



Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr Andrew Murphy SSC (Tel.: 07920 596990)

He is risen!

These are the words of what is known as the Paschal greeting we loudly exclaim first thing at Mass on Easter morning. To which we shout the response: '**He is risen indeed!**' This ancient exchange dates from Byzantine times and the Orthodox Church and is a combination of Scripture: Matthew 28:7, the angels addressing Mary Magdalene and the other women who came to the grave on Easter morning, and Luke 24:34, as it was reported to the disciples after our Blessed Lord's appearance on the way to Emmaus. The greeting does not appear in the liturgy itself, but was introduced in the C of E prayer book reforms in 1980. The '**indeed**' emphasises the certainty, for sure and for real nature of the Resurrection. By tradition, the exclamation was used by Mary Magdalene when she addressed the Roman Emperor Tiberius. The Roman Emperor challenged the truth of the Resurrection by saying there was more chance of the egg she had with her turning red, which it duly did. This is the origin of Easter eggs, to many, rather than the stone being rolled from the tomb. The painting and presenting of red eggs is still an Eastern European custom. It is another custom of the Paschal greeting to give the recipient three kisses on the face (Perhaps too culturally ambiguous for most Dundonians?).

The exchange of the greeting and Easter egg are tokens and a reminder of the joy of the Resurrection, making a new being of us, taking us out of death in sin, and together making a both verbal and physical affirmation of the truth of the Resurrection. The Resurrection is the foundation of our Christian faith, and with this pivotal moment and through belief in it we are set free, there is

proof that God is not dead, we are not alone in this world, and we will have the final victory. With this blessed assurance, have a happy Easter!

Fr Andrew



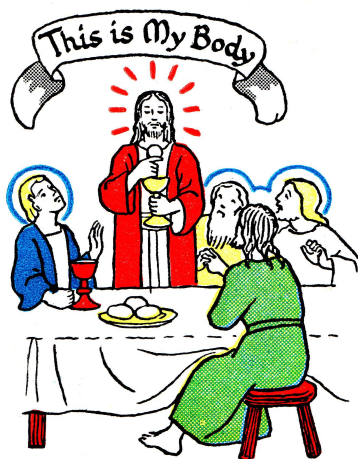
Prayer for Easter Day

*O Lord, who by triumphing over the power of darkness,
didst prepare our place in the New Jerusalem: Grant us,
who have this day given thanks for thy resurrection, to
praise thee in that city whereof thou art the light; where
with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and
reignest, world without end.*

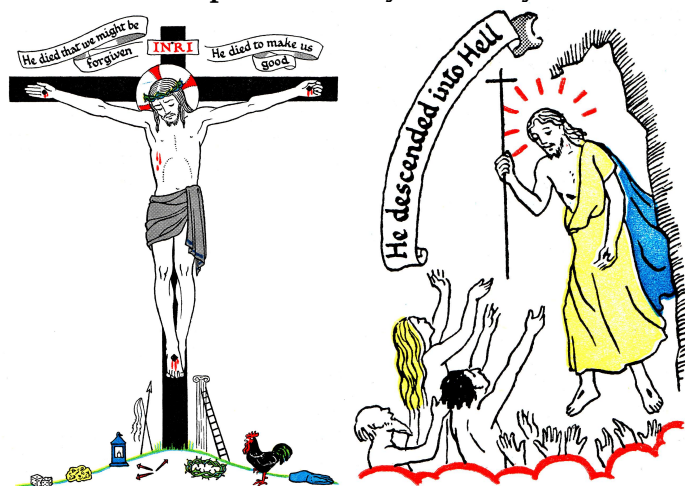
William Bright

Saints' and special days this month

Thursday, 1 April – St Gilbert of Caithness, Bishop, founded Dornoch Abbey.



1 April – Maundy Thursday



2 April – Good Friday, **3 April** – Holy Saturday

Sunday, 4 April – Easter Day, Resurrection of Jesus.

Fri., 9 April – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Teacher, Martyr, resisted Nazis and was executed.

Saturday, 10 April – William Law, Spiritual Writer, 18th century Cambridge Priest sacked for support of Stuarts against Hanoverians. Founded family religious house church.

Sun., 11 April – George Augustus Selwyn, First Anglican Bishop in NZ. Supported Maori rights.

Sunday, 11 April – Leo I, 5th century Pope faced up to Attila the Hun to save Rome.

Monday, 12 April – William Forbes, 17th century Aberdeen Bishop, supported kneeling at Communion
Friday, 16 April – St Magnus of Orkney, Martyr, 12th century Earl of Orkney and Cathedral there named after him (and 20th century quizmaster)

Saturday, 17 April – St Donnan (7th century Abbot) and his Companions, Martyrs

Monday, 19 April – St Alphege, Martyr, 11th century Archbishop of Canterbury

Tuesday, 20 April – St Maelrubha of Applecross, 8th century Abbot, Missionary

Wednesday, 21 April – St Anselm of Canterbury, 12th century French-born Bishop and Philosopher.

Friday, 23 April – St George, Martyr, Patron of England (& many other places). Fought 'dragon'.

Sat., 24 April – St Mellitus, 7th c. First Bishop of London. New 20th c. theological college named after him.

Sunday, 25 April – St Mark, Evangelist of 2nd Gospel.

Monday, 26 April – Albert Ernest Laurie, Priest at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh.

Wed., 28 April – Peter Chanel, Martyr, Pacific Miss.

Thursday, 29 April – St Catherine of Siena, 14th c. Dominican nun, mystic and author of prayer books.

Friday, 30 April – Pandita Ramabai, 19th c. Hindu (female) convert who supported women's rights.

Most additional text supplied by Fr Andrew Murphy

Church reopening

The church was able to open for Sunday services a week earlier than expected, which meant that Palm Sunday was duly celebrated with a Mass and palm crosses on 28th March, taken by Fr Andrew Murphy. The next service will be on Easter Day at 11.00 a.m. We have had to omit the Triduum this year but hope to reinstate all the major services again next year. Services will be limited to one each Sunday for the time being.

Vestry news

A surveyor from Ecclesiastical Insurance made an assessment of the church and halls on 24th March. This was to update their records and judge the level of liability in case of future claims.

James Cassells (20 Apr. 1941–9 Mar. 2021) RIP

We are very sorry to report the death of our much loved and valued member, Jim Cassells. The funeral was held at the crematorium on 25th March and was taken by Fr Joe Morrow. Our deep sympathies to Norma and all his family.

Albert Mason (1932–2021) RIP

The funeral of former member Albert Mason was held at St Salvador's and at the crematorium on 29th March. Fr Andrew Murphy officiated.



Red eggs presented by the Ecumenical Patriarch during an Orthodox Easter Day service in Istanbul on 1 May 1994.

Martin Andrews