMPTON UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY:



To stay in touch – scan the QR code and click the WhatsApp link.

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HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

Sunday 19 April – 4:30pm

Join with the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide law.

On Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm (UK time), the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. We are asking the parishes and Catholic communities of our two nations to unite and hold a Holy Hour on the same day as the Bishops.

This is to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, reaffirmed the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urged Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. Archbishop Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, asked for a special prayerful focus on those who are suffering near the end of their lives and those who care for them

(<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/>)

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS

read by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, St Peter's Square,

EASTER SUNDAY, 20 APRIL 2025, (Extracts)

Mary Magdalene, seeing that the stone of the tomb had been rolled away, ran to tell Peter and John. After receiving the shocking news, the two disciples also went out and — as the Gospel says — “the two were running together” (Jn 20:4). The main figures of the Easter narratives all ran! On the one hand, “running” could express the concern that the Lord's body had been taken away; but, on the other hand, the haste of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John expresses the desire, the yearning of the heart, the inner attitude of those who set out to search for Jesus. He, in fact, has risen from the dead and therefore is no longer in the tomb. We must look for him elsewhere.

This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen; he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.

For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of “religious reassurance.”

We pray for the Eternal Rest of: Hema Gunasekara, Jojo Gomez, Amandus Kalombo, John O'Connor, V. Coker Appiah, Thomasina Pereira, Pius Adiboye, Antonia Ajiboye, Ricardo Santiago, Isabella Vecino, Johanita Dogbey, James, Chris O'Reilly, Ellen Cliff, Darren Brady, Leyland Phillips, Christine Doyle, Flaviana, Paul Bahoshy, John Corcoran, David Coughlan, Stanley Lassow, Esther Whelan, Michael Dundon, Fr Jake Dicto, Mary Kilderry, Nick Murphy, Malcolm Mitchell, Shiela Brady, Majorie Chapman, Hanna Okyere, Albert Mensakane, Jeannette Said, Frieda Bradbury, Honorio Aquillano, Antonio Remorin, Jean-Luc Viart, John Brazil, Nanda Gunasekara, Anne Murphy, Helen Iwo, Reena George, Anthony Adansi, Jovencio Domingo, Teresa Ryan, Clair Moore

We pray for our sick: Abdalla Khadra, Alison Conte, Amduth Lallbeharry, Bridget Gordon, Caroline Ighodaro, Caterina Goodhart, Catherine Corcoran, Chris Chrystal, Debbie Alexander, Denise & Fabrizio Panattoni, Dolores Sears, Erlinda Turnbull, Ernest Osei, Florisa Di Valentino, Genevieve Destot, James Tackie, Jeanne Smith, Len & Ray McCabe, Mary Clayson, Mary Newman, Myra Young, Nathalie Williams, Rory Bajdan, Zuzana, Mary Masterson, Michael Tyler, Mary Crassweller, Richard, Joana de Paula, Barry Smith, Danusia Mytko, Cordelia Alexander, Orleen McIntosh,

On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can “see beyond,” to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his resurrection.

Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. Phil 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ.

we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life. The risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. To him, conqueror of sin and death, we want to say:

“Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. [...] Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old” (A. Zari, *Quasi una preghiera*).

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.



**Happy & Blessed Easter
to you all!**

**May the Risen Lord grant you
the beauty of his peace, the
joy of his love, and the power
of his healing grace.**