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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 9th April 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

8:00pm THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

George Cassidy

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Bridget & John Kavanagh
RIP Anniv

10:40am Divine Mercy

11:00am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

Bishop David McGough RIP

12:15pm Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

EASTER MONDAY 10th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Ivy Woodford RIP

EASTER TUESDAY 11th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Joseph Moonjely RIP

EASTER WEDNESDAY 12th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Michele & Angela Rosa RIP

EASTER THURSDAY 13th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Ann Keaney

EASTER FRIDAY 14th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Tommy McManus

EASTER SATURDAY 15th

10:00am Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

11:00am Holy Mass

Private Intention

12noon Holy Baptism

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Cameron Cuddihy

SUNDAY 16th

9:00am Holy Mass

Patsy Harvey

11:00am Solemn Mass

Michael Francis McNamee

3:00pm Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Saturday during Adoration 10:20am

Divine Mercy – Novena Every Day – 10:40am



“After the Sabbath”, the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday’s cross to Easter Sunday’s Alleluia. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.

Pope Francis

A VERY HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER

TO YOU ALL - IN OUR LORD

Fr Christopher

PRAYING WITH THE WORDS OF THE EASTER SEQUENCE

‘CHRIST MY HOPE’

Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani

May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: “I have seen the Lord!” We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: “He has risen! He has truly risen!”

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Person who lets us experience all God’s goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus “my hope”: he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. “Christ my hope” means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

Surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Bishop David McGough

Michael Mullen, Gerard King, Michael Simons

John McDonagh, Michael Kerrigan

John Askin –

Reception 17th April 5:00pm

Requiem 18th April 10:30am

Michael Simons

Requiem 13th April 11:00am

At Holy Family, Small Heath

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Michele & Angela Rosa and Thomas Elliott.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

02.04.23 - Gift Aid: £130.00. Non-Gift Aid: £452.42.

Total: £582.42

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Easter offering to the parish priest.

Envelopes are available.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places

Thank you for your support and generosity

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE

Result for 5th April 2023

Winning Numbers 16-24-07-10

No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers

Next Draw Wednesday 12th April after Mass

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

BISHOP DAVID MCGOUGH RIP



It is with great sadness we announce the death of Bishop David McGough, retired auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Bishop David passed away recently at his home in Tean aged 78.

Archbishop Bernard Longley said:

"I know that you will join me in praying for Bishop David's eternal joy with the risen Christ as his good and faithful servant – and in offering Bishop David's family our heartfelt condolences and our prayers over the coming days.

"With immense gratitude for all that Bishop David has meant to our Archdiocese – and my prayers and kindest wishes."

Requiem Mass at Saint Chad's Cathedral 12 noon

Thursday 20th April

About Bishop David

David Christopher McGough was born on 20 November 1944 in Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. He attended the Sacred Heart School, Tunstall; St Joseph's Preparatory School, Trent Vale, Stoke-on-Trent, and Cotton College, North Staffordshire.

He studied for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott – the Diocesan Seminary – from 1963. He also studied at the Venerable English College in Rome and obtained a degree in Theology.

He was ordained to the priesthood on 14 March 1970 by Bishop Joseph Cleary in his home parish, the Sacred Heart, Tunstall.

After a year teaching at the Diocesan seminary, he returned to Rome for Post Graduate Studies and gained a degree in Sacred Scripture in 1974.

Bishop McGough spent 15 years teaching Scripture to students for the Catholic Priesthood at Oscott College from 1974 until 1989.

In 1986 he was appointed as Parish Priest at Christ the King, Kingstanding, Birmingham. He was appointed Parish Priest at Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, in 1990.

His other responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Birmingham have been as Dean of the Dudley Deanery and Canon of St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Walsall, Wolverhampton, the Black Country and Worcestershire in 2004.

He was ordained Bishop by Archbishop Vincent Nichols in St Chad's Cathedral on 8 December 2005.

We pray for Bishop David's family, friends, his former parishioners and all who mourn him. May he rest in peace.