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## 20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday, Yr C

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	RECONCILIATIONS/CONFESSIONS
Sat. 6pm	Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	Easter Sunday	Stan Elliot	<b>ADORATION</b> Wednesday 1.30-2pm
Mon. 10am	Octave of Easter	People of the Parish	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online.                      If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p>
Tues. 10am		Rob Dobson	
Wed. 2pm		Catherine Collins ints.	
Thurs. 7pm		Jimmy Curley (Get Well)	
Fri.	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Tasburgh-Anne		
Sat. 6pm	2nd Sunday of Easter	Bill & Jean Johnson	
Sun. 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Easter	Henrietta & Ara Konwea	

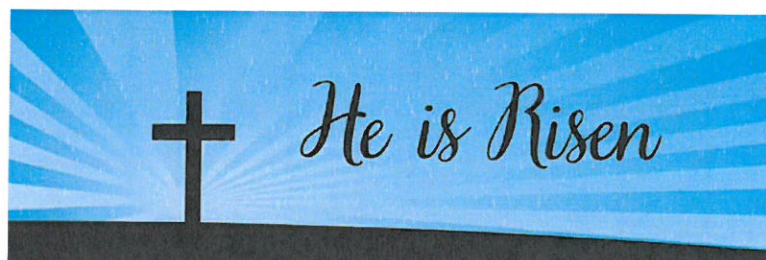
**NEXT WEEK, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C**  
**LATELY DEAD**, Elizabeth Tasburgh-Anne,  
**COLLECTION**, £857.80

**SAN GIMIGNANO**, Parishioners are now back from their retreat in San Gimignano in the Augustinian convento. A wonderful and spiritual time was had by all, getting to know each other more and deepening our relationships through prayer. Here is what two participants had to say "Being at the Convento in San Gimignano was a wonderful privilege. Truly a place of peace, prayer and reflection." "The parish pilgrimage to San Gimignano was a unique opportunity to visit a beautiful medieval Italian town, admire the world-famous art and enjoy authentic Italian food and drink. We were privileged to stay at the 13th century Convento with the Augustinian friars who continue to live and work there, following the rule of St Augustine.

**ITALIAN FUNDRAISING EVENING**, in aid of York Cuddle Bed Project, Saturday 10th May 7pm - In the Church Hall. Five courses for £15 per adult, £10 per Child. For information see Katy Thorpe or Silvana Poloni.

**THANK YOU**, I would like to thank everyone who have given so much of their time and talents to make our Sacred Triduum so special. So many people are involved: our wonderful Altar servers, Readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, our team of church cleaners, all who have contributed greenery to make our Altar of Repose so special, our phenomenal flower people and Easter gardeners, last but not least our church musicians who week in and week out make wonderful music for the Lord and enrich the Liturgy. And chiefly yourselves!

May the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you and all your families.





# SUNDAY PLUS

## Seek life!

**W**e all recognise the grief that drove Mary Magdalene to visit Jesus' tomb at the earliest opportunity, even while it was still dark. He had been buried very hurriedly ahead of the Sabbath with minimum time for the usual rites. That she was not expecting what she found is obvious because her first reaction was that Jesus' dead body had been removed by somebody.

Although Jesus had told them that he would rise from the dead his disciples' behaviour did not suggest that they believed him. It only begins to dawn on them gradually that there might just be truth in what he had said.

