

Monday 15th April

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination

He is Risen





Mission Statement

With the Lord's help, we are united in **faith**, we strive for success and **excellence**, we are **determined** to be the best that we can be.

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We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.



Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new term.

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray for renewal in our hearts and minds. Grant us the strength to shed old habits and to embrace the new life You have offered us. Fill us with hope, Lord, as we face the challenges and uncertainties of life.

Amen.



This weeks theme is He is Risen.

This week we will look at scripture in which Jesus appears to people who knew him after he had been crucified. This caused disbelief and hope for those who knew him.



A reading from the Gospel of Matthew: 28: 5-7
Glory to you O Lord

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen as they said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now go at once and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. This is my message for you." The Word of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

In this scripture, the woman and one was most likely to be Mary, visited the tomb in which Jesus was buried. What they found however was an empty tomb. An angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead as he had said that he would. They probably thought that His body had been stolen but instead something that they believed could not happen actually did.







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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new day.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen



Reading: A reading from Mark 16: 9-11

After Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary of Magdala for whom he had driven out seven demons. She went and told the news to his followers, who were now mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Reflection:

In the reading today we hear that Jesus first appears to Magdalene after he has resurrected. None of the disciples were honoured with the first sighting. They didn't believe but this was more because she was a woman rather than disbelief in his resurrection from the dead.







Wednesday 17th April

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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.



Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil



Reading: A reading from Luke 24:13-35

That same day, two of them were going to Emmaus, a village about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and they talked about what had happened. While they were talking and discussing these things, Jesus came and walked with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him.

He asked, "What is this you are talking about as you walk along?" The two stood still, looking sad. Then one of them named Cleophas, answered, "Why Jerusalem who does not know what has happened there these past few days." and he asked, "What happened?"

They replied, "It is about Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and people. But the chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. Yet we had been hoping that he would be the one to set Israel free. And to add to this, it is now the y, it seems you are the only visitor to third day since all this happened. Some women in our group surprised us greatly, they went to the tomb early this morning, but did not find his body. When they came back to us, they had a story about seeing a vision of angels who told them that Jesus was alive. Some friends of our group went to the tomb and found everything just as the woman had said, but they did not see him." He said to them, "How dull you are, and how slow of understanding! You fail to believe the message of the prophets. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer all this and then enter into his glory?" Then starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them everything in Scripture concerning himself.

Reflection:

In the reading the disciples were struggling to believe. Believing in the resurrection adds something very special to our lives and this cannot be found anywhere else. Jesus invited the disciples to believe and he makes the same invitation to you and me.







Thursday 18th April

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Reading: A reading from John 20: 19-31

The disciples gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you!" He showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there when Jesus came and refused to believe what had happened. One week later they were in the room again and this time, Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them again and said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection:

After Jesus had died, the disciples were afraid that the people who had crucified him would now be looking for them too. Jesus' resurrection and miraculous appearance would have encouraged the disciples to feel less afraid.

There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are afraid or going through difficult times. You can encourage someone during this Easter season, you could offer them words of support or simply give someone a helping hand.





Friday 19th April

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Let us begin our day together in the presence of the Lord.



This week you have listened to scripture readings in which Jesus appeared alive after he had been crucified.

He is Risen – the story of Easter is a pivotal moment it emphasises the glory and beauty of Christ's resurrection and we can take comfort in the fact that one day we will share eternity with Him.

Let us join together in prayer.

We pray for the Church. May all Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and, as they renew their baptismal faith in him, may they be strengthened in the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for true and lasting peace in our world. May the Risen Christ bring the gifts of peace and reconciliation to all situations of violence, hatred and division Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for all who have been received into the Church this Easter, and for all who have received the new life of baptism. May they grow daily in faith, hope and love. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

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We pray for those who have died, for members of our families. May the Risen Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of his kingdom.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer



Closing prayer

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> Amen St Bede, Pray for us

