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Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026

“We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song”

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for April: For priests in crisis; Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Sun 5th	(Sat) 8 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish; C Dias Int Private Int Private Int	
Mon 6th	Monday within Octave of Easter	E Novaes R.I.P.	
Tues 7th	Tuesday within Octave of Easter	P Nagle R.I.P.	
Wed 8th	Wednesday within Octave of Easter	D Nolan R.I.P.	
Thurs 9th	Thursday within Octave of Easter	T Kilgannon R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 10th	Friday within Octave of Easter	B Moran R.I.P.	
Sat 11th	Saturday within Octave of Easter	C O’Connor R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

Mass Book: Order of the Mass: Page 7 Easter Sunday - Prayers & Readings: Vigil 216; Day 251

Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: *'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'* (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

- **Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday: Novena concludes with Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Devotion beginning at 2.40 p.m.**

- **Fr Albert** will not be available on Monday

We congratulate James Chuhan, Toby Egbuche and Delmaria Viera who received the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil. We welcome them into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them. We also remember Radhika Taylor who was received in March. A big thank you to Jean and Rita for preparing them to receive the sacraments.

- **Our sincere sympathy and prayers to** Nuala Nagle and family following the death of Peter last weekend. Requiem Mass for Peter will be on Tuesday, 21st April at 11 a.m. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

- **We also remember** in our prayers Grace Smith who died suddenly in Nigeria last weekend. May she rest in peace.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** There are still a number of boxes to be collected. Financial year begins next Sunday.

- **EASTER OFFERINGS ENVELOPES** are available in the porch. The Easter and Christmas offerings go towards Clergy salaries and supply priests.

- **Parking at Weekend Masses:** Please be considerate when parking behind the church. Do not block our neighbour's driveways.

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- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguard-rcdow.org.uk

REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

R: alleluia

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

R: alleluia!

V: Has risen, as he said,

R: alleluia!

V: Pray for us to God,

R: alleluia!

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **Baptisms for May** will be on Sunday, 31st May after the 11 a.m. Mass.

- ***Thank You:*** My thanks to all who helped in any way during Holy Week and Easter ceremonies; the altar servers, the readers, the choir, flower arrangers and all those who cleaned and prepared our Church so well for us. Thanks also to the people who cut the grass and tidied the church grounds. Well done to everyone!

Fr Albert wishes you and your Families a blessed and happy Easter

