



Colour in the picture to remind yourself of what the disciples found when they went to Jesus' tomb. Today is Easter day. Jesus is risen from the dead, giving new life to us all. Alleluia!

#### **Easter pebble prayer craft**

Paint or decorate a pebble with a symbol of hope, like a sunrise, an egg or a flower bud. The pebble can remind you of the stone in front of Jesus' tomb which was rolled away.

Hold onto this pebble as you pray during the week and tell God your hopes for the world.

#### **Brazilian Easter treat recipe**

At home, try making paçoca, a sweet peanut treat from Brazil, which is often eaten at Easter.

**Please be mindful of any allergies when making this.**

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 cups roasted unsalted peanuts
- 2 cups white granulated sugar
- 2 cups fine bread crumbs
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup whole milk

#### **Method**

1. Put the peanuts in a food processor until they are finely ground.
2. Tip ground peanuts into a large mixing bowl and mix in the sugar, bread crumbs and salt.
3. Add the milk and knead the mixture until it comes together.
4. Put the mixture into a greased baking tray or loaf tin.
5. Press it down and smooth out the surface.
6. Put in the fridge for at least three hours. Cut into 5cm squares.
7. Serve cold or at room temperature.

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#### **Sunday 9th April 2023:**

#### **Easter Sunday**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-9), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story in John's Gospel stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that the disciples will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee.

It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearance accounts. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these encounters stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, the authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings Peter to faith. If Jesus were not risen, how would my life be different? What is the best way in which I can 'proclaim the Good News' of Christ's resurrection?



**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

*He is risen*

**“Wishing everyone a joyous, peaceful and very happy Easter.” Fr Hall**

### **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP:** (see [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk))

Thurs 13th April, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom).

Tues 18th April, 10.30am at St Mary's

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

### **COLLECTIONS:** w/c 2nd April

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £174.00/ Envelopes: £72.00/ Lenten Alms: £255.00

Holy Places: £50.00 / Piety: £29.00 / Northern Cross: £12.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £280.60 / Envelopes: £47.00

FRI. COFFEE MORNING: £54.00 (CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL)

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### **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

**\*\* A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) \*\***

Saturday 15th July, 10am—3pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School in Washington. We strongly encourage all our parish catechists both seasoned and those interested in the work to join this free event.

***To be a catechist is to echo the love God has for each one of us to those in our parishes, our communities, our society.*** It is to pass this love on in sharing our faith to others. This can be daunting. We are not alone. Here you can deepen your knowledge and connect with other Catechists in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch required.

### **VACANCIES - full details via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) // 0191 243 3301**

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith & Mission (maternity cover) – full-time.

Closing date: 18th April 2023.

Senior Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Ncle – full-time.

Closing date: 18th April 2023.

Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) – St Patrick's, Durham – part-time.

Closing dates: 12 April 2023.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK 2023**

Easter Vigil (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Michael William Hodgetts
Easter Sunday (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 10th April	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 11th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Anne McMenemy
Wed. 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	June Weatherstone
Thurs. 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 14th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Decd. Of the Wise Family
* Sat.15th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ena and John Duffy
Sun. 16th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 16th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Isabella Semple

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

2nd Sunday of Easter - 16th April 2023

*“New birth into Christ brings with it the promise of inheritance into eternal life. Second Reading: New Life in Christ (Colossians 3:1-4)*

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

“God of truth, fill us with your Spirit and strengthen our faith, so that we believe in your love for us. Give us courage to spread your peace throughout the world. Amen.”

### **WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.

And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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