

Easter Day

5th April 2026

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

Collect for Easter Morning

Lord of all life and power,
Who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son overcame the old order
of sin and death
To make all things new in him:
Grant that we, being dead to sin
And alive to you in Christ Jesus,
May reign with him in glory;
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit
Be praise and honour, glory and might,
Now and in all eternity.

Amen.

First Reading (Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Psalm (Psalm 118)

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians
So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel (John 20:1-18)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her,

"Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from
the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher,
Sheila Hoppenbrouwers,
Fr Michael Shier,
Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti,
Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram,
Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas,
Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich,
Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista,
Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini,
Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw,
Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sue Bloom,
Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden,
Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah,
Martha de Graft-Johnson, David Wilkinson,
Josea Cabey

Among the departed:

Connie Brisco, Eamon Irvine, David Crowley

Anniversaries of Death:

Douglas Powell, Mary Nunn,
Henry William Knott, Guy Vesey Hawtrey,
Sophie Cowley, Mary Maude Boys,
Frederick Penny Vasey (Pr), Theresa Menlah Miah.

In our parish:

We pray for Moorfields Eye Hospital and Leysian House

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

No Open Church or Mass this week

Next Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am Parish Mass

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish, Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce. Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels, disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues