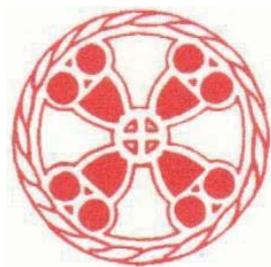


St. Martin's Pilgrim

SARUM ST. MARTIN

APRIL 2020



Calendar for April 2020

date	feast day	intention
<u>April</u>		
01st	Lenten feria	+Jonathan
02nd	Lenten feria	Keeping Lent
03rd	Lenten feria	Alabaré
04th	Lenten feria	The Homeless

05th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
06th	MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
07th	TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
08th	WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
09th	THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK (<i>MORNING</i>)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

09th	MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING
10th	GOOD FRIDAY, IN THE LORD'S PASSION
11th	HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER TIME

11-12th

EASTER NIGHT: THE EASTER VIGIL

12th **EASTER DAY IN THE LORD'S RESURRECTION**

IUSVS NAZARENVS REX IVDÆORUM
ΙΗΣΟΥΣ Ο ΝΑΖΩΡΑΙΟΣ Ο ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΙΟΥΔΑΙΩΝ
ישוע הנצרי ומלך היהודים

date	feast day	intention
13th	MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
14th	TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
15th	WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
16th	THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
17th	FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
18th	SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK	
19th	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	
20th	feria	The Cathedral
21st	feria	Preaching the Gospel
22nd	Feria	+Nicholas
23rd	ST. GEORGE M	The People of England
24th	Feria	S6C
25th	ST. MARK, <i>Ev</i>	Preaching the Gospel
26th	EASTER 3	The Church
27th	feria	St. Martin's School
28th	feria	Paramedics
29th	St. Catherine of Siena	The People of Italy
30th	feria	Hospital Ancillary Staff
MAY		
01st	St. Joseph the Workman	Workers
02nd	St. Anthanasius, <i>B&Dr</i>	Theologians



**‘The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary’
Luke: 1: 26-3**

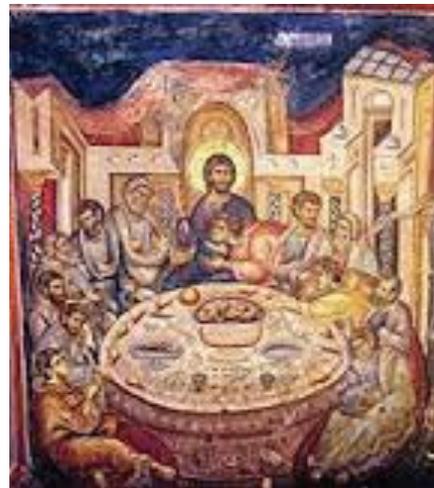
FROM THE RECTOR



When I was at Walsingham one time Bishop Lyndsey Urwin impressed upon us all that only God was awesome; not this fashion, not this music, not this car, not even the breakfast that he had just bought for his niece: no, only God was awesome. Shortly after you receive this copy of St. Martin's Pilgrim the awesomeness of God will again be

celebrated in the Church in the 'Days of Awe', when God will show us His awesomeness in the Death and the Resurrection of His only begotten Son.

The Days of Awe consist of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday; three days in our time, but one saving event in the timelessness of God.

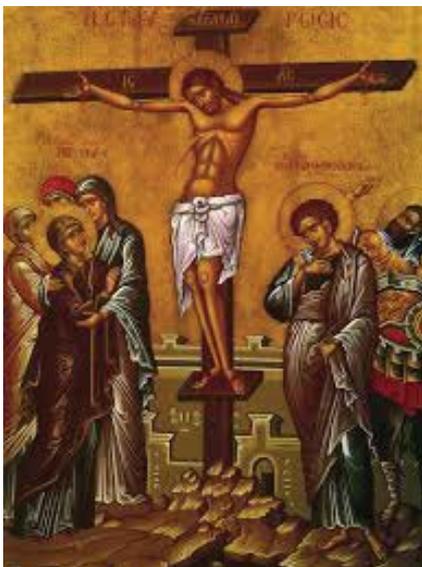


On Maundy Thursday evening we celebrate the Last Supper of Our Lord with His Mother and His Apostles in which Jesus

looked forward to His Death and Resurrection and gave to the Church, which would come into being fifty days after the Days of Awe at Pentecost, the means by which He would make Himself known and available to His disciples to come, the Holy Eucharist:

'Do this in remembrance of me'.

On Good Friday, the Church celebrates the loving sacrifice of Jesus upon the altar of the Cross.



This sacrifice of Jesus brought to an end the sacrifices of the Temple for now in His death is the 'one, perfect, sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction' for the sins of humanity. We who are sinners now look to Jesus to be the means by which the Father reconciles us to Himself.

Good Friday however can never be the end. The self-offering of Jesus the Son to the Father is brought to a wonderful climax on the Cross, so that from the Tomb in which His dead body was



laid can His New Life
pour forth without end.

Days of Awe indeed, for
without these Days we
would not be here; it is
as simple and as stark as
that.

Elsewhere in this edition
of St. Martin's Pilgrim you
will be able to read of
those acts of worship
with which we will
celebrate Easter at
St. Martin's. From Palm
Sunday onwards the
relentless drive of God
to show the depth of His
love for His people
cannot be stopped.
Please read very carefully
how the Liturgy of the
Days of Awe will unfold,
and make up your mind
to miss not one moment
of the celebration of this
most central liturgy of
the Church; Maundy
Thursday Evening, Good

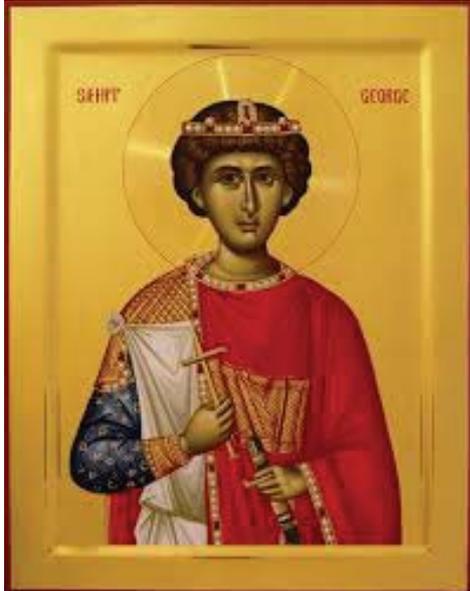
Friday morning and Holy
Saturday Evening Vigil.

May we all be blessed in
His Death that we may
know His Resurrection
and so feed on His most
Sacred Body and Blood
for our salvation and the
salvation of the whole
world.

Fr. David



ST GEORGE - OUR
PATRON SAINT WHO
ISN'T ENGLISH



It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all!

It's most likely that George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the

early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

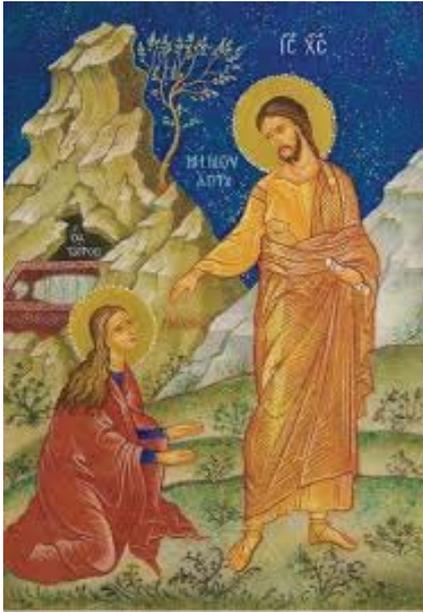
THE OTHER MARY

The Easter story in the Gospels is full of wonderful cameos. Among them, one stands out for sheer emotional power and deep insight. It's the story of Mary Magdalene.



