



The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

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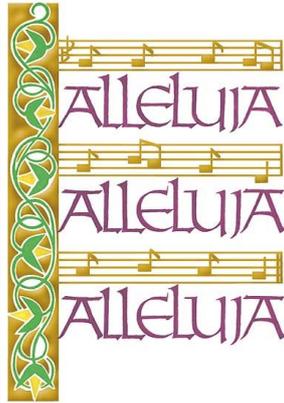
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Sunday 4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday



Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Victimae Paschali Laudes—Easter Sequence

Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 4 April	Easter Sunday 	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm NB. NO ROSARY THIS EVENING	Easter Remembrance of Loved Ones Alma Corrie Parishioners
Mon 5 April	<i>Easter Monday</i>	Mass St John's 8.30am	Teresa Casey
Tue 6 April	<i>Easter Tuesday</i>	Confessions St Patrick's 6.45-7.15pm Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm	Joan Aspey (LD)
Wed 7 April	<i>Easter Wednesday</i>	Mass St John's 10.00am	Vincent & Joseph Higgins
Thur 8 April	<i>Easter Thursday</i>	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am	Irene Hooson
Fri 9 April	<i>Easter Friday</i>	Mass St John's 10.00am	Donor's Intention
Sat 10 April	<i>Easter Saturday</i>	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am	David Arkwright (LD)
Sun 11 April	2nd Sunday of Easter— Divine Mercy Sunday	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Brian Gibson (A) Winifred Hamilton Parishioners

Please pray for the sick *Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:* Brian Scott, Albert Winstanley, Fr John Kearns CP, Paul Fairhurst, Karen Parry, A Sick Person, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran, Michael Nieland, Arthur Harrison-Scott

Please remember those who have died: Mary Julia Brosnan, Brian Brady, Irene Hooson. 

ANNIVERSARIES: Norman Ashall, Edna Marshall, Margaret Rimmer, Margaret Heyes, James Thorpe, Joseph Hough, Anne Cafferty, Martha Lowe.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Mary Julia Brosnan, Patrick & Mary Healy, Thomas & Margaret Maye & family, Michael & Mary Maye & family, Michael & Jane Mahon & family, Joseph & Mary Healy & family, David Berry (A), Joan Aspey (LD), Robert Jones, Irene Hooson (LD).

We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. “We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!” We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the “fundamental duty of love of neighbour, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy.” We realize that joy is demanding; it demands unselfishness; it demands a readiness to say with Mary: “Be it done unto me according to thy word.” Pope John Paul II 1986

MANY THANKS: Our parish community is very blest to have so many volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep both our churches and their grounds well presented:

- to those who helped to de-weed and clean the outside of St Patrick’s this week (at rather short notice!). The feedback has been wonderfully positive. We are hoping to re-start the regular Gardening and Grounds group when our new exterior gate is installed in the coming weeks. Please look out for this announcement in the future.
- to our regular gardening team, the ‘Garden Angels’ at St John’s for their all year round commitment and dedication. The grounds are particularly beautiful at this time of year—if you are around please take a moment to check out the spring bulbs and plants that are coming into bloom. The ‘birthday plants’ bought for Fr O’Shea’s birthday last year are beginning to bud and grow too.
- to both teams of cleaners who work hard throughout the year, and particularly at this time. Keeping our vast churches clean and beautiful is no mean feat! Thanks also to those who prepare linen, cloths, flowers—reinforcing the liturgical cycle throughout the church year.
- to our musicians, our organists, cantors and choirs—even during these restrictive times they have enhanced our liturgy.
- to all those who work behind the scenes—sacristans, counters, newsletters, booklets...
- to all our stewards, without whom our churches would not be open. We are especially grateful to those who have been involved in the Holy Week services.

ST PATRICK’S 2021/22 ENVELOPES: are now available for collection from the sign-in desk in the porch. Please only take the box with your name on, we will deliver any remaining envelopes after this weekend. To help the environment, we are no longer using Non-Gift Aid envelopes. If you have given in this way in the past, please place your offerings in the loose plate basket going forwards. If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme - at no extra cost to yourself - please see Fr O’Shea, Rita or Josh for one of the yellow forms. A warm invitation for this is particularly extended to new parishioners; Gift Aid provides a welcome income for our Parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ST JOHN’S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes have been available at the back of church for people who use them and start on April 11th. The remaining boxes will be delivered to those parishioners who have not been able to pick up their boxes.

ST PATRICK’S IN THE ARCHDIOCESAN PRESS: Our Patronal Feast celebrations last month feature on Page 8 of April’s Catholic Pictorial (The Archdiocese of Liverpool’s monthly magazine). Copies of the article – which also includes a lovely photograph of Fr O’Shea and our Patron’s statue on the altar – are available from the table in the porch. Please take one.

ST PATRICK’S PASCHAL CANDLE: As is tradition at St Patricks, the previous year’s Paschal Candle has been donated this week to one of our schools to help the children learn about its symbolism and for use in collective worship. This year, our blessed candle from Easter 2020 has gone to St William’s Primary School, Ince.

ST JOHN’S MASS CARDS: Our new Mass cards, featuring images from St. John’s Church, are now available at the back of church priced 50p. There are two designs: one is a sympathy card and the other a general Mass intention card. I’m sure you’ll agree that the quality is exceptional and the images reflect the beauty of our magnificent church!

ST JOHN’S ANNIVERSARIES: We now have a more comprehensive list emerging. These will be added to the newsletter at the relevant time. Please continue to send anniversaries of deaths at St John’s—place them in an envelope marked ANNIVERSARIES and hand it in at church, alternatively you can email Chris at cjhiggins72@aol.com.



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