



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "The Resurrection of The Lord"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 12th April 2020	Easter Day of The Resurrection of The Lord	All Masses Suspended		
Monday 13th	Monday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Tuesday 14th	Tuesday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Wednesday 15th	Wednesday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Thursday 16th	Thursday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Friday 17th	Friday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Saturday 18th April	Saturday within The Octave of Easter	All Masses Suspended		
Sunday 19th April 2020	Second Sunday Of Easter	All Masses Suspended		

Please see below **web address** which contains posters in 34 different languages containing relevant information regarding Coronavirus aka COVID-19.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#>

### Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'From the open heart of the Crucified one, God's love reaches each one of us. Let us allow His gaze to rest on us. We will understand that we are not alone, but loved, for the Lord does not abandon us and He never, ever forgets us.'

**Please pray for:** all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2020.**  
**Universal prayer intention - Freedom from Addiction.**  
We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### Easter Reflection

"The other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground ...but did not go in."

It is possible – and wise theologians have done it – to read into this passage a typological statement about Peter, as founder of the Church; and indeed, there is nothing wrong in this. But at the literal and more human level there is also material for reflection.

We all see the events from Good Friday to Easter Sunday morning in a distorted perspective. We can't not, because we know what happened at Easter. Imbued with the story of Jesus' rising on the third day, we inevitably think in terms of his being dead and buried for three days. That is an anachronistic viewpoint. Viewed through the eyes of anyone who lived through those days, Jesus was dead and buried for ever, until something new and unimaginable happened.

The situation on Holy Saturday, as far as the disciples knew, was not that Jesus was going to rise tomorrow but that he was dead and would never rise again. This Gospel moment on Easter Sunday has to be understood in the same sense. What was in John's mind as he ran? He knew the most perfect and Godlike man had been humiliated and destroyed in the worst way imaginable, because he had seen it happen. Now he was on the journey of mourning enacting his grief and paying his respects. And as he approached the tomb he saw that something had happened.

Stop there for a moment, remembering to forget the Resurrection, and think what that "something" could have been. What could possibly have happened, except something bad? Primitive societies show extreme respect for their enemies' dead. If their enemies cannot retrieve those bodies then they bury them themselves, according to their own rites or according as close an approximation to the enemy's rite as they can manage. But the Jews and the Romans were not primitive but civilised. They had no superstitious taboos about death. So, if the tomb was disturbed, it could only be that Jesus' executioners had decided that death was not enough for him – that the one they had humiliated and spat on in life had to be desecrated in death also.

That is what John ran towards and stopped because he could not bear to see it. It was Peter, the impulsive, and unthinking, who went on an, looking in, found the world upside down. (HW)

Canon Geoffrey



### A DAILY PRAYER

Please say this prayer every together with the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary & Glory be. It has been adapted by Rev Andrew Cole from a prayer written by the Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race,  
healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis,  
save us in this time of crisis,  
comfort the sick and the dying,  
the isolated and the afraid;  
be with us in our need.

Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders  
And all who are responsible for the common good.

Watch over everyone who is working  
in our National Health Service as they tend the sick,  
all who are supporting the vulnerable,  
and those who are working for a cure.

Stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

By the power of your love  
destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and grant that the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
may we, like the Paschal Candle  
marked with the sign of the Cross  
give of ourselves and burn yet more brightly,  
for love conquers everything, light transforms darkness.  
By welcoming Christ into our hearts each and every day,  
may we always spread your love far and wide  
by valuing in all in the name of Jesus the Christ  
and being the people you have made us to be.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and. Amen.

Our Lady Immaculate, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady  
Health of the Sick,  
pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of Jesus, guardian of us all,  
pray for us.  
St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese of Nottingham,  
pray for us.