

EASTER 2024

OUR LADY & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**"I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
anyone who believes in me will live forever". John 11:25**

SACRED LITURGY OF HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Holy Mass & Blessing of the Palms

24th March

8.30am, **9.45am**, 6.00pm

Monday in Holy Week

Holy Mass

25th March

10.00am

Tuesday in Holy Week

Holy Mass

26th March

10.00am

Spy Wednesday

Holy Mass

27th March

10.00am

Maundy Thursday

Confessions

The Lord's Supper

28th March

5.30pm-6.00pm

6.30pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Children's Stations

Confessions

The Lord's Passion

29th March

10.00am

12.00pm

2.00pm-2.30pm

3.00pm

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil

30th March

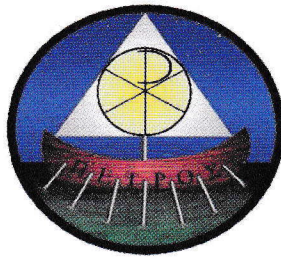
7.00pm

Easter Sunday

Holy Mass of the Resurrection

31st March

8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm



The Collect for Easter Sunday

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Lenten Penitential Service
Thursday, 14th March
7.00pm

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The Gospel shows us that Jesus manifests himself to those who seek him in all sincerity. Mary Magdalene is the model for those who seek Jesus. "What we must try to understand in this episode is the depth of love that burns in the woman's heart, the way she stays close to the tomb even when all the disciples have gone away. In tears, she sought the one who could not be found, and aflame with love, she burned with a pure desire for the one she thought had been taken away forever. She alone saw him then because she had stayed close by to look for him. Perseverance gives good works their power" (St Gregory the Great, *Homiliae in Evangelis*, 25, 1-2 and 4-5). Here we see Jesus as the Good Shepherd who "calls his own sheep by name" (10:3) "Mary" and she does "know his voice" (10:4) she cries, "Rabboni!" Mary, in turn, bears witness to the Resurrection and tells the others that she has seen the Lord. That is why in the Eastern tradition, Mary has been called "isapóstolos", that is, equal to the apostles, and in the Western tradition "apostola apostolorum", apostle of apostles. Jesus, whose glorified human body transcends this material world, must return to the Father. Significantly, the apostles are no longer "servants" or even "friends" (15:15) but "brethren" (v.17) an indication that after the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus, those who believe in him receive the gift of divine filiation (cf.1:12), which makes them sons of God and brothers of Christ.

"Do not hold me" (v.17). In the original, the verb is in the present imperative, implying that Mary was clinging to our Lord. The negative instruction (reflected in the Latin, "Noli me tangere") means that our Lord is telling Mary to release her hold on him, to let him go, for she will have another chance to see him before his ascension into heaven.

The Navarre Bible

Easter joy to you all.

Father Michael