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SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THIS
CHAPLAINCY.**

Father Richard's usual working pattern is Sunday mornings, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Emails sent to him will be answered on these days. He is available on these days. He is, of course, able to be contacted at any time for funerals and emergencies.

Easter Hamper

Thank you for your support to all who have bought squares. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday. Thank you to Joan and Sue for organising it and all those who gave prizes.

Jill's Homemade Marmalade

Jill Dorsett is now selling homemade marmalade after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you Jill!

Father Richard writes:

A very Happy Easter to you all! The Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

My thanks go to all who have worked so hard and in different ways (against the background of the restrictions and regulations) during Holy Week leading up to today, Easter Sunday. My gratitude goes to you all for us being able to travel through Holy Week, The Sacred Triduum and leading us to the Day of Resurrection with all the special ministries, tasks and duties.

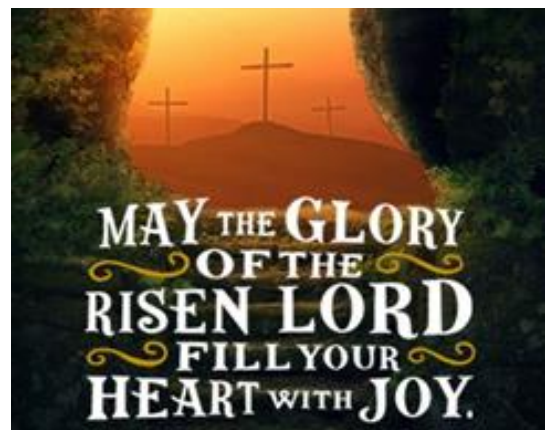
The Pandemic is still with us. We continue to pray for all affected in so many and different ways. Let us pray that things begin to ease gradually with the vaccine rollout.

Let's all continue to pray for each other in generosity, love and charity. Let us pray in hope the vaccine rollout will begin to change our situation. Let us ask the Lord for his guidance. Be assured that your prayers are joined with the saints, especially Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God and our patrons, Ss Peter and Paul.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Thank you for your generosity, kindness and prayers.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard



FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

You can give in the plate each week.

You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.

You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

From the Churchwardens:

It had been so good to see so many of our congregations returning to Church and we thank the dedicated team who prepare for worship and deep clean afterwards. We must also thank those who have been putting their giving away and have now brought it back to Church. This is really needed as is the continued giving to maintain the life of our Chaplaincy. The ideal for the Chaplaincy would be for people to set up standing orders or direct debits. This allows us to have a good idea of what we can expect to receive and plan our finances.

If you feel you can manage to set up a standing order. The bank details to do this are as follows:

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell. IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414 / BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39.

Thank you so very much for your help,

Peter and Jennifer

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We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.

The list of full instructions can be obtained from Father Richard, the Churchwardens, the Secretary or Joan Berry. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home. Under present regulations, the maximum number permitted at La Siesta is 32. You need to let Sue Maude know (wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) each week if you are coming. This is so we can implement the regulations correctly. A STRICT TWO METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE IS IN PLACE. Father Richard does not greet at the door at present. You will be shown to and escorted from your seat. Thank for your understanding and co-operation.

THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy as we begin again in limited circumstances.

Future celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at La Siesta are:

Sunday 4 th April	1130
Saturday 10 th April	1700
Sunday 18 th April	1130
Saturday 24 th April	1700
Sunday 2 nd May	1130

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April 2020. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 3 rd April	0930	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
HOLY SATURDAY			<i>Live-streamed</i>
<i>There is no Easter Vigil this year.</i>			
<i>Instead there will be:</i>			
	1840	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
<i>The live-streamed will be stopped and then you will need to re-connect about five minutes later.</i>			
	1900	Office of Readings (which will begin the celebration of Easter)	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 4 th April	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
EASTER SUNDAY	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 5 th April	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Tuesday 6 th April	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Weds 7 th April	0930	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Thursday 8 th April	0930	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 9 th April	<i>No live-streaming</i>		
Saturday 10 th April	1700	Vigil Mass	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 11 th April	<i>No live-streamed Mass from the Chaplaincy.</i>		
	1000	https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/worship/mass-live-stream/	
	1800	Evening Prayer	

There will then be no live-streaming until Sunday 18th April.





The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

The Chaplain's Prayer List for April 2021:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:

Sue Brassington, Jill Dorsett, John Dorsett, Sean Lahey, Mo Bailey, Laura Risquez and her family, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Kathryn Moore, Fr Brian, Andrew, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Danny Gidman, Denise Taylor, Dorothy Hanson, Eileen Catlin, Father Helge, Solveig Pettersson, Gwen Simmons, Gerry Hopkins, Cassie Sampson, Father Terence; for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Steve Doolen RIP

For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.

If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.

Father Richard's Study Group... will resume via Zoom at a date to be confirmed.

Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

or,

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

Sunday 4th April

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 24: 34; cf. Rv 1: 6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

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,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1Cor5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this

moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Reflection

Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before the dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing — the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. Who would she follow now? So her lament to the disciples was: They've taken my Lord from the grave and we don't know where they have put him. Her lament could express the experience that many Christians are living through today: What have they done with the Risen Jesus? Where have they put him — the Lord in whom we believe: is it a Christ full of the promise of life or a Jesus whose memory keeps fading little by little in our hearts?

We don't need scientific proofs in order to believe more firmly. To experience the joy of Easter it's not enough to turn to the magisterium of the Church, or to study theological books. In order to meet the Risen One we need above all to journey within. If we don't meet him inside ourselves, we won't meet him anywhere. Later, John describes Mary going about looking for information. But when she does see Jesus, she's so blinded by grief and tears that she does not recognize him; she thinks he's the gardener. Jesus just asks her a question: Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?

Maybe we too need to ask ourselves something similar: Why is our faith so sad and low-key? What are Christians today looking for? What do we yearn for? Are we going around looking for a Jesus that we need in order to feel full of life in our communities? When Mary doesn't recognize Jesus, he calls her by her name, with the same tenderness in his voice as when they were walking through Galilee: Mary!. She turns around quickly: Rabbuni! Master!.

Mary meets the Risen One when she feels herself personally called by him. That's the core of resurrection faith. Jesus shows himself full of life to us when we feel ourselves called by our own name and we hear the invitation that he makes to each one of us. That's when our faith grows. Our faith in the living Christ won't be revived only by the Easter accounts alone. We won't properly meet him if we don't seek a living, personal contact with him. A combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One. [*José Antonio Pagola*]

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love has no end! He answered the prayers of his Beloved Son: we trust he will help us in our needs too.

1. That those who have been baptised around the world this Easter may always walk in the light of Christ (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
2. That all Christians who celebrate the resurrection may live in hope and love (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
3. That we may have a lasting peace in the world and an end to terror (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
4. That those in need of support and love may experience God's care through Christians (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
5. That people who are hungry in a world of plenty may receive the help they need (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
6. That the poor and the homeless may feel the compassion of Christians (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.
7. That those who have died may share the glory of the resurrection: We remember especially those who died recently (N & N) and those whose anniversaries occur (N & N) and all those who have died since last Easter (*pause and pray for this...*) Lord, hear us.

O God our saviour and redeemer, you lead your people from defeat to triumph: hear and grant our prayers, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Hymn: <https://youtu.be/D7GS4ytmUEs>

The Regina Cæli
(used during Eastertime)



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God , who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech
thee, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the
joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.