



# NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

Jesus Appears to the Disciples



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

We bask in the light of the risen Lord. During this year's Holy Week and these days of the Easter Octave, the prophecies in the Hebrew scriptures (particularly Isaiah), the words of the Gospels and those of the Acts of the Apostles have enabled us to relive the most dramatic events of human history and to see discipleship in action from apostolic times. Although these texts report historical realities, St. John's Gospel has an additional quality which must not be overlooked. His text is the fruit of a dedicated discipleship at least twenty years longer than that of Matthew, Mark or Luke emerging as a written work around 85AD. Consequently, John is not primarily concerned with conveying the biographical details of Jesus, but with escorting his readers through a process of discovery – the discovery of our own vocation to be disciples of Jesus. In Jn17:26, Jesus says “Father, I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you had for me may be in them and I in them”. Therefore, whenever John's text refers to “The disciple Jesus loved” or “The beloved disciple”, on one level, it seems that John may be referring to himself, but on a deeper level, John is referring to each and every person who seeks to know and follow Jesus. John puts US at the very heart of the Gospel as if standing next to him as witnesses to the words and actions of Jesus. I invite you to start reading John's Gospel from start to finish this

Eastertide, to reawaken the call to be disciples of the risen Lord. You will be amazed at how the text hits you with its immediacy and relevance. Here's a few tasters to get you started:  
“To those who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God” (Jn1:12).  
“Lord, to whom would we go? You have the message of Eternal Life” (Jn 6:68).  
“Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'” (Jn 20:29).

Fr. Anthony Furlong IC

## Today's Readings

Acts 2: 42–47; [9 am Mass only: Psalm 117. **Response: "Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever."**]; 1 Peter 1: 3–9; John 20: 19–31.

## Sunday's Music (11am)

Kitson Mass in D  
Elgar Ave Maria  
Elgar Ave Maris Stella  
Credo III, Regina caeli, Domine salvam fac  
**Organ Voluntary: Elgar** Vesper Voluntary in D

Music Director: Robert Patterson

## Thought for the week

According to Christian philosophy, many temporal benefits can be obtained by prayer, without the need for miracles. This truth presupposes another truth, that when at the beginning God had chosen the order of events which follow one another, He had foreseen, from that very moment, all the prayers and the desires of the just, with the result that He had predisposed things in such a wonderful way in the universe that those prayers were answered in the natural succession of events by granting the requested favour or some greater favour. In this way God disposed that this or that benefit was in harmony with the universal good.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

## Please Support Us



## Let us remember in our prayers:

Cormac Clancy to be baptized today. Those who are sick, especially Geoffrey Cobden and John Manning.

## Holy Places

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places and the Christians of Palestine raised £441.64. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

For Young Adults in Vilnius, Lithuania with the Assumption group from 6-12 June. Take part in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy, an international Catholic gathering held in the birthplace of the Divine Mercy devotion. Cost: £600 + travel. Register by 30th April, for more information visit [www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/](http://www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/) or email [rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org).

## Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Couples marking Silver, Ruby or Golden Wedding Anniversaries are most welcome to receive blessings or renew their wedding vows as part of our Sunday celebrations. To book, please email us: [enquiries@stetheldreda.com](mailto:enquiries@stetheldreda.com)

## Getting married at St Etheldreda's – how to proceed

You should e-mail the Parish Priest at least 6 months before your intended wedding explaining who you are, your religious background, why you wish to get married at St Etheldreda's, and when (exact day, if possible). If the church accepts your request you will be invited to a preliminary meeting where the initial paperwork will be completed and the whole procedure will be explained and set in motion.

## Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

## Quasimodo Sunday

Today, the Octave Day of Easter, is traditionally called *Quasimodo Sunday* after the first words of the Introit at Mass: *Quasi modo geniti infantes* ('Like newborn babes, you must long for the pure spiritual milk ...', 1 Peter 2: 2). Quasimodo of Notre Dame fame was so named because he was found abandoned as a baby in the cathedral on Quasimodo Sunday. Other names for today: '*Low Sunday*' – perhaps to point the contrast with the high feast of Easter Sunday; *Dominica in albis [depositis]* – the Sunday when the white garments (of those baptized at Easter) were laid aside; also *St Thomas Sunday* (after today's Gospel). It is now officially called 'Second Sunday of Easter'. Pope John Paul II decreed that this Sunday be known also as *Divine Mercy Sunday*.

## Vocations Weekend for Women

Discerning God's call in your life. This 'Come and See' weekend is organized by the Faithful Companions of Jesus, giving space to explore the calling to religious life. For booking information visit: [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## Speranza Choir Easter Concert - CRUCIFIXUS

Join Speranza Choir for their upcoming concert on 17 April 2026, to hear the best of Medieval and Renaissance Easter music. The concert features compositional masters such as Antonio Lotti, William Byrd, Henry Purcell, Hildegard von Bingen and Jean L'Héritier amongst many others, at St. Dominic's Priory - The Rosary Shrine, NW5 4LB. Here's the link to the event: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/speranza-choir/speranza-choir-easter-concert-crucifixus/2026-04-17/19:30/t-pllopvj>

## Collections

Easter Sunday Collections were for the Parish clergy. The total came to: £956.15 of which £153 was Gift Aided. Many thanks for your generosity. Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£565.10**. Thank you.



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## Mass Intentions

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Second Sunday of Easter  
9.00 am  
John McKay GE  
11.00 am  
For the people of the parish

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
Bayardo Ruiz GE

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
Brian Patterson RIP

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Feria  
1.00 pm  
John O'Connor GE

Frid 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Feria  
1:00 pm  
John Tungay RIP

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