EASTER

THIS is the Queen of Christian feasts. In the great fact of our Lord's resurrection from the tomb lies the foundation of the Christian life. All the gracious beauties of Christmas-tide, all the wonder that we find in the gracious life of Jesus Christ, all this would count for naught were it not for the fact that that life ended not in defeat but in a triumph. Without Easter all would be meaningless. As St Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith also is vain." That "if" which St Paul uses is not the "if" of doubt; it is the "if", rather, of a condition contrary to fact. If that terrible "if" could be, then human life could have no meaning, God could not be good. If the most beautiful human life we know could end in defeat and eternal death, if love could be overcome by hate, if evil could win the ultimate victory over goodness, then our preaching, your faith, and everything else would indeed be vain. But the resurrection of Christ is a glorious fact. For the truth is, as St Paul goes on to say, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Even now we are alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Even now, we who are Christians bear within ourselves the triumphal power of the resurrection life. How often we forget this! How often we tend to sink down to the dull dead level of the unbelieving world around us. "I have overcome the world,"
said our Lord, “be of good cheer.” So in the power of our life in Christ we may meet all the difficulties of life with a supernatural joy in the assurance of our final triumph. “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed.”

“Paschal triumph, Paschal joy, 
Only sin can this destroy.”

Let not our Easter joy be brought to naught by any sin. There is no need of this. Our Lord has assured us through His Apostle that “if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” As Catholics we have been taught the great privilege of confession and absolution. Let no false shame or foolish pride keep us this Easter from making a good confession to God in the presence of His priest, so that we may enter into the full joys of the festival. At St Mary’s there are many opportunities offered for making our Easter confession. Decide now when you will come, and let nothing interfere with this important duty of preparing your heart and soul to receive the Risen Saviour in your Easter communion.

Our Easter triumph will find its climax in the great High Mass on Easter Day. We shall wish to show to Jesus something of our gratitude for all He has done for us. Our Easter offering gives us an opportunity to do this. Let it be something that costs. Surely we shall not be niggardly on this Queen of Christian feasts. Your parish church needs your help. Please be generous on Easter Day. And let us not forget that generosity is measured not so much by the amount given, as by the amount of self-sacrifice behind the gift. For some the gift of one dollar will mean quite as much as the gift of five hundred dollars by another. Let not those who can give more be content with less. Let us all show this Easter that we truly value what our Lord has done for us, what the Church of Christ means to us. May we all enter into the fulness of the joy of Christ’s resurrection!

CONFESSIONS will be heard in the church at the following times before Easter:

THE FATHER RECTOR
Wednesday, March 28. 4-5.
Thursday, March 29. 11-12, 3-4 and 7-8.
Saturday, March 31. 3-5 and 8-9.

FATHER DALE, S.S.J.E.
Wednesday, March 28. 5-6.
Thursday, March 29. 12-1, 5-6 and 7-8.
Friday, March 30. 3-5 and 7-8.
Saturday, March 31. 3-5 and 8-9.

FATHER OTIS, S.S.J.E.
Tuesday, March 27. 4-5
Thursday, March 29. 3-4.
Friday, March 30. 12-3 and 7-8.
Saturday, March 31. 3-5 and 7-8.

FATHER PEABODY
Monday, March 26. 4-5.
Thursday, March 29. 12-1, 4-5 and 7-8.
Friday, March 30. 3-5 and 7-8.
Saturday, March 31. 3-5 and 8-9.

EASTER Day Masses for communion at 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 a.m. Solemn High Mass, with sermon by the Father Rector, will be at 11 o’clock. Solemn Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m.

THE Friday evening meetings in St Joseph’s Hall will not be resumed after Easter, though they will start up again in October. This does not mean that we shall be without some week-day events in the Hall during the next two months. Several have been planned, and the parishioners are cordially invited to them.

On Thursday, April 12th, the Guild of St Mary of Nazareth will have a dance in the Hall from 9 to 12 p.m., the tickets for which will be thirty-five cents.
On another Thursday evening, April 26th, the Hall will be loaned to the Franciscan Tertiaries for the performance of some of Lawrence Housman's plays of St Francis for the benefit of the Franciscan monastery at Mount Sinai, Long Island.

And, before the beginning of the vacation season, the Fathers will have their annual reception and parish party in St Joseph's Hall on some day in the octave of their patronal festival (St John before the Latin Gate, May 6), complete details of which will be announced in the May number of AVE.

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HOLY Hour and Benediction will continue on Saturday afternoons until the end of May. This devotion begins at 5 p.m. and concludes with Benediction, about 5.45.

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WE are pleased to announce another series of organ recitals to be given in the church during the month of April by Mr Hugh Porter. The dates are April 4, 11, 18 and 25.—Wednesday evenings at 8.30. Mr Porter is well known in New York through his work at the Juilliard School of Music, the School of Music of New York University, Union Theological Seminary, as organist of two of our churches, Calvary Church, and the Church of the Heavenly Rest, and through his many recitals. His St Mary's programs follow:

APRIL 4
Prelude and Fugue in E minor .......... Bach
Pastorale in F .......... Franck
Fugue in G major .......... Widor
Choral in E major .......... Brahms
Allