

MAY 9: EASTER I



Then Were the Disciples Glad,
When They Saw the Lord
(John 20, 20)

Today is sometimes called *Quasimodo Sunday*, because of the opening words of the Latin introit: *Quasi modo geniti infantes*, As new born babes, derived from 1 Peter 2, 2. These 'babes' are, liturgically, those baptized at the Easter Week, who since the previous week had worn their white baptismal robes, which they now laid aside. Hence, the official name of the Sunday in the Roman Missal, *Dominica in albis depositis*, the Sunday on which the white garments are removed. More commonly, in the English speaking world today is known as *Low Sunday*, often linked to the lower turn out of people than the previous week, but perhaps meaning that the mass is celebrated with less grandeur and ceremony than at Easter and during the Triduum.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of last week's ceremonies. 'I think that is the best mass I've ever been to,' a visitor commented after our Paschal Liturgy. Go, *Team St Columba!*

Thanks also to *Father* for celebrating today.

Saturday May 15: 8am-12noon: *church work day*. Many hands will make light work as we get the outside tidied up.

No Rosary this Friday, May 7: we will return to our normal zoom service on May 14, God willing.

There is a lovely article by *Fr Les* in this month's edition of the *Word*. I have put up a copy on the noticeboard at the back. The article is about our *roodscreen*.

We have quite a *library* in the choir loft. Please feel free to browse and *borrow*.

Any additions to *the prayer list*, living or departed, please see Fr David.

June 26: *VIKING WEEKEND!* Details to follow, but a fun and educative family (outdoor) event.

Finally, *Happy Mothers' Day* to all those that involves. Do something nice for mom. Say a little prayer for your departed parents.

In conjunction with this: *May Devotions to Our Mother Mary* next week after Mass (procession and May crowning)

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PRAYER LIST

Pray for One Another – James 5, 16

Bishop Paul and Archbishop John; Steve (our catechumen); James; Linda

+ Bishop EMMANUEL; Dom Denis Chambault; Archpriest Nicholas; Economos Na'emtallah; Archpriest Elias; Archpriest Jean; Archpriest John; Priest Peter; Priest Luke; Priest Justin; Deacon John; Kh Mary; Kh Elaine; Subdeacon Lawrence Nancy; Steven; William; Arthur; Merrill; Kenneth; Lauri; Thomas; Kathleen; Max; David; Valerie; Joanne; Chuck; Adrian; Robert

And those whom we have forgotten, do Thou, O Lord, remember!

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PROPERS

INTROIT: As newborn babes, alleluia : desire the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing we merrily unto God our strength : make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

COLLECT: Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification : grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth.

EPISTLE: (1 John 5: 4-12): Dearly beloved : Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world : and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ : not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven : the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost : and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth : the spirit, and the water, and the blood : and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater : for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath

the witness in himself : he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life ; and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life ; and he that hath not the Son hath not life.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia, alleluia! In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia! After eight days, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples, and said : Peace be unto you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 20: 19-23): The same day at evening, being the first day of the week : When the doors were shut v where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews : Came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them : Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again : Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them : Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them ; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

OFFERTORY: The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women : He whom ye seek is risen, as he said: alleluia!

SECRET: Accept, O Lord; we pray thee, the gifts which in her gladness the Church doth offer unto thee : that they on whom thou hast bestowed the cause of so great a gladness may thereby be profited unto everlasting felicity.

COMMUNION. St. John: Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia : and be not faithless but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION: Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord our God : that these holy mysteries which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our salvation, may both in this life and that which is to come be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls.

PARTING THOUGHT:

Rather strangely, the Anglican rite cuts shorts the Gospel reading before it relates the story of 'Doubting Thomas' with which this Sunday is traditionally associated alike in east and west. But he wasn't really doubting Thomas, was he? He was much rather *believing Thomas*, with his confession 'My Lord and My God.' As St Augustine says: *He saw the human being, but acknowledged the Deity.*