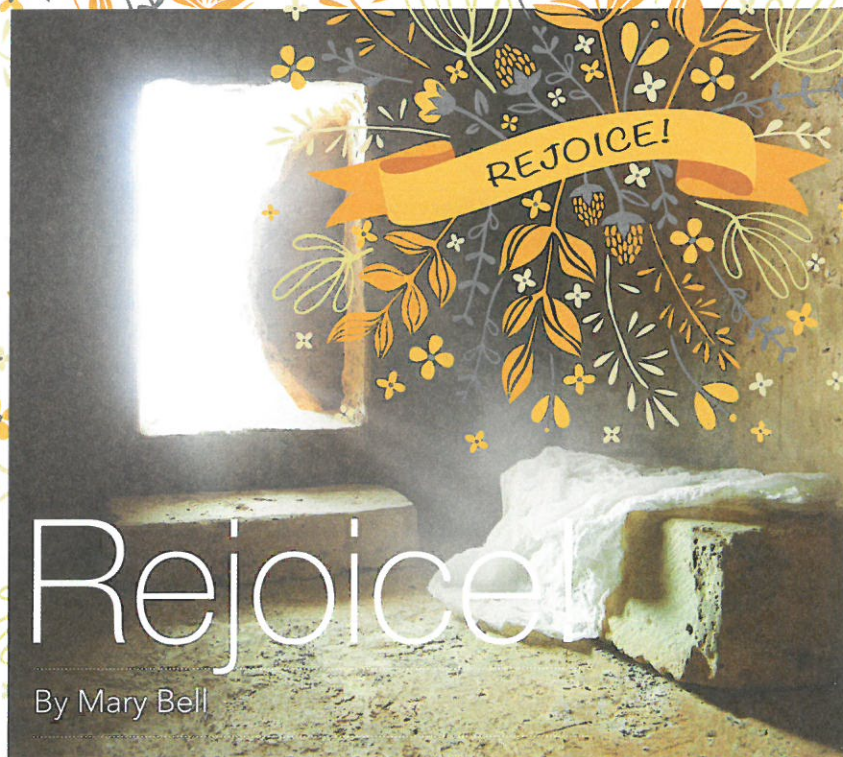
We do not need to run to the empty tomb. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead. His message is life – life after death – life in heaven with him for us all in glory.

St Paul says if Jesus has not been raised then our faith is in vain. He exhorts us to let our thoughts be on heavenly things not the things of this earth. Forget the eggs and young animals, symbols of life though they be. We were called to new life with Jesus at our baptism. His death conquered sin and washed us clean so that we too shall be raised from the dead to everlasting life with him.

So, we can celebrate this wonderful feast with joy and thanksgiving while we are on this earth in gratitude to our loving heavenly Father.

Rejoice and be glad. The Lord is risen indeed!

*Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.*



By Mary Bell

The Risen Lord is the hope that never fails, that does not disappoint. God's hope never disappoints! How many times in our life do our hopes vanish, how many times do the expectations that we carry in our heart not come true! The hope of Christians is strong, safe and sound in this land, where God has called us to walk, and is open to eternity, because it is founded on God, who is always faithful.

Pope Francis

## Recalled to life

By Des Kelly

My mother suffered with very painful rheumatoid arthritis for many years. In the last days of her life, she was in a hospice. On the day before her death my mother told me that she loved me and that she knew I had always loved her so all was fine. She also told my brother that she prayed for him (he had a few problems at that time) and would continue to pray for him in heaven. On the day she died we attended Mass in the hospice. At Communion the priest placed a small piece of the Host on Mum's lips and

she made the sign of the cross. A few hours later she went to eternal life. I remember thinking how lovely that Mum had kept her faith to the end. I hope and pray that when I die my faith will be as strong as my mother's.

*Des Kelly, a retired headteacher, now works to develop leadership in Catholic schools and parishes.*

**Risen Lord, be our resurrection and hope. Help us to celebrate your life and love. Give us the courage for new beginnings. Amen.**



The Jubilee is about celebrating new life and about making every day an Easter experience.

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope A Jubilee of love

Love is a free gift which calls for an open heart; love is a responsibility, but a noble responsibility which is life-long; it is a daily task for those who can achieve great dreams!... Love is nurtured by trust, respect and forgiveness. Love does not happen because we talk about it, but when we live it: it is not a sweet poem to study and memorise but is a life choice to put into practice!... And when loving seems hard, when it is difficult to say no to something wrong, look up at Jesus on the cross, embrace the cross and don't ever let go of his hand... Jesus wants us to be up on our feet! Think of the beautiful word Jesus said to the paralytic: "Arise!" God has created us to be on our feet... So, arise! God wants us up on our feet, ever on our feet!

Pope Francis

Today:  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

Monday:  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday:  
Acts 2:36-41  
John 20:11-18

Wednesday:  
Acts 3:1-10  
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday:  
Acts 3:11-26  
Luke 24:35-48

Friday:  
Acts 4:1-12  
John 21:1-14

Saturday:  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday:  
Acts 5:12-16  
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
John 20:19-31