

Our Church on Easter Sunday



The cloths on the sanctuary are from different countries, indeed different continents, Bolivia, India, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras and . The stole on the wooden cross was made in the Amazon, the only one in the world! The figures tell the Gospel story from the Annunciation to the Ascension of Jesus. The bowl containing the grapes is from China. These are there not just to bring colour but to remind ourselves that we belong to a global Church and that whenever we celebrate the Mass we unite ourselves with those who are living in very different, and often very difficult circumstances of abject poverty, hunger, torture, murder, the lack of human rights, committing ourselves to being in solidarity with them all.

#### Fr Joe Falloon

Fr Joe recently had a fall and is currently in a Nursing Home. His contact telephone No: 00353 191 23940 ext 3029  
Fr Joe is agreeable to this number being published.



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## **Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship**

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass  
IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

**Easter Sunday 12th April 2020**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday:	People of the Parish	Easter Vigil
Sunday:	James Joseph Crewdson	
Monday:	Alberto Griggio	
Tuesday:	John Smith	
Wednesday:	Special Intention (EH—Recovery)	
Thursday:	Jack Lendymore Riley	
Friday:	Frank Holmes	
Saturday:	Ester Vigil	
Sunday:	People of the Parish	

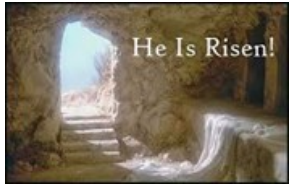
There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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### **We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**



It is now 40 years since the National Pastoral Congress held in Liverpool and the above words became the catch phrase for those who were present as they were set to music. They are as relevant today as then. At the heart of our faith is the Resurrection of Jesus and below you will find a reflection by Carlo Caretto in Blessed are you who believed

***“When the world seems a defeat for God and you are sick with the disorder, the violence, the terror, the war on the streets; when the earth seems to be chaos, say to yourself, ‘Jesus died and rose again on purpose to save, and his salvation is already with us.***

***When your father or your mother, your son or your daughter, your spouse or your friend are on their deathbed, and you are looking at them in the pain of parting, say ‘We shall see each other again in the kingdom; courage...’***

***Every departing missionary is an act of faith in the resurrection.***

***Every newly opened leper hospital is an act of faith in the resurrection.***

***Every peace treaty is an act of faith in the resurrection.***

***Every agreed commitment is an act of faith in the resurrection.***

***When you forgive your enemy***

***When you feed the hungry***

***When you defend the weak***

***You believe in the resurrection.***

***When you have the courage to marry***

***When you welcome the newly born child***

***When you build your home***

***You believe in the resurrection.***

***When you wake at peace in the morning***

***When you sing to the rising sun***

***When you go to work with joy***

***You believe in the resurrection.”***

### **Thought for the Week in these times of the Pandemic**

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“And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced, some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices, and dreamed new images and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.” Kitty O’Meara

### **Easter Duties**



As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time and possibly for some time ahead, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020, so that the consciences of people may be reassured and any scruples which they may have be eased.

### **Easter Greetings**



In spite of the current situation of isolation and social distancing we can still offer each other the blessings of this great Solemnity of Easter. May the risen Lord be in our hearts and in our actions.



If anyone needs assistance please contact Fr Bernard 01457 872603 or [nard.bickers@sacredheartparishorg.uk](mailto:nard.bickers@sacredheartparishorg.uk) in the first instance. Several parishioners have volunteered to help and we are building up a list.