

# THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Parish Weekly Newsletter

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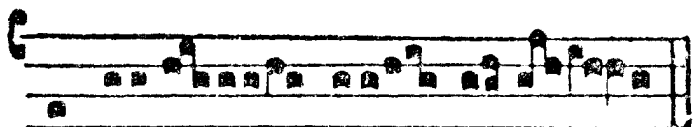
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## April 4th 2010: EASTER DAY



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and unto dust you shall return". In sorrow for our sins we then did penance throughout the forty days following, so as to prepare ourselves worthily to take part in the celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Death during this last Holy Week. Now that we have passed through that time of testing, we are at last able to celebrate the victory which Our Lord has won for us by His death and resurrection. The "Alleluia" returns at Easter with even greater frequency than usual. During the fifty days of Eastertide, which exceeds Lent in length just as the unending joy of the Resurrection will exceed all the sorrows of our time of suffering in this world, we hear the word "Alleluia" constantly at Mass and the Divine Office. We may have many trials and sorrows still to endure in this life, both as individuals and as the Church militant—but for the faithful, victory is now sure.

And finally, what does the word "Alleluia" mean? It is a Hebrew word: "Praise be to God!" for all His wonderful deeds; for creation; for the gift of life; for the gift of Christ His Son, and for the hope of everlasting life which He gives us, and which this day, the greatest day of the year, brings to new life in our hearts and minds.

### ALLELUIA !

It is difficult to point to any one particular moment as the climax of the Easter Vigil: there are so many wonderful ones! But they must certainly include the proclamation of the Easter "Alleluia" before the Gospel. Ever since Ash Wednesday, this word has not been heard in church at all. As it has always been associated with the joy of Easter, it is not heard during the entire penance-tide that is Lent.

The Easter Alleluia has a special significance. It is not simply a cry of present joy. It is the foretaste of what heaven will be like. It helps us to look forward to our eternal destiny when we will share in the everlasting glory and joy of the general resurrection of the dead on the Last Day.

For Easter is not to be seen merely as a memorial of an event that took place a long time ago. Nor is it simply the end of a sad and terrible story of suffering and injustice inflicted on God's only Son made man. It is rather the beginning of God's final victory over sin and death—a victory in which we all have a stake and a share through our baptism. That is why we celebrate baptism above all at Easter, and why we renew our baptismal faith and promises at Mass on this Easter Day, being sprinkled afresh with the water which was blessed last night at the Vigil especially to confer the grace of holy baptism.

When we were baptised, as St. Paul teaches us, we were first of all baptised into Christ's death. This means that we became sharers in His death, just as we were already sharers in death through our first parents, Adam and Eve. Now Adam and Eve brought unending death on themselves and all their descendants by disobeying God and following the devil's temptation. But Christ has transformed death into the gateway to eternal life. So baptism is also a share in Christ's resurrection.

Lent began when our foreheads were marked with ashes and we heard those sobering words which were addressed to Adam and Eve after the Fall: "Remember man that you are dust

### Sunday April 4th: Easter Day (White)

- 8.30 a.m. Low Mass
- 9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass—1962 Missal
- 10.30 a.m. High Mass
- 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)
- 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass
- 7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction

### EASTER WEEK: Liturgical Calendar

*All Masses, Readings and Offices are of the Octave of Easter throughout the week. No saints are commemorated*

*Tuesday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Rosary at 7.45 p.m.*

*Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.*

*Saturday: see overleaf*

<p><b>Monday 5th April: Easter Monday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BANK HOLYDAY: Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. only</b></li> <li><b>No Evening Devotions</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Tuesday 6th April: Easter Tuesday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Benediction at 8 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Wednesday 7th April: Easter Wednesday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Thursday 8th April: Easter Thursday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Friday 9th April: Easter Friday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday 10th April: Easter Saturday (of the Octave) (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30—10.45 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Benediction at 10.45 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Confessions from 1.55 a.m. to 12 noon &amp; from 5.30 p.m.</b></li> <li><b>First Mass of Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>April 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday : (White)</b></p> <p><b>Mass &amp; Service Times:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8.30 a.m. Low Mass</b></li> <li><b>9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal</b></li> <li><b>10.30 a.m. Solemn High Mass</b></li> <li><b>12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)</b></li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>2.00 p.m. <u>Divine Mercy Devotion</u> (see Notices)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></li> <li><b>Confessions</b></li> <li><b>Chaplet and other prayers</b></li> <li><b>4.30 p.m. Holy Mass</b></li> </ul> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational in English</b></li> <li><b>7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction</b></li> </ul>
<p>The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, April 11th,  <b>Divine Mercy Sunday:</b>  Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Jenni Hardwick  Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Peter Bateman  12.00 p.m.: Chris Sammons  5.30 p.m.: Simon Stacey</p>	<p><b>Please pray for the sick</b> Marilyn Ryan, Dennis Grigg, Mary Shafer, Geoff Jones, Kevan Bleach, Pat Cartwright, Carolyn Knight, David Pritchard, Elizabeth Caswell, James Foynes, Michael McCann, Philip McCann and Tony Farmer.</p>
<p><b>Collections:</b>  Palm Sunday : 28th March, 2010  Offertory: £1,519  Second: Oratory Music Fund: £791  Lenten Alms: £423  Good Friday: Holy Places: £835  Thank you</p>	<p><b>Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently:</b> Mary Healy and John Condon;  <b>and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:</b> Julia Broomhead, Greta Baker, Ann Rush-ton, Bernard Beesley, Louisa Cartwright, Mary Ann Dainty and Kathleen Bowen</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TODAY</b></p> <p><b>THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND will be the Easter Offering for our own Clergy.</b></p> <p><b>THE PIETY STALL is open</b> after all Sunday Masses</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIS WEEK</b></p> <p><b>There will be A HOLY HOUR from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each week-day morning until further notice to pray for the success of Cardinal Newman's beatification and the Pope's visit.</b></p> <p><b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> will take place on Tuesday afternoon in the Cloister Chapel. There will be Holy Mass (at 2.30 p.m.), the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers and the afternoon will end with Benediction at c. 4.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ORATORY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b> (ages 20-35) meet on Thursday 8 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Oratory House. There will be a talk on Canon Law given by Fr Gerardo Fabrizio, a Canon Lawyer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AFTERNOON:</b> Takes place next Sunday, April 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Confessions (from 2 p.m.), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and other prayers will precede Mass at c. 4.30 p.m. (A Plenary Indulgence is attached to this devotion, under the usual conditions which are: Confession on the Feast, or within a few days before the feast day—prayer for the Holy Father's intentions—praying the Divine Mercy prayers on the Feast—sincere hatred of sin and firm purpose of amendment of life.</p> <p><b>SOCIETY OF ST HUGH</b> meets on Saturday 10th April at 2 p.m. in the Oratory House. All are welcome.</p> <p><b>THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (Silver Jubilee Year)</b> will take place on Saturday May 8th and will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David McGough. A coach will pick up from The Oratory and the total cost of £25 includes a cooked evening meal. Please contact Anne Roebuck on 0121 454 0130 to book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICES</b></p> <p><b>APF RED BOXES</b> are due in now as the quarter has come to an end. Holders of boxes are asked to cooperate with their collectors in arranging exchange of boxes. Many thanks to all who contribute to the Missions. If you do not have a box and would like one, please contact 0121 427 2039.</p> <p><b>Warning:</b> Please look after your belongings in church as there have been thieves around recently. If you notice anything suspicious, please report to the Sacristan or at the Oratory House.</p> <p><b>The Association of Catholic Nurses</b> invites all Catholic nurses to join and to receive and give support in membership. Fr Jeremy Howard, Chaplain to Catholics in Healthcare, is based at Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. Tel 0121 472 1311 ext 3100/3437. Email: <a href="mailto:Jeremy.Howard@uhb.nhs.uk">Jeremy.Howard@uhb.nhs.uk</a> To join online visit: <a href="http://www.catholicnurses.org.uk/membership.html">http://www.catholicnurses.org.uk/membership.html</a></p> <p><b>THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES</b> will take place from Saturday 29th May to Friday /Saturday 4/5 June. There are three choices of travel: Train fares from £589, Coach fares from £394 and Air fares from £710. (There are reductions for children under 14 on train fares and under 10 for coach or air fares). Booking forms are available from the Oratory House; or for sick pilgrims who will travel by air or Jumbulance, please apply to Miss Elizabeth McDonald, 210 Somerville Rd, Small Heath B10 9HB.</p> <p><b>PAPAL VISIT</b> During the recent Ad Limina Visit, the Holy Father announced his forthcoming trip to the UK, possibly sometime in September 2010. Sadly there is already opposition to this visit headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain who have an online petition which has already attracted over 20,000 signatures and yet a petition supporting the visit has very few signatures (to date). You are asked to visit the website and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country. Please pass on the word to your friends and email contacts.  <a href="http://www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html">www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html</a></p>
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