

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! ✨

With hearts filled with Easter joy, we—Fr Augustine and Fr Francisco—extend our warmest greetings to you and your families. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice in the triumph of life over death and the hope that renews us as a community of faith.

We offer our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the beautiful and prayerful celebration of the Easter Triduum, from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Your dedication, sacrifice, and love for the Church made our liturgies truly uplifting and spiritually enriching.

In a special way, we thank our parish sisters, altar servers, choir, readers, Eucharistic ministers, welcomers, collectors, organist, church cleaners, florists, web manager, those involved in children's liturgy, members of the parish council, the property and finance committee, the parish centre committee, and all who serve our parish in countless ways. Your commitment does not go unnoticed—may God reward you abundantly.

As we continue in this joyful season, may the Risen Christ deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and inspire us to serve one another with love and humility. Let us carry the light of Easter into our homes, our workplaces, and our wider community.

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord remain with you always.

Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Augustine & Fr Francisco



-Parish Collection including via bank: £ 713.83

We have updated our parish email address to

olse.preston@lrkd.org.uk

Please use this new address for all future correspondence. We appreciate your help in keeping our communication smooth and up to date.

Altar Servers Needed - Altar serving is a vital ministry in our parish—practically assisting at Mass and, in a special way, serving Jesus who came to serve. We welcome anyone who has made their First Holy Communion: Year 3 children, older young people, and adults. If you're interested, please speak to Father, Sister, or John Woods, or email olseservers@gmail.com.

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS in the Parish Centre

-Tuesday: 14th, 28th April 10:00am – 12:00pm

-Sunday: 5th, 19th April after 8.45 Mass

Come along for conversation, company and coffee/tea

Join us for refreshments and good company.

Card Reader Facility in the Church Porch -The card reader is just below the choir stairs. You can make Offertory Donations as well as pay for Greetings Cards and Votive Candles. When you have made an Offertory Donation you will be given the option to Gift Aid. Offertory donations can also be made using [URL <https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-preston.or>](https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-preston.or) the QR code.



Why Does Easter's Date Change?

Easter is known as a "movable feast," meaning it does not fall on the same calendar date each year. Unlike Christmas, which is fixed to the solar calendar, Easter is determined by the Moon.

Easter Sunday is observed on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Full Moon is the Full Moon that occurs on or after the Church's fixed date for the spring equinox, March 21.

Because Easter is tied to lunar cycles, its date changes from year to year. Our Moon Phase Calendar shows how the Moon's phases shift throughout the year.

Because lunar months last about 29.5 days and do not align neatly with our calendar months, Easter's date shifts from year to year. In the Gregorian calendar, Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,

we pray for the people who are in war.

For all those suffering or afraid,
that You will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity

to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people all over the world.



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