Jesus had rescued her from a life of depravity ('seven devils' is the Bible's phrase). For this she repaid Him with the most powerful adoration

and love. She stood beside His Holy Mother, the 'other' Mary, at the foot of the cross as Jesus was crucified. On Sunday morning she went with other women disciples to the tomb to anoint His body. When they arrived they found the tomb was empty. They were told, by an angel, that Jesus of Nazareth wasn't there because He had 'risen'. The other women left, but a distraught Mary waited outside the tomb, weeping. A man appeared, whom she took to be the gardener. 'Why are you weeping?' He asked. 'What are you looking for?' 'They have taken away my Lord,' she replied, 'and I don't know where they have laid Him'. The man then spoke one word, which changed her life for ever. 'Mary', He

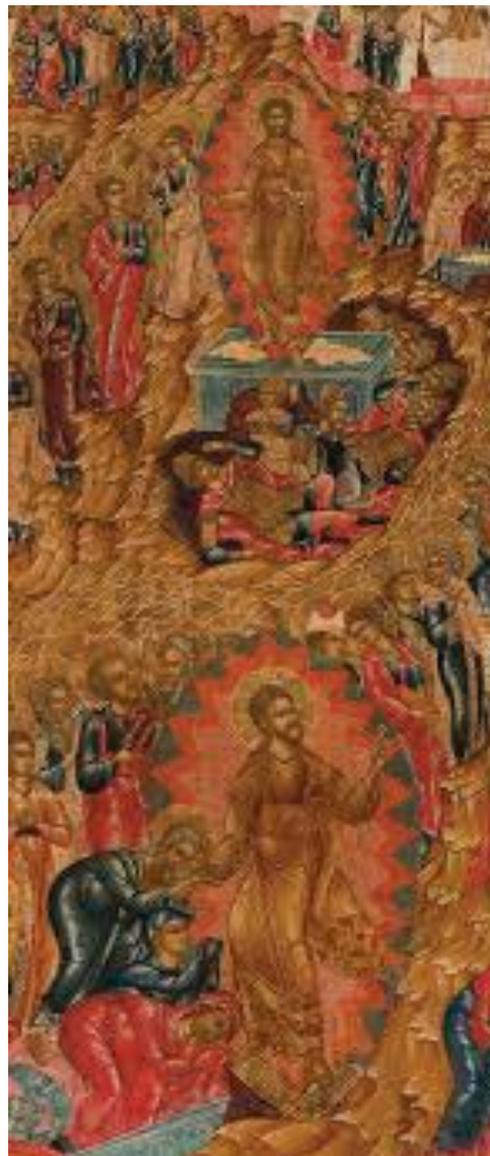


said, using the familiar form of her name. 'Teacher!' she cried, and made to embrace Him.

'Don't touch me,' He said. 'I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go and tell the others'. She did, and became the first person after the resurrection to say, 'I have seen the Lord'. She would see Him again, of course, in the upper room with the other disciples, but then never again on earth, until she

saw Him in His ascended glory, not as the carpenter's son but as the Son of God.

It really is some story!



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2020
SUNDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

10:30am in St. Martin's Church Centre

**PALM PROCESSION FOLLOWED BY
THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

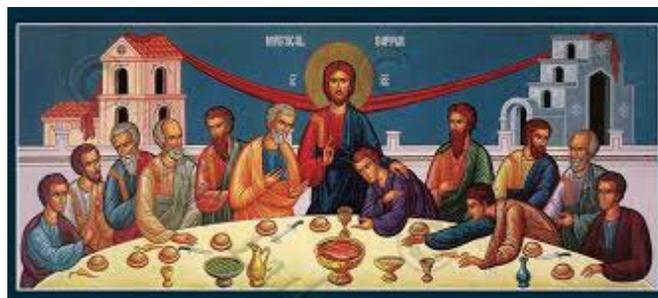


Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 10:00am
Stations of the Cross and Mass

