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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY), 16th of April 2023

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
8.30am (Polish)
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.



**Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish,
we are so happy that you could join us today to
celebrate Easter Sunday.**

We all have different perspectives on life. We see life differently as a result of many things in our lives. As Christians, the feast we are celebrating today should influence our perspective on life most strongly. Jesus' resurrection from the dead deeply colours the way we live. We all have to live with the reality of death. It is something from which we can't escape.

We can deny it, we can try to hide from it, we can push it to the back of our consciousness, but we can't escape from it. The question we are faced with is: What is my particular relationship to death? Is death the great spoiler of life for us? Do we see death as the end of everything and so allow it to be the dark cloud that hovers over everything we do?

Knowing that it is certain that we are going to face death someday, do we not enjoy life as much as we could? Perhaps this is the way that some of us relate to death. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has the power to free us from the anxiety that death provokes within us. The Resurrection has the power not only to lead us into new life after our death, but it also has the power to renew

the lives we are now living. If we allow belief in Jesus' resurrection and our future resurrection to take deep root in our hearts, then we will gain the power to live our present life in a much fuller way.

St Paul says, "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God." Paul is not telling us to ignore our earthly life. Far from it. He is urging us to allow our lives to be surrounded and bathed in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We all know that when a person is consumed by a passion such as the love of the poor, or the pursuit of beauty in music or art, or even the love of money, they allow that passion to direct their lives.

They begin to see everything that happens in their lives in terms of the vision they have for their lives. That is what Paul wants us to do with the resurrection of Jesus. He urges us to make our decisions and direct our lives always within the atmosphere that the resurrection provides for our lives. Jesus has conquered death. Death is now only a passage to a new and wonderful life. And so our decisions about this and that take on a new perspective. The colour of our new car is not really all that important. The house we live in and the jobs we have are all relative realities. We don't have to always have the best the world has to offer. People are more important than things. As you can see, there are many, many things that change once we live in the light of the Risen Christ.

In fact, everything changes. This new vision of life is not one that we possess as we possess a piece of furniture. Seeing everything in the light of the resurrection of Jesus is something that we need to nurture. We do this through prayer and reading, through belonging to a community of believers who also believe in the resurrection, through reflection on our decisions and on the way we bring new life to others.

Have a great week—stay well and enjoy the gifts and blessings God has given us. May God bless you always,

Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said: 'You believe because
you can see me.
Happy are those who have not
seen and yet believe.'

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
the souls of Edwin Carlin
and Fr Tony Walsh
who died recently and for
all whose anniversaries
occur about this time.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Thank You

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Good Friday's 7th April 2023 – £307.00.
Easter Sunday's 9th April 2023 – £1821.00.
Easter Monday - (Polish Mass) - £273.00

Priest's musing

A couple was eating in a restaurant when the wife saw a man in a drunken stupor. The husband said, "I notice you've been watching that man for some time now. Do you know him?"

"Yes" she replied, "He's my ex-husband, and has been drinking like that since I left him seven years ago." "That's remarkable" the husband replied, "I wouldn't think anybody could celebrate that long."

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

Mgr Charles Hendry "3rd Anniversary in Heaven"

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since our beloved Parish Priest Monsignor Charles Hendry passed away on 30th April 2020. The Holy Mass for Mgr Hendry will be offered on Sunday 30th April 2023. May He Rest in Peace! We love you Monsignor Charlie, and you are in our prayers!

SCIAF – Wee Boxes

Do not forget and return the 'Wee Boxes' to Fr Bogdan shortly in order to send a money to SCIAF. Thank you!

The Resurrection Perspective on Life

The disciples and followers of our Lord experienced tragic message, the gloom of heartbreak, and disappointment after witnessing Christ being betrayed by one of his own, humiliated, tortured and killed, they probably concluded that there was no justice in this world. They probably thought that God forgot about them and assumed all hope was gone.

But then they were surprised and shocked by the unexpected news of the resurrection. Not only their friend, beloved teacher and Lord was not dead, but he defeated death and destroyed its chains of fear and darkness holding humanity captive. Their whole life was changed in a split second when they encountered and embraced the Resurrection perspective on life. There are points and times in our lives when we too, lose our way. Times when we lose hope, get tired and exhausted from trying, praying but not hearing back from God, hoping and dreaming for a better and brighter tomorrow but never experience our dreams come true.

Such turning points in life tend to either draw us near God or repel and move us away from the faith. In such moments of life God appears distant and disconnected from everything that goes on in our lives. Like the disciples, we too might give in to fear, assume that all hope is lost, that our troubles and dreams are too small and insignificant for God to ever bother interven-

ing, or we might embrace the Resurrection perspective on life. The Resurrection perspective on life gives hope, strengthens us and reminds us that no matter how big and great our troubles and shortcomings might be, nothing is impossible for God. The Resurrection perspective on life unceasingly and tirelessly reminds us that where we see no solution and remedy in sight, God sees an opportunity and new beginning.

The Resurrection perspective on life is an invitation for us to reflect on how we were created to live and experience joy and peace that are not of this world, but found only through and within Christ. The Resurrection perspective on life is an encouragement for us to pause, notice, accept and embrace the fact that in this life or after we are not alone. We are never abandoned, not powerless, helpless or hopeless because the life-giving Lord, who defeated death, is with us always, to whom glory and dominion now and forever, amen.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 17th April
Second Week in Eastertide

Tuesday 18th April
Second Week in Eastertide

Wednesday 19th April
Second Week in Eastertide

Thursday 20th April
Second Week in Eastertide

Friday 21st April
Second Week in Eastertide

Saturday 22nd April
Second Week in Eastertide

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass