

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY: My dear People, I wish you the joy of today's feast: Jesus is risen Alleluia! It is wonderful that we can celebrate together in Church in a fairly normal way this Feast of feasts, giving praise to God for this wondrous truth of our salvation which has changed everything and indeed can change everyone. In the midst of so much anxiety, suffering and death in our world, we see that death does not have the last word but life. This is the word of hope we can share with others who despair, become cynical or indifferent, or those who have lost loved ones. God himself in his Son has shared our human condition even unto death, death on a cross. But God has raised him high and given him a name above all other names. The name by which we are saved and indeed the world can be saved

Our Lord has conquered sin and destroyed its power over us. We reflect on our world with the Pandemic and War which threatens Europe as well as countries in Africa and indeed in the Far East. We think of all the injustices that oppress so many not least the poor. The greed that threatens our planet.

Evil does not have the last word but love and mercy, despite what we deserve. In the risen Jesus we see that things can change even given the terrible evils committed in our world.

And as we should not despair of our world and always seek to make a difference in our world, little as our lives seem to matter; so too, we should never despair of ourselves. If there are things we have become aware of in our lives that we need to say sorry for, repent of, if there are people we should be reconciled with, now is the time. Let us make the purpose to meet our Lord in the sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as we are able. We can make a difference in our world through always living as Christians knowing that any act of love – no matter how small - shares in the power of the resurrection and is stronger than the evil around us.

The risen Lord brings new life from evil and brings in a new creation, in which all is now possible, not least he makes us anew in his image and likeness as the Risen Lord. All things are now possible that is our joy today! As the Church sings in the Exultet at the Easter Vigil:

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

Because in Jesus we too are risen. Through our Baptism we share his risen life. We are alive with his life which nothing can destroy or conquer. Hope is based not on human frailty but on Christ who lives never more to die and lives in us. Joy fill us, our Church, our world and heaven itself because the True the Good the Beautiful has won out.

We all love a happy ending to a film, our world is guaranteed a happy ending, even though we pass through dark times! But our suffering and difficulties through faith share in the cross of Christ and in doing that we share in his resurrection even now. AS the Holy Father said in a phone call to an Italian programme: *the Resurrection is not just a happy ending, it is the promise of love which helps us pass this difficult road... This comforts us and gives us strength*

I think it is something of this that always brings tears to my eyes at Easter the tears of pure and unadulterated joy. But there should be a deep joy that marks us always as an Easter people.

In Matthew's account of the woman at the tomb, they are told twice not to be afraid and that they would see our Lord in Galilee. As a sign of the truth of his words, he appears to the women. We too through faith encounter the Risen Lord much more than we know. In our world and lives, our Galilee, he is present for he is risen. At this time of suffering and uncertainty for the future he is with us: He says to us: Do not be afraid. We have his promise you will see me there in Galilee in your lives. The Lord is risen and alive and with us.

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.'

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Our Lady of Victories

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17th April 2022
First Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 8.00pm: Easter Vigil: People of the Parish

9.00am Mass: Helena Nowakowska RIP Anniv

11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass: Ann Hulme RIP (Morgan)

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass: Andrew's Ints (Slawek)

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass: John Perkins RIP (Shearer)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass: Stefania Fialkowski RIP - no coffee

Friday within the Octave of Easter

7.00pm Mass: Morgan family

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

9.00am Mass: Angela Butlin RIP(School Governors)

11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP anniv



*He must rise
from the Dead.*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: *On this great feast may I take this opportunity of wishing you all the Joy of the risen Christ. And may I thank all who have helped us celebrate the Easter Triduum & all who keep the Parish running—, the musicians and singers, the altar servers, readers, those who have prepared our wonderful flowers, those who have cleaned the Church our sacristans, our catechists, our welcomers, EM's and admin support and all who have helped in any way. May I thank all who help run our Parish & school in all the varied ministries and activities. "Love lives again, Alleluia*



May God Bless you all and you loved ones in these coming Days of Easter Joy. Fr. Chris

COVID-19: We are now making all the benches available for people to sit on except those under the Choir gallery at the back. These remain for social distancing. A reminder that if you do not want people to sit next to you, please put your Hymn book or mass book on the bench.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth. Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen.