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WATCH OF THE PASSION UNTIL 10:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY - 9:30am

8:00am - Watch of the Passion

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD**



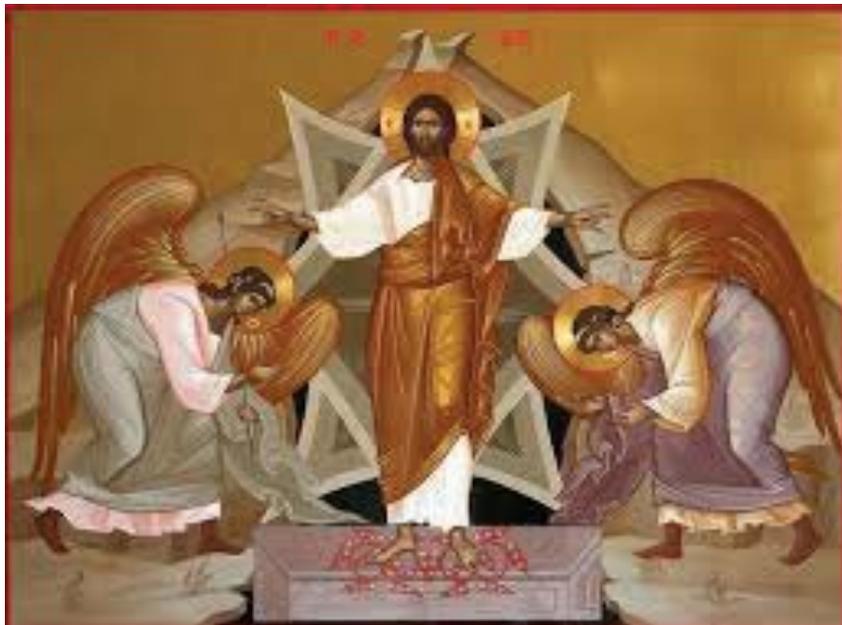
EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT-8:00pm

THE EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER DAY IN THE
LORD'S RESURRECTION**

