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**Fr Albert Ofere**

## **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**31st March 2024**

*"We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song"*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April for the role of women** - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

<b>Sun 31st</b>	(Sat) 8 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Int People of the Parish P & K Howley R.I.P.	<b>No Sunday Evening Mass</b>
<b>Mon 1st</b>	Monday within Octave of Easter	M Hennessy R.I.P.; M Carney R.I.P.; F Olaso R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 2nd</b>	Tuesday within Octave of Easter	O Pereira Int; O T George R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	Wednesday within Octave of Easter	D Allam R.I.P.	
<b>Thurs 4th</b>	Thursday within Octave of Easter	M Brady Int; C Dias Int	
<b>Fri 5th</b>	Friday within Octave of Easter	B Moran R.I.P.	
<b>Sat 6th</b>	Saturday within Octave of Easter	Private Int	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>
• <b>Mass Books: Order of the Mass: Page 7 – Easter Sunday : Prayers and Readings of the day: Page 220</b>			

### **Reflection**

Our readings today bring home to us with tremendous enthusiasm and fervour how our faith life is meaningless if not rooted in the resurrection of Jesus. The gospel is not merely a story in which we are offered the good example of a man who lived a life of love. It is much more, for it shows us that God has renewed our life totally from within through the Spirit of the Risen Christ who now lives in us. In the world of the New Testament many doubted the resurrection and poured scorn on the idea. The same is true today and perhaps this is not an unreasonable response when confronted with the apparent finality of death. Yet the entire New Testament is a witness to the faith of those who affirmed the resurrection as much more than an historical fact. For them it was the ultimate transforming truth and it remains so for those who celebrate it today. This explains why, 'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.' (St Augustine)



*Fr Albert wishes you and your Families a blessed and happy Easter.*

- **Thank You:** *My thanks to all who helped in any way during Holy Week and Easter ceremonies; the altar servers, the readers, the choir, flower arrangers and all those who cleaned and prepared our Church so well for us. Thanks also to the people who cut the grass and tidied the church grounds. Well done to everyone!*

#### REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

**R: alleluia**

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Has risen, as he said,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Pray for us to God,

**R: alleluia!**

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

**R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!**

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **Fr Albert will not be available** this Monday evening.
- Parish Office will be closed this week.

- **Brighton Marathon is next Sunday.** Martin's Marathon Number is 22869. Forms available in the porch to sponsor Martin Wright. To donate online <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark>

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- **Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday: Novena concludes with Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Devotion beginning at 2.40 p.m.**

#### Act of Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things*

*and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,*

*come spiritually into my soul*

*so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen*

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- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box will be available next week-end. Your box number remains the same. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details. Standing Order forms are also available.
- **Gift Aid:** *If you are a UK taxpayer, you can add an extra 25p to every £1 that you give – at no cost to yourself with Gift Aid. All you have to so do is fill in a form (giving your name, address and the date) and sign a declaration saying you pay more tax than the amount that we will reclaim*

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