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THE GLORY OF EASTER – ALLELUIA: THE LORD IS RISEN

ALL CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In PENZANCE I offer a Private Mass each morning at 8.30 a.m. Sundays at 11 a.m.

Mass intentions this week

11TH THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL *Those to be received*

12TH EASTER SUNDY 11.00 a.m. *Parish and People*

13TH EASTER MONDAY 8.30 a.m. *Bill Gadd RIP*

14TH EASTER TUESDAY 8.30 a.m. *Robert Garrett
Walmsley RIP*

15TH EASTER WEDNESDAY 8.30 a.m. *Blanch Backhouse
RIP*

16TH EASTER THURSDAY 8.30 a.m. *Mgr Anthony Stark
RIP*

17TH EASTER FRIDAY 8.30 a.m. *Len & Sheila Lockwood
RIP*

18TH EASTER SATURDAY 8.30 a.m. *Carlos Valseca RIP*

19TH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11.00 a.m. *Parish and People*

It is a great privilege for a priest to be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, and you can all seek the fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass through a spiritual communion, using the prayer below This reminds us that Jesus does not abandon His people, but draws near, indeed comes into the heart of each one, if we turn to him.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

My dear People, it seems almost unreal to wish you a happy and blessed Easter this year, but I do so and I mean it, for however much we all miss each other and the weekly/daily gathering for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other religious and social gatherings, we are all walking the Way of the Cross as the lockdown continues, the central truth of faith remains:

The Lord is risen: He is risen indeed.

In all this we can spend more time in prayer, and as we do, please keep all who are sick and dying in prayers, and pray for Derek Andrews, who had a massive heart attack and died as he was applauding the NHS on Maundy Thursday; remember his dear wife Anna and the family at this time.

I try and keep in touch, a lot of phone calls and many emails. Do keep in touch with each other if you have contact details, as we are bound together in the common faith.

I am very grateful to those who have sent Easter cards and offerings. Many thanks to you.

During Holy Week I did offer Mass daily, as ever, on one occasion using the 'High Altar' designed by J. Hansom in 1868, and on Wednesday the Crypt chapel with the two graves of Father Hearn and John Burke.

The Solemn Prayers of Good Friday are very ancient, but as ever relevant part of our Liturgy. This year an additional prayer was added which is below for us to go on using:

For the afflicted in time of pandemic.

Let us pray for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died (Pray in silence, then)

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful conditions of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

All our parishioners: For evangelisation in the parish. For all across the world caught up in natural disaster and Corona virus, and all NHS & all other emergency and vital workers and services.

For all on our Sacramental programmes of Journey in Faith: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, & Confirmation.

Our own sick, housebound & those in Hospitals or Hospice: Ray & Christine Blaker, Lynda Cripps, Christine Bunt, Tom Dauncey Jnr, Jackie Corsi, Sue Rowies, Hugo (3), Tony Noonan, Caroline Schofield, Grace Bailey, Fr. Richard Finn O.P. Kathy & Bob Carr, Roy Mulholland, Patsy & John Stevens, John Chamberlain, Christine Knowles, Audrey Evans, Anna Andrews, Sheila Devey, Elliot Slade, Lisa Thomas, Barbara Drew, Eileen Carson, Tony King, Daniel McWilliams, Len Hall, Dee Pascoe Carrie Williams, & Terry Newman and those with virus, Maura O'Toole (Bishop Mark's mother) & Bridget (Mary Jasper's daughter) and all lonely in the present crisis.

For those who have died, Derek Andrews, Fr. David White, Fr Geoffrey Nixon, and for all who mourn.

Please continue to look at our website, full of up-to-date information, and where you can stream Mass from various venues. When you are watching, or joining me at home each morning at 8.30 a.m. do use the prayer above at the time of communion. I know some were very grateful to have some of the Holy Week music we are so blest with here, live recordings from some previous years, thanks to David and Tony who sort the things out!

Some Items from last week: Guidance from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales on various matters that concern us. I have left these another week, in case people hadn't read them, or only just looked at our website..

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to the earlier guidance it is to be noted that confessions cannot be heard over the telephone. Requests for individual confession may be difficult to meet, given the demands of social distancing and the closure of our churches. Further guidance on this Sacrament is given below in the context of Easter Duties.

Dispensation from Easter Duties

In their letter of 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said "*in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.*"

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says *each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year.* The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916).

As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of

England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that he continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

If you are not watching elsewhere, you are welcome join me at the given times in your own homes, (not in church)

As priests over 70 the Bishop will not allow us to make any visits. **If someone needs the Last Rites, ring me, and one of the younger priests will come to you.**

DAY BY DAY: I know some of you value this, and all the Lent ones went. Eastertide are here, and if you would like a copy be in touch and I can post one to you.

Smile lines- Hope to cheer you up!

Interesting Definitions

Adult: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Chickens: The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

Dust: Mud with the juice squeezed out

Egotist: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation

Gossiper: A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

Handkerchief: Cold Storage.

Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

What a life: I have become older since I last saw you. A few changes have come into my life. Frankly I have become a Frivolous Old Girl. I'm seeing gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays with me the rest of the day –he doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker.

The local priest was driving down a country lane in his Fiat 500 when a Mercedes careered round the bend, spun out of control and crashed into the Fiat. The driver of the Mercedes staggered over to the priest, 'By all the saints in heaven!' said the priest, 'you nearly killed me!' 'I'm sorry, Father,' apologized the man taking a flask of whisky from his pocket. 'Here, have a drink of this, it'll clam your nerves.' 'Why there's more than an ounce of goodness in you, my son,' taking a generous swig, 'to be sure a drop of the old stuff won't go amiss at a time like this.' He took another gulp. 'Here,' he handed the flask back, 'have a swig yourself.' 'Oh no, Father,' said the man, calmly, 'I'll just wait here till the police arrive.'