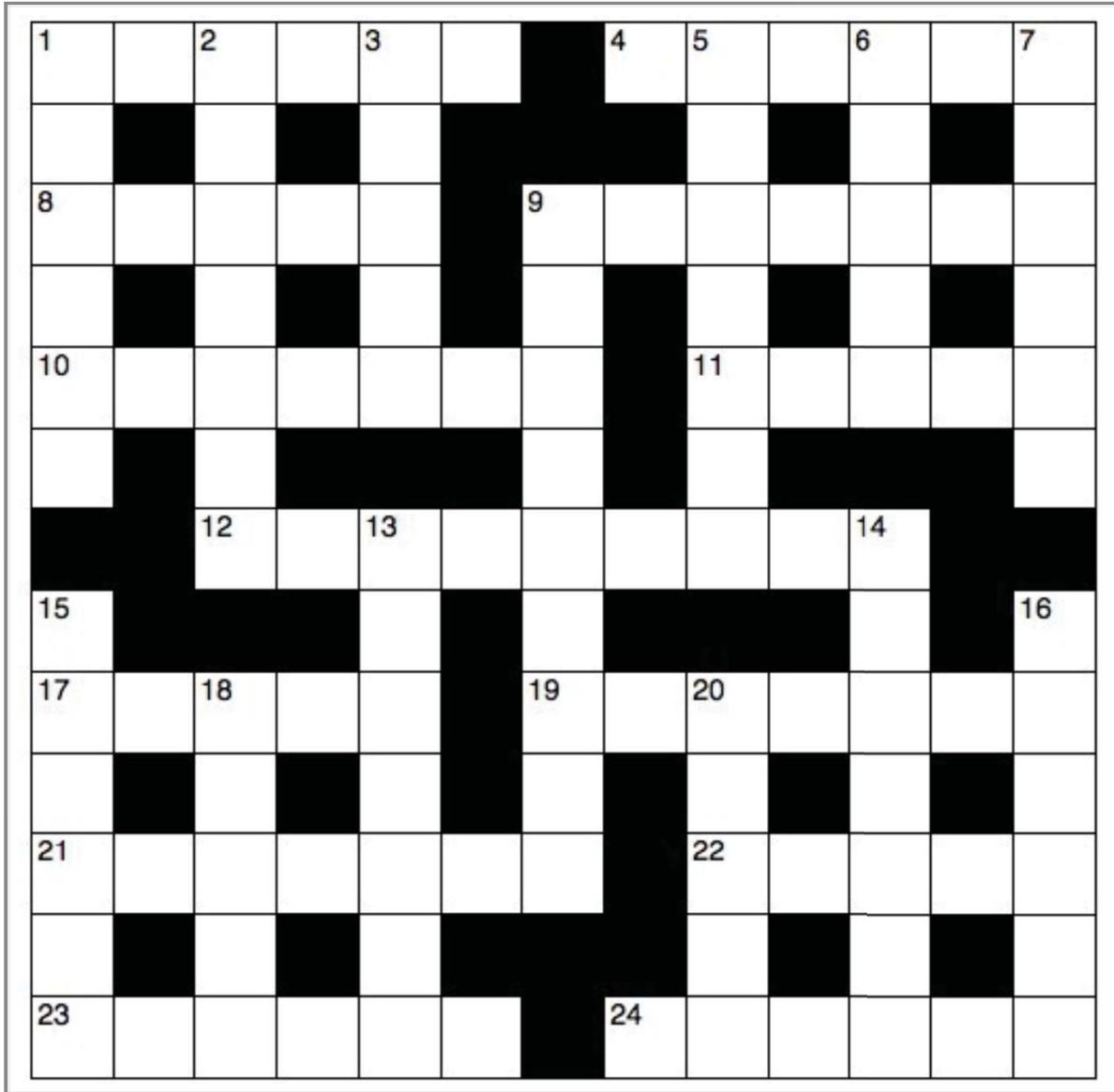
8:00am: Morning Mass

10:30am: Parish Mass of the Day



CROSSWORD

not believe it' (John 20:25)



Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6)

4 The disciple who made the remark in 8

Across (John 20:24) (6)

8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will

(2,3)

9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message

(Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of

America's Moral Majority,
Jerry — (7)

11 'Look, here is — .

Why shouldn't I be
baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)

12 Repossessed (Genesis
14:16) (9)

17 Port from which Paul
sailed on his last journey to
Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)

19 'Moses was not aware
that his face was —
because he had spoken
with the Lord'

(Exodus 34:29) (7)

21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's
half-man, half-horse (7)

22 Grill (Luke 24:42)

23 'The lot fell to
Matthias; so he was added
to the — apostles' (Acts
1:26) (6)

24 'I was sick and you
looked after me, I was in
— and you came to visit
me' (Matthew 25:36)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces
(Psalm 141:6) (6)

2 Academic (1
Corinthians 1:20) (7)

3 Publish (Daniel 6:26)

5 For example, the
Crusades (4,3)

6 11 Across is certainly
this (5)

7 He reps (anag.) (6)

9 Liberator (Psalm
18:2) (9)

13 Man who asked the
question in 11 Across was
in charge of all her treasury
(Acts 8:27)

(7)

14 They must be 'worthy
of respect, sincere,
not indulging in much
wine' (1 Timothy 3:8)
(7)

15 The human mind or
soul (6)

16 'O Lord, while
precious children
starve, the tools of
war increase; their
bread is — ' (Graham
Kendrick) (6)

18 'We played the flute
for you, and you did not —
' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)

HOW CAN A CHRISTIAN BE A SCIENTIST?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered, who could make it in the world of science and still hold onto their faith? Soon enough I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, some of whom were at my own university. So what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges that a life in science holds for a Christian?

