



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 20 APRIL 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

THE RESURRECTION

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm



The Rector Writes...

BY FR TOM THOMAS IC

Easter Sunday. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says: *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is pointless and you are in your sins"*. Empty tomb and the risen Lord is the hope of humanity. The total victory of God over sin and death through his beloved Son, the total offering of God in love of human beings to free us from sin and the fear of death. We live in the freedom of God's love. We need to emerge as new people with this new life God gives us daily! We should avoid all that stops us from living our life to the full. *"He has come that we have life and life to the full."* Live in the Easter Joy and Hope. We have to witness to the resurrection of Our Lord to this world. To become 'witnesses' is to have experienced the Lord alive, beyond death. This is to have passed from death to life, the old self or the false self has to die and to live in the true self. This new 'self' we have received at Baptism. The life and spirit of God.

I take this opportunity to wish you all God's blessing on this greatest feast of our Faith. Blessed Easter.

I would also like to invite all of you to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Anthony Furlong IC, on Sunday 4 May 2025 after the 11 am Mass in the crypt.

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Sunday's Music (11am)

Palestrina Missa Laudate Dominum

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Palestrina Exultate Deo

Victimae paschali laudes, Credo III,

Regina caeli, Ite missa est Alleluia,

Alleluia, Domine salvam fac, Te Deum (Plainsong)

Organ Voluntary: Wesley Choral Song

Director of Music: Robert Patterson

Today's Readings

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; **[9 am Mass only:**
Psalm 117. **Response: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and are glad."];** Colossians 3: 1-4;
John 20: 1-9.

Thought for the week

The Resurrection of our Saviour is the most solid foundation of our religion, since it proved beyond doubt that He was truly God, and that, consequently, His teaching, on which our religion is based, is divine. St. Paul attributes our justification to the Resurrection of Christ, since if it is true that it was merited for us by Christ's passion, it was achieved and completed by His Resurrection, through which Christ acquired His dominion over us and transformed us according to His loving heart. If Christ had not risen from the dead, He would not have communicated His glorious life; we would not arise from the dead, but would remain under the curse of sin.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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Vidi aquam – I saw water flowing from the Temple

This beautiful antiphon is sung during the baptismal liturgy at the Easter Vigil and after the renewal of baptismal vows at the 11 am Mass on Easter Day. It replaces the Asperges from Easter Sunday to Pentecost inclusive. Its words are based on Ezekiel 47: 1–2, which is part of that prophet's vision of the heavenly Temple of the future. The mention of the 'right side' (a latere dextro) has been taken as a prophetic allusion to St John's description of the blood and water flowing from the side of the crucified, symbols of the Church's sacramental life.

Our Lady of Willesden May Procession

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX, on Sunday, 11th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be the Rt Rev Hugh Allan, O.Praem. Join pilgrims in praying the Rosary for the protection of London.

Jubilee Indulgence

Diocesan Jubilee Churches:

- Westminster Cathedral
- St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
- St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
- Corpus Christi, Coven Garden
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
- Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

For more information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, visit:
<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.



May the joy of our risen Lord remain always in your homes

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony

This year, it will take place on Saturday 17th May at 2:30 pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. All are welcome. Please email the parish office these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Nichols will take place from 25th July to 1st August 2025 using Sanctuary's theme for the Jubilee year 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. Registration for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2025 is now open at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

The Westminster Way

'A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full.'
(Spes non confundit 5)

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, one of our diocesan initiatives is to invite you to travel in the steps of the martyrs and saints, who are 'Beacons of Hope', beginning at Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral. Go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/> for detailed information.

Collections

9 am: -- 11 am: --
Contactless: --
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£414.42**
The Easter collection, as is customary, will go to the Parish Priest and to support the Rosminians Order. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions

Sun 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

9.00 am

Menino Rebello RIP

11.00 am

For the people of the parish

Mon 21st April 2025

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10.00 am

Kevin Whatmore RIP

Tue 22nd April 2025

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

1.00 pm

Anna & Family GE

Wed 23rd April 2025

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

1.00 pm

Elizabeth & Bernard Kelly RIP

Thu 24th April 2025

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

1.00 pm

Bronach Kelly GE

Fri 25th April 2025

Friday within the Octave of Easter

1.00 pm

Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Confessions

Monday–Friday after
1pm Mass; and at call.

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