



# St Alban's Parish Church



## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

Our Lord Jesus is raised from death to eternal life and the power of death has been conquered by the invincible power of love. Rejoice and give thanks to the Lord our almighty God.

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Elizabeth Franklin  
**Intercessions** Andrew Mould  
**Eucharistic Minister** Andrew Mould

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Liz Pacey

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** NEH 103, 121, 120

### During the Week

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 19.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda  
**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 19.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda

**WELCOME** We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

### Intercessions

**God of renewal and growth, we pray for** your Church. Show us how to proclaim the good news of forgiveness and resurrection to those around us.

**God of peace, the places of our world broken by** enmity and violence. **Show us** how to work towards reconciliation.

**God of gladness and love, we pray for** all who are rejoicing in a day of new beginnings, hope and the peace that only you can bring.

**God of healing and wholeness, we pray for** all who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Show us how to bring comfort and encouragement to all who feel alone and afraid.

**Risen Lord, we pray for** all who have recently died and all whose years mind occurs this week especially those we know including:  
Liam Kay, Sally Waters, Hilda Pluves, Julie Gray, Ivy Gombault, Jessie Grant, Harold Vaughan.

**Please use this sheet  
in your prayers**

## Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter

In a time of Easter rejoicing we reflect on how the promise of God's new life is given not to those who are strong and confident, but to those who are doubting and fearful. Jesus meets his disciples – and us – in our weakness and offers hope, comfort and courage.

**First Reading** **Acts 5:27-32**  
Peter and John are brought before the council to answer for their preaching. Peter finds the courage to speak of Jesus' resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading** **Revelation 1:4-8**  
John writes of God's power and glory. God is the one in whom all things come to be, and Jesus Christ, the resurrected one, is greater than all human rulers.

**Gospel** **John 20:19-end**  
Jesus appears to his disciples and breathes his Spirit on them. Thomas, missing on that occasion, has a powerful encounter with his risen Lord a week later.

### Services

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President and Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Patrick Newman  
**Intercessions** Geraldine Rainey  
**Eucharistic Minister** Jim Weller

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Fr Graham

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## First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## Psalm 118, 17-24



I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death. **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his

enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel John 20:1-18

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. So 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus 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." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.