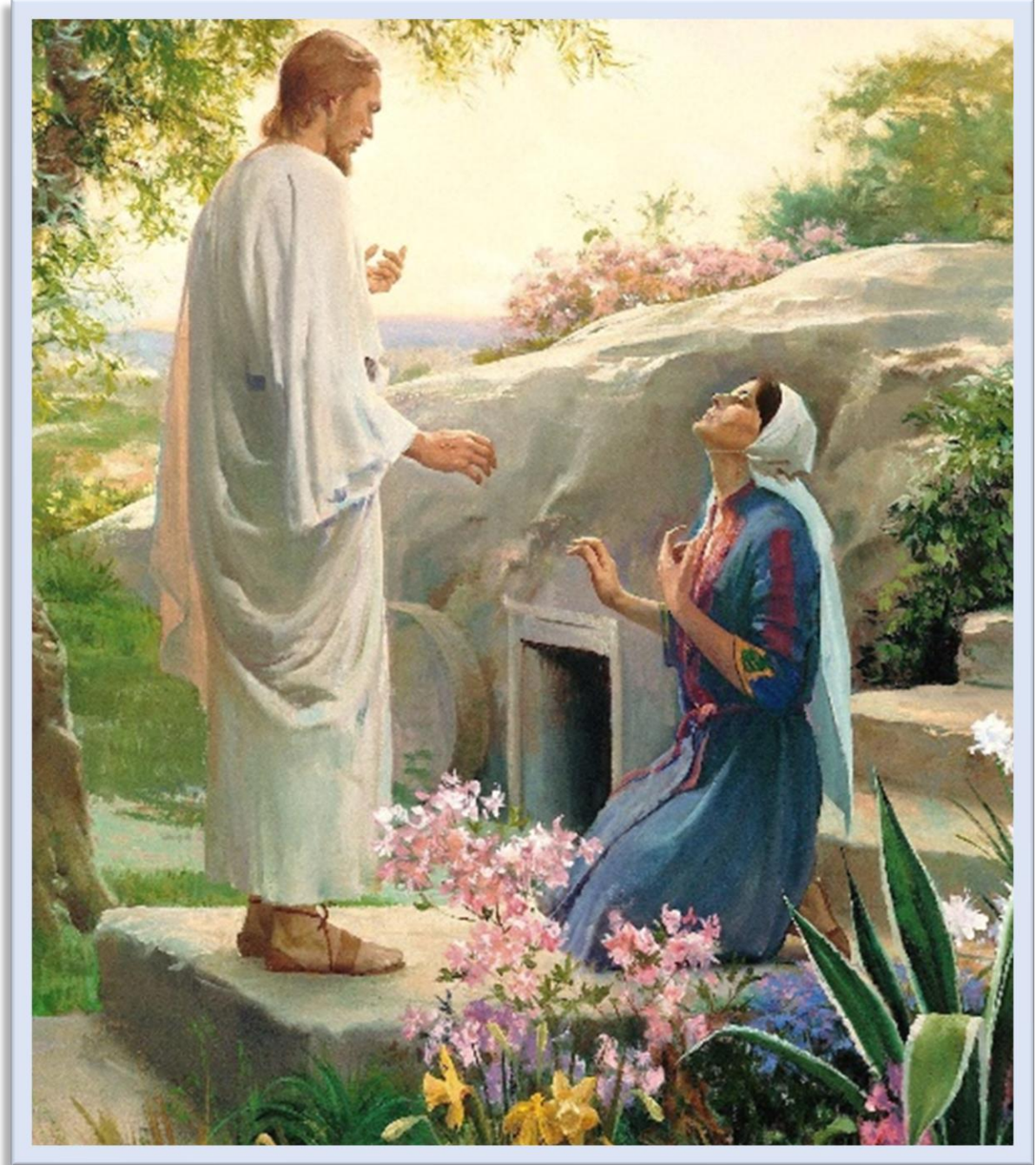


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EASTER April 9, 2023



He is Risen Alleluia!



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Easter Sunday

April 8, 9

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY April 11 8:30 am † Frank & Agnes Sullivan (by Bernard Sullivan & Family)
WEDNESDAY April 12 8:30 am † Neil Allen (by Bob, Suzanne & Family)
THURSDAY April 13 11:30 am † Peter Towns (by the Family)
FRIDAY April 14 9:15 am School Mass † Frank Condon (by Michele & Delaney)
SATURDAY April 15 5:00 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY April 16 10:00 am Int. of Laverne LeMoire (T & AM Murphy and Family)

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
April 8, 9 Easter Vigil 7pm	Michelle Towns Gerard Sullivan	Sun: Brian Moloney
April 15, 16	Kelley Towns	Sharon Moloney
EUCHARIST		
April 8, 9 Easter Vigil 7pm	Terry Pecoskie	Sun: Debbie Riel
April 15, 16	Wendy Tedford	Paul Yasyszczuk
USHERS		
April 8, 9	Barry Condon	Jim Holland
April 15, 16	Gerald Heffernan	Paul Yasyszczuk
CLEANERS		
Week of Apr. 10	Jean Heffernan	Rosemary Towns
Week of Apr. 17	Dorothy Perdue	Bernice Heffernan

“I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1 We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on **Easter Sunday**. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus



Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

Holy Eucharist: Did you know?

Alleluia! He is risen! This is the great triumph of Our Lord Jesus over death. His glorious resurrection is our hope for eternal life. Christ's glorified body prefigures our own. In the words of St. Bridget of Sweden, “What is it, Lord, that You could have done for us that You haven't done?”

Reflection: In the worthy reception of Holy Communion, we share as the Mass says in “the foretaste and the promise of the Pascal Feast of Heaven.” The word Eucharist means “THANKSGIVING”. We can never begin to thank Jesus enough for so great a gift. It will take all eternity just to begin. Happy Easter!

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 IN THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD.



Easter Message 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We think of the word “Easter” as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. “Let him Easter in us,” Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland,” in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns.

I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins' use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say “let him Easter in us” is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him “Easter in us” is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him “Easter in us” is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God.

Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm

Bishop of Peterborough

Blessed Easter!

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in him!” (Psalm 118:24)

Easter is truly the most important day of the Christian faith, and the entire Christian world rejoices at the news that the Lord is Risen!

It is great news to know that death and sin have been conquered by the Lord. As we live in a world where so many suffer because of different manifestations of evil, the Christian faithful remain hopeful because that same evil has already been defeated, and the victory of Christ over death will be fully manifested in the world when the Lord comes again, any time now.

“Deep waters cannot quench love” (Song of Songs 8:7). It was love who conquered death! I remember one particular year of my life, some years ago, where I came to love someone very deeply. Because of the love I had for this person, I was protected from falling into certain habitual sins for that entire year. Love so saturated my life that I felt as though I could only be faithful and devoted to my heart.

I pray that the Risen Lord will fill you hearts with his great Love.

Fr. Randy

Easter Décor

in Memory of Our Departed Loved Ones

- Leo Moloney
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- Frank Forrest
- Monica Sullivan
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- Jerry Ryan
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- Vera Moher



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”



PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR THE



FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS: If you, or someone you know needs prayers please call the office and let us know. Add a stone to our stone bag and we will count the number of rosaries prayed this month to our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.



LAST QUILTING IN THE HALL for this year's Douro Doings will be April 10 & 11. Everyone is welcome.

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