

EASTER SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the great feast of Easter - the feast of feasts! In the abandoned and folded grave-cloths in the empty tomb, we have the testimony to a definitive resurrection. Jesus, who had died, is now risen. Where death once reigned, love now rules. The Risen Lord has vanquished sin and death. He opens up to us, who believe in him as Lord and Saviour, the gates of paradise. We are called to share the life and love of Jesus, living now and for evermore. Truly at Easter we can say: **"This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad in it!"** May we and all those who are dear to us experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord! **Happy Easter!**

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY – NEXT SUNDAY 11th APRIL

An afternoon of devotions will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Avenue, Rushey Mead starting at 2.30pm. and ending with Mass at 5.00pm. Bishop Malcolm will be the main concelebrant. Refreshments after Mass. **EASTER DUTIES** - reception of Holy Communion and confession where necessary - between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, [30th May]

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monica Enticknap, Bridget Harris, **Bishop James McGuinness, (8th Bishop of Nottingham 1974-2000)**, John Cave, Jean Foote, Joseph Gaffney, Mgr Bernard Allen, Jim Hobbs, Martha McCullagh, Paul Boyle. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: 19 June 2009 - 19 June 2010.

Pope Benedict XVI has called the whole Church to celebrate a Year for Priests beginning on 19th June 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Malcolm asks us to pray each day for priests. Please use the prayer card and keep priests in your prayers during this special year. We value your prayerful support and are strengthened and encouraged by it. Thank you.

Vocations Sunday London Marathon Run: Fr David Cain, the Diocesan Vocation Director, is taking part in this on Vocations Sunday 25th April. He has asked us to advertise it in our bulletins. He says "it is much appreciated and I've had some fantastic messages of prayer, encouragement & comments about my lunacy from you and your parishioners as well tremendous generosity through your sponsorship. **Sponsorship is for LOROS** (Leicestershire & Rutland Hospice) and donations would be welcomed via www.justgiving.com/david-cain or via a cheque to St Peter's made payable to **LOROS**.

OUR PARISH CHARITY

As you know, Fr David was eager to return to minister to the Mother of Peace Community, home for HIV/AIDS orphans in Mutoko, and with the lepers at Mutemwa, Zimbabwe. As you also know Fr David's health has declined rapidly these last 12months. Although he received his work permit from the Zimbabwe Government and Archbishop

Robert of Harare and Bishop Malcolm had approved his ministry, he was unable to go. Last week I went to see him at the Convent of St Francis in Melton Mowbray. His 10 days in LOROS has really helped him and he was in good spirits, although still quite weak. The Sisters are wonderful to him, showing him great care and kindness. He is also relieved and grateful to be living in a faith community in an atmosphere of prayerfulness and peace. As we come towards the end of the financial year, I was able to give him a cheque for the Mother of Peace Community from the parish for **£850**. This being the amount raised by events in the parish since last March £617 and £233 from the interest on our Set Off Account. Thank you to all who organise and support the various social events and raffles that we have for our charity. Particular thanks to Liz Jones who raised £250 through sponsorship for her Triathlon, which she completed earlier in the year. Fr David was delighted with the amount of money and thanks us all for our thoughtfulness and generosity and assures us that it will be put to good use. Life in Zimbabwe is still hard and precarious. Due to the economic situation there, the community have had to do away with their chickens because there was no feed available for them to keep them. He is very grateful for all our prayers and best wishes and asks us to remember in our prayers the Mother of Peace Community and the people of Zimbabwe.

AWAKENING – 50 DAYS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

This is a joint venture of Jesus Youth UK and Mother of God Parish. Jesus Youth is a catholic youth missionary movement at the service of the Church. This year 2010 is a Jubilee year marking 25 years since its inception. As part of the Jubilee celebrations, Jesus Youth UK with the Mother of God Parish invite you to Awakening, a 50 Day perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and Intercession campaign. It starts on Easter Monday 5th April at 6.00pm and ends on Pentecost Sunday May 23rd at 3.00pm. See the poster and covering letter with the intercessions and a list for watching if you can.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - **£218.00**. Loose - **£80.25**. **Total - £298.25**. Thank you! **PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION:** will be taken **next Sunday 11th April** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES

	4 th April	11 th April
Ministry of Welcome:	Young People	Fitzpatrick Family
Ministry of Reader:	Anne Gee Won Molly Jones	Angela Fitzpatrick Helen Bray
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	Young People	F O'Hara, Maria Wainwright N Needham, C O'Donovan
Church Cleaning	Everyone	Bridget & Mick Walsh
Tea/Coffee	No coffee	Mary & Tony
Flowers	Team work for Easter	Team

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