From Sunday's Gospel



Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they

have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, how-

ever, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.

> SUNDAY 4th April 2021 Adapted from John 20:1-9 Easter Sunday Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, "Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God! Christ is risen! Christ is alive!"

Today's word is **Easter.** Easter Sunday is the

day when the Church throughout the world especially remembers and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus - his rising in glory. After Jesus had died, the disciples were afraid that the people who had crucified him would now be looking for them too. Jesus' resurrection and miraculous appearance would have encouraged the disciples. When we listen to Jesus, we are filled with words of encouragement. Who encourages us and keeps us going when we find things difficult? What did they do? How does it feel to be encouraged? Have we ever encouraged anyone? Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness



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Easter Sunday

April 4th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS EACH DAY THIS WEEK DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	8.00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 9.00am		Diamond Wedding—Peter & Stella Rudd
		(Live streamed without a congregation)

11,00am Fr Tony Pearson

Monday:	10.00am Joe McKendrick
Tuesday:	9.30am Recovery from illness
Wednesday:	12.00noon November Dead List
Thursday:	9.30am Private Intention (Sr Teresa Barry)
Friday	9.30am Walter Bickers
Saturday:	10.00am Yorkshire Brethren
	6.00pm Tara Dyson
Sunday:	9.00am People of the Parish
	(live streamed without a congregation)

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DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

Each day this week in the Octave of Easter is regarded as Easter Sunday and thanks to the generosity of the stewards/cleaners the church will be open each day for the celebration of Mass. The times are as normal apart from Monday which is a Bank Holiday and Mass will be at the slightly later time of 10.00am.

"On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry—old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling—and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to

depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have. We don't realise all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here

to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.

The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning." John O'Donohue Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomoroe Abbey 2016)

Stewards/Cleaners Easter Octave

Saturday April 3rd 8.00pm: Tessa Spalding and Celia Hall Sunday April 4th 11.00am: Mary Farmer & Liz Moores Monday April 5th 10.00am: Susan and Jan Gedzielewski Tuesday April 6th 9.30am: Michelle Mowinski & Celia Hall Wednesday April 7th 12.00 noon: Carol Street-Brown & Tessa Spalding Thursday 8th April 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Liz Taylor Friday 9th April 9.30am: Claire Ward & Susan Gedzielewski Saturday 10th April 10.00am: Michelle Mowinski & Mary Farmer Saturday 10th April 6.00pm: Liz Taylor & Ian Charnock



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL Please remember in your prayers the following intention: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Common misunderstandings of dementia



There is much popular misunderstanding and confusion about dementia. Perhaps not surprising since there is still much to learn about the condition. In general we still don't know exactly what causes it and although there are treatments, there is no known cure. However, there are certain things we can say for definite and which should help you if you are concerned that you or someone close to you may have it. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing, if it was everyone over the age of 65 would have it. It also occurs in

younger people too.

- You cannot catch dementia—it is not contagious
- People with dementia are not children, and will respond to how you treat them. They can still understand what is going on, even if they can't tell you they understand.
- Many people with dementia, with the right support and access to help and information can lead productive and happy lives for many years

"Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You.