

## Clondevaddock News



4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

EASTER DAY

The First Sunday of Easter

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### TODAY'S COLLECT

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April:

Unfortunately, all services are cancelled due to current government guidelines.

### FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Today is the day that as Christians we celebrate God's victory over sin and death. His death on Good Friday was seen by the authorities as an end to all the disruption to daily and religious life by this man Jesus. On Palm Sunday, crowds came to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem causing more turmoil - as he was pronounced king. Then the following day he went into the Temple, overturned the tables, and set the animals free.

From Palm Sunday, the passion of our Lord was being played out and opposition towards Jesus increased - leading to his crucifixion. Yet today the prediction of Jesus in St Mark Ch. 8:31 "that he must be killed and after three days rise again", has come true.

"He is risen indeed, Alleluia". These words come from the beginning of the Holy Communion series 2 for Easter Day, which tells of a promise fulfilled.

Rising from the dead, he has shown his victory over sin and death; a victory that he is sharing with his children. We have been adopted into his kingdom and we shall inherit the new world that God wanted us to have right from the beginning of creation.

The words from the messiah by G.F.Handel, "I know that my redeemer liveth", were said by Samuel Medley in 1775 and recall with such conviction the affirmation and celebrate of the resurrection of Christ and the salvation of mankind given through Jesus.

His resurrection appearances - especially to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe" (Jn 20:27) came at the time of great turmoil, when the disciples were thrown into much confusion. Was it all in vain? Was he really the Messiah?

Read the words of Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28) and the words of the disciple Jesus Loved, "It is the Lord!" (Jn 21:7) and Peter's answer to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" was, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you". (Jn 21:17).

These acts of confession to the uniqueness of Jesus and to his resurrection, highlights the wonderful news that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. It gives us today that positive news that our belief and trust in Jesus - is not in a defeated-Dead- Son of God; BUT in a victorious Alive- Son of God - who has brought us hope and victory with Jesus Christ.

"Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia".  
*From Rev David Griscome.*

### Reading from 1 Peter 1; 3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

### RETIRED

Please note, that as from today, Easter Day, I will be retired and in an emergency please contact Rev David Skuce. Tel 074 9136187.

### PRAYER

Almighty God, We thank you for your hand that has guided us in the past. Watch over us in the days to come that we may know your path to follow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GOODBYE Rev. DAVID

On behalf of the parishioners of Clondevaddock, we would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the Rev David for

his years of ministry, service and friendship to all in our parish.

We pray that God will bless you greatly as you relax and enjoy a long and happy retirement.

### PARISH SECRETARY

As from Easter Day, Mr William Carre will act as temporary parish secretary until an appointment at the next Select Vestry or AGM Meeting.

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### TODAYS READINGS:

#### N/T Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

3So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

#### Gospel Reading – John 20:1-10

20Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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### FUTURE WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS

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