



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

15 & 16 April 2017 Easter Sunday – Year A

THOUGHT FOR EASTER

Easter Greetings in the Risen Christ to you all from your Priests and Deacons.

Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus at Easter after his death on Good Friday? A recent questionnaire indicates that quite a few Christians don't believe this.

When asked for my comment on Radio Jersey, I said I wasn't surprised as it is hard to believe someone could come back from the dead. But, I believe, Jesus didn't come back, he passed through death to a new transformed kind of life.

It was the same, but different, which the Gospels don't disguise in relating how it took the apostles sometime to take it all in. Thomas doubted, until he saw the wounds on Christ's body. Others thought he was a ghost when he suddenly appeared in an upper room. All except Peter were unsure who he was when they first saw him by the Sea of Galilee preparing them breakfast.

Today as then, Jesus gently wins us over,

seeking our love as well as our faith. It may take time for you to grow in Easter faith. Be patient, for he is patient as he knocks on the door of our hearts and waits for us to open.

However, as St Paul reminds us, if Christ had not risen, our Christian faith would be a waste of time. That is why we believe he has penetrated the wall of death and unforgiven sin, which separates us from God. Where the risen Jesus has gone, we can now follow, if we place our trust in him.

That is the hope and promise of Easter.

Father Nicholas



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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT EASTER

A reminder to all that the collections at all Easter Masses are your gifts to our priests, as a sign of our appreciation for their ministry throughout the year. Thank you.

Please refer to last week's double newsletter for Mass Times across the Island and also to our website www.catholicchurch.org.je

Please note that our normal weekly newsletter will be printed as usual next week on Friday 21 April.

EASTER THANKS

To all who have been preparing our churches for Holy Week and Easter: altar servers, flower arrangers, sacristans, musicians, choirs, catechists and many others who are making our churches welcoming for our sacred liturgies during this special time of the year.



Easter Blessings to you all and a warm welcome to our visitors to all our churches across the Island from your Priests and Deacons