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things in the world, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. Exploring the world is a great thing to

do to express our gratitude to the Creator. There is a sense of awe and wonder that comes when we expand our minds and our horizons by discovering things about the universe can feed into our worship.

Of course, there may be things in science that some Christians don't want to get involved in because of what they believe. But there should also be ethical issues that make them want to get stuck into new research that will help people, protect creation, or tackle injustices. I am glad to see that many senior scientists do their best to find appropriate ways to make their own faith visible, so that people like my younger self can find role models and mentors.

Another helpful thing about science is that although our beliefs may at times affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they shouldn't affect the outcome of experiments themselves. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of that worldview.

In my work at [The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion](#), and my involvement with [Christians in Science](#), I have the privilege of meeting a great number of scientists who are also Christians. One of the most famous living biologists is Francis Collins, who was

Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA. He wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” (Francis Collins, [The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief](#) (Simon and Schuster, 2007))

This is written by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

THE REAL MESSAGE OF EASTER

‘When you die, that’s it. Nothing. Out like a light!’ That’s what the man in the pub said, and his mates all nodded, though the one whose mother had died the week before wasn’t really quite so certain. Still, it seemed to make sense. After all, we know what ‘dead’ means: dead leaves, dead batteries, dead fish, dead pets . . . and dead people, to be honest. While we recognise that it’s all too easy to go from alive to dead, we’ve got serious doubts about the possibility of any return journeys.

Which is why we Christians have an uphill task at Easter. Jesus was a great man, and people want to remember how He died. Fair enough. But it starts getting complicated when we Christians insist that

Jesus died but *didn’t stay dead* - in fact, that He’s alive now. That ‘return journey’ has happened, we say.

That’s the problem about Easter. We Christians persist in what sounds like a ridiculous belief. If we just dropped the resurrection bit, and concentrated on the wonderful teaching of Jesus and His example of generosity, compassion and love then everybody would find Christianity much more believable. Wouldn’t that make more sense for us? And wouldn’t that fill the churches again?

Well it might (or, more likely, it might not). But in any case, the trouble is that it wouldn’t be Christianity at all!

The faith of all Christians actually depends on the Resurrection of Jesus, and always has done, right from the earliest days. After the crucifixion the body of

Jesus was taken down from the cross by some of His friends and put in a rock tomb with a heavy stone. But after His death, His tomb was found to be empty and He was seen by His followers alive, not a ghost, not a zombie, but a real living man; they met Him, saw Him, talked with Him, touched Him, ate with Him.

So certain was their belief that nothing could make them recant it. Not ridicule, not torture, not even death itself. They couldn't do it because they were absolutely convinced that it had happened. Plenty of clever and powerful people at the time had a vested interest in proving them wrong. It shouldn't have been difficult to prove that a dead man had stayed dead, especially when you have at your disposal the resources of the greatest empire in history. Yet they

didn't do it, because it couldn't be done.

Still today millions of people all over the world believe that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. They include brilliant scientists and philosophers as well as plenty of 'ordinary' men and women of all ages. They believe it because they respect the witness of those first Christians, and because in many cases their own lives have been transformed by a relationship with Jesus - a relationship that wouldn't make sense if He were dead!

We Christians don't put our faith in a dead hero from the past, but in Someone who is alive and active in our own lives and in the world.

And that, in a nutshell, is the real message of Easter.

Fr. David

LAST PAGE

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.

22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

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Times of Worship

Morning Prayer 09:00am
Evening Prayer 18:30pm (Tuesday 17:30)

The Holy Mass

Sunday 08:00am

The Parish Eucharist 10:30am

Tuesday 10:00am

Thursday 12:30pm

Saturday 09:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession & Absolution

Wednesday after Evening Prayer or by arrangement

