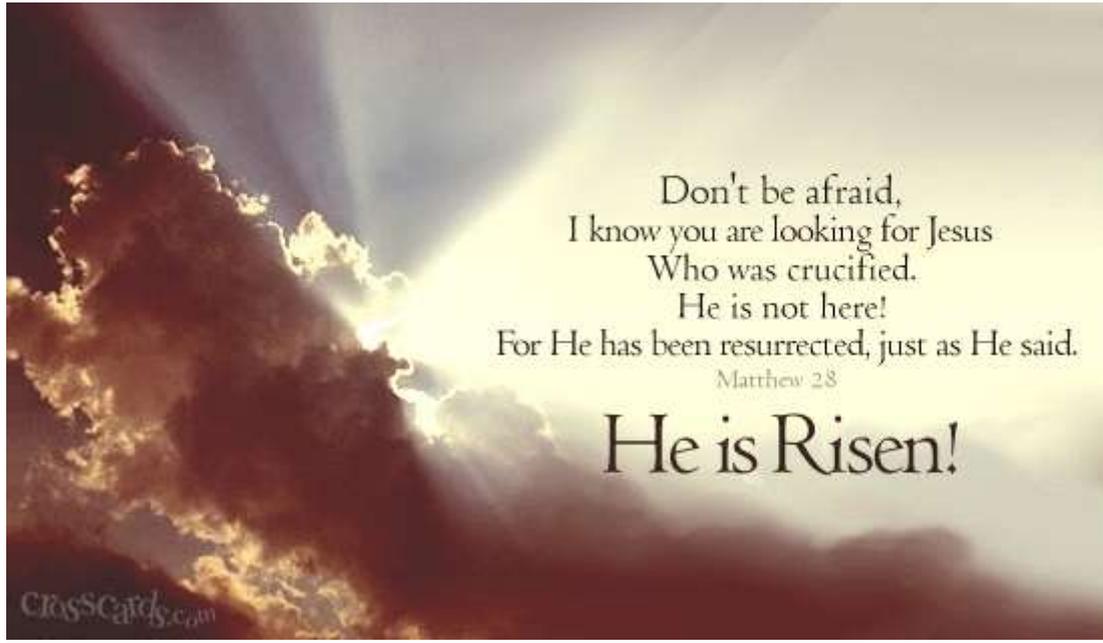


Easter Sunday, April, 12th 2020



This is the day which the Lord has made!

Christ is risen, alleluia!' This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts"-the most important time of the Christian year.

Readings.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9 or Matthew 28: 1-10

Prayers of the Faithful.

Lord, we pray for all those suffering from Covid-19. We think of them and their families at this time.

Lord, hear us. Response- Lord, graciously hear us

Lord, we pray for all the healthcare workers who care for the sick and dying. Please keep them safe as they risk their lives as they care for others.

Lord, hear us. Response- Lord, graciously hear us

Lord, we pray for all those in authority who have to make plans to protect our people from this disease.

Lord, hear us. Response- Lord, graciously hear us

Lord, we pray for those whose livelihood is affected by this crisis.

Lord, hear us. Response- Lord, graciously hear us

Hymns

Let the earth rejoice and sing

Walk with me Oh my Lord

These can be accessed on You Tube

Easter Sunday Mass on Television

10.00-11.00 *Easter Sunday Mass*. A Eurovision Mass, previously planned for Metz Cathedral, takes place instead in the Dominican Convent of Saint Jacques (Saint James the Great) in Paris, due to France's COVID-19 related restrictions on indoor gatherings. Translation and commentary are by Fr. Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra).

11.00-11.20 *Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message*. Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing 'To the city and the world' with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican. Translation and commentary by Fr. Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One).

Easter Sunday Prayer

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.

