

EASTER SUNDAY

31ST MARCH 2024

Greetings on this bright new Easter Day when Christ has given us life and new hope, indeed hope for everlasting life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

These past weeks we have been living through the days of Lent, a time of preparation and taking stock and renewing our resolve to do things better.

In the past year more generally there are many in our country, and in the world, who have experienced austerity and difficulties of many kinds, we should continue to keep them in our prayers.

We pray for all those troubled areas of the world, particularly in Ukraine and Russia and in China. Also, since last September, the unfolding tragedy in the Middle East and the suffering of the Palestinian people. More recently the events in Haiti. In all these troubled areas we continue to pray ever more earnestly for peace, true justice and the grace of reconciliation and that a humanitarian reason may prevail. For it is only in this way that the light of new Easter hope can be allowed shine through and prevail.

Many and grateful thanks are due to many who have helped throughout the year and during this time of preparation for Lent and Easter. Those who clean and make beautiful our church. Those who have helped with the preparation and in the celebration of our liturgies, from the Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors and Children's Liturgy Group, to the Choirs and Altar Servers.

There are also many who assist in the sacramental preparation programmes and those who tirelessly work in the background to make sure essential communication and organisation gets done in order to help make the parish run smoothly. So, we ask for your prayers for all of these for the Lord's grace and help to assist them.

Going forward we ask the Lord's blessing on our parish and particularly ask for His graces that the new Parish Hall project will come to fruition in the next year or so and in the process may help to increase the cohesion and co-operation and will of everyone in the parish to make this a reality, providing a focus and a facility for our parish life to flourish.

The Carmelite Community wishes you every blessing of Easter, that through the brightness of the spring may the Lord lift our spirits and fulfil our expectations by His gracious help. Have a blessed Easter. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fr Bob. Fr Jerome. Fr Maurice.

Fr John. Fr Martin and Fr Theophilus