Information from Caritas on the Ukraine and the Welcome scheme is available from the [Grapevine Newsletter](#) Also see **Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN)** <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>



Mr Mark Grieves died on 19th March. His funeral Mass will take place on Thursday April 28th at 3.00pm

EASTER OFFERING: Traditionally the Easter Offering goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms a major part of his income for the year. Envelopes for the Offering can be found at the back of Church.

Easter Walk with me booklets for adults and Calendars for children are available in the Church entrance. They help us to pray the great Season of easter for which we have been preparing

Inaugurated in 2021 by the Cathedral Chapter and with Bishop Patrick as its President, 'The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral' aims to support the work and mission of the Cathedral through prayer, encouragement of social and cultural opportunities, and financially in order to maintain its position as a magnificent spiritual and culture gem at the heart of the city and Diocese. Our Mother Church needs your support. To find out more about the Friends or to become a 'Friend' please email: nottinghamcathedral.friends@gmail.com

JOURNEY IN HOPE is a series for members of parish outreach groups who would like to regroup and explore new mission challenges after the Covid-19 lockdown. Six reflective Eastertide sessions, inspired by Scripture and the writings of Pope Francis, take place on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.00pm from 3rd May. You can find out more www.bit.ly/JourneyinHopeSessions, and book your place at www.bit.ly/JourneyinHopeZoom

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** at Torch House will be on the 21st April at 10:30 a.m. Once again, the plan will be for everyone to come along and share fellowship together over a drink and a little something to eat. At 11.30 we'll have a time of sung worship and then some prayer. There's no need to book - you can just turn up. We do hope that you will be able to join us. Torch Trust Torch House, Torch Way, Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 9HL



Saturday 23rd April, from 10am until midday. **SPUC pro-life chain.** A peaceful witness to remember the nearly ten million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1967. Time: 10am until midday. Venue: Trent Bridge, Nottingham (meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen, on the north side of the bridge, at 9.50am). For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham or contact John on 40daysforlifenotts@gmail.com or 07757 815625.



'A RECITAL FOR SPRING' - St. Mary's Church, Husband Bosworth. Friday, 22 April 2022 starting at 19:00hrs. £10 per ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and nibbles. Fourteen year old Mila, a former chorister at Manchester Cathedral and Chetham's School of Music, studies singing at Wells Cathedral School under Mr Andrew Kidd. She is the BBC Young Chorister of the Year highly commended runner up 2021 and has recorded songs for radio as a soloist with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC Concert Orchestra. Tickets available on the evening or be emailing fr.matthew.pittam@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH WELCOMING: We need more people especially for Sun Morning and in particular for the 9.00am Mass. We are drawing a rota together. Please do consider helping out in this ministry to welcome Parishioners new and old. Feel free to contact either of us if you would just like to chat about it. Many thanks, Beatrice ([01858 465492](tel:01858465492)) and Theresa ([07748 591398](tel:07748591398)) or email tootskendrick@sky.com

Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at cafod.org.uk/Ukraine.



I just wanted to let you know about **The Mark 10 Mission Little Liturgies**. We launched some new virtual liturgies a couple of weeks ago. They have been created specifically for children under 8. Thanks be to God, they are being very well received in our primary schools. We will be putting out a new little liturgy each Friday and they can always be found by following this link: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies>

RESULTS OF THE APRIL DRAW:

1st Prize £70 A Burgess ticket No 40; 2nd Prize £30 D Morgan ticket No 44
3rd Prize £20 E Kendall ticket No 173

Winnings are sent by letter, if you haven't received your letter, I may have the wrong address please contact Keith Shiers 07814419322 Thank you

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	Apr 16/17	C. Baldam	C. Reed	K. Lilley
	Apr 23/24	E Andrews	S Acton	M Lane