

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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5th April 2026 / Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of The Lord

Holy Mass this week

Sunday 9:00am: Ledbury – For the Faithful Departed

Sunday 10:30am: Little Malvern – Brigid Mainati

Easter Tuesday 10:00am: Little Malvern – Colette Spencer (Deo Grayias)

Easter Wednesday 10:00am: Ledbury – E&P Skrines

Easter Thursday 10:00am: Little Malvern – G&M Evans

Easter Friday 10:00am: Ledbury – T&M + TG&SJ Regan

Easter Saturday 5:00pm: Ledbury – Pro Popolo

Second Sunday of Easter 9:00am: Ledbury - R. Evans (Ints.)

Sunday 10:30am: Little Malvern – Kris Davies (Ints.)

Thank You; to all who so helped us to celebrate the Easter Ceremonies... Choir, Organists, Florists, Readers, Cleaners, Servers. God reward each and every one!

Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Acts 10:34a,37-43

'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'

Psalm Ps 22(21):118(117):1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading; Colossians 3:1-4

'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

'He has risen and he is going before you to Galilee.'

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND ALSO THE SICK

We pray for the repose of the souls of loved ones and friends. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray also: for all the sick and housebound including Rosemarie Kay, Pat Sweetman, Jennifer Bush, Collette Spencer, Patricia Soper, Lea Maloney and Bernadette Mulholland'

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please from 6th to 26th April send any items for inclusion to June Stallard. Her email address is: june@junestallard.co.uk

STATEMENT OF BISHOP EGAN, CATHOLIC BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

Last week, the House of Lords, in a misguided and sinister move, backed legislation to decriminalise abortions up to birth. Although the current legal limit of twenty-four weeks will remain for doctor-induced abortions, it will soon be legal for mothers themselves to kill their unborn child at any moment they wish up to full term. This is a truly shocking development. When abortion was first legalised in 1967, abortions in England and Wales were few and far between, yet by the end of the 1990s, almost 175,000 a year were taking place. Today there are over 300,000 a year – one in every three babies conceived. Abortion has been normalised, even though we know that as well as destroying the baby abortion greatly damages the mother.

This new legislation is deemed a triumph by pro-choice activists. In reality, it is a terrifying development. It is a further advance for the culture of death. “Thou shalt not kill” is an instinctive principle written into every human heart, one that grounds the laws that govern every civilised society on earth. It is the teaching of all major religions, and it is fundamental to Christian morality and Catholic social teaching. The new legislation sets aside this principle with the same false and emotionally charged logic that campaigns for assisted suicide. It is a logic that diminishes the dignity of human life. It is a logic brazenly empowering the strong to decide the fate of the weak and vulnerable. More, the prospect of late-term abortions taking place at home raises the real danger of premature babies being delivered alive but then quietly being terminated. Have we now returned to the morality of the Roman Empire, which permitted infanticide, especially if a baby or child was handicapped, deemed weak or of the wrong sex?

As Catholics, we know that every human being has been created and willed by God. This is why we must calmly but insistently work to protect the unborn child in the womb and to protect women from abortion. We must continue to witness to the truth about human life and campaign to change people's hearts and minds. We must also support and pray for women who have had abortions and for those who find themselves in a difficult situation. I ask: Have we really done everything we can to make our voices heard above the clamour for death? This week we keep the Solemnity of the Annunciation when the Blessed Mother conceived the Christ-Child in her womb. Please offer the Rosary for the abolition of abortion and in celebration of motherhood. Every Saturday in the Church's year is dedicated to Our Lady, so let's remember this intention in prayer every Saturday too.

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART. In response to Archbishop Mark's invitation that we become a synodal and missionary church which share the gift of faith through words and witness, the Catholic deanery of Herefordshire is putting on an **OPENING SESSION & TRAINING** on Saturday 11th April 10am-12.30pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont. Come along to: • Understand what the Archbishop is inviting us into • Learn what synodality means in practice • Experience a format that can be used on parishes • Feel comfortable and ready to take part. Everyone is welcome, but this will be especially helpful for facilitators and moderators

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