



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th April 2021
EASTER DAY
The 1st Sunday of EASTER



If you cannot attend in person—then check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook :-

Rossorry Parish Church

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL -

(Copy in the Seat)

Welcome to Rossorry Parish Church for our service of Holy Communion on this 1st Sunday of Easter

HYMN 283

The day of resurrection.....

1 The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful!

Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus (c. 675-750)

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Christ is risen !

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia !

Sentence of Scripture

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

1 Peter 1: 3

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord God, you raised your Son from the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, through you we are more than conquerors.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
you have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
Grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Epistle is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 15,
reading from verse 1.

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters* at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 271 Jesus Christ is risen today

Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who did once upon the cross, *alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save, *alleluia!*

But the pains that he endured, *alleluia!*
our salvation have procured, *alleluia!*
now above the sky he's King, *alleluia!*
where the angels ever sing, *alleluia!*

Anon, Lyra Davidica (1708)

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. John,
Chapter 20, beginning to read at verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. **11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**A REFLECTION****NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is
always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear
Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

(please stand)

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

(John 20: 19,20)

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

HYMN 260

Christ is alive—let Christians sing...

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
god news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and peace.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and ever living God,
at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,

the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;

by dying he destroyed our death;

by rising he restored our life:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of
his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy upon us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYERS

Living God,
for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
you have delivered us from the power of our enemy.
Grant us so to die daily unto sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:

THE BLESSING

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

FAREWELL and PRESENTATIONS to Canon & Mrs ELLIS

HYMN 288

Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Words: *Edmond Budry (1854-1932)*

tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen

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Next week's Service in Church

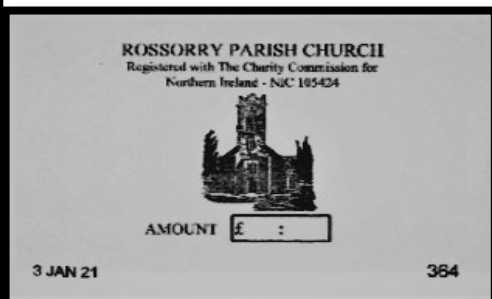
Sunday 11th April 2021
will be Morning Prayer
(available online)

RECTOR'S FAREWELL

As this Sunday (Easter Sunday) is the Rector's last day in charge of the Parish, before he takes up the post of Bishop's Commissary, a Farewell and Presentation of Gifts will take place immediately after the 10am Eucharist Service.

We are still bound by restricted numbers in Church and social distancing -so sadly not everyone will be able to attend.

Good News! - the Farewell and Presentation will be recorded and released later in the day on Facebook (Rossorry Parish Church).



FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services are once again online, throughout this period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

It is therefore important that you continue to send or drop off (subject to current rules) your Freewill envelopes to the Parish Office.

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

FREEWILL ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The Freewill envelopes for 2021 should have been delivered to the Parish Visiting Team in the past few weeks.

You should have received a letter from the Rector and next year's Envelopes (Yellow in colour).

Any problems or issues or if you are missed out—ring the Parish Office on 02866 329889 and let Gerry know.

ARRANGMENTS FOR THE PARISH

DURING THE VACANCY

As the Parish will be officially vacant from 5th April 2021 onwards the following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish.

- The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods -who can be contacted at 02882 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.
- PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) will be undertaken by Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral, who can be contacted on 02866 322465.
- CHURCH SERVICES will be taken by visiting Clergy or Lay Readers appointed by the Diocesan Office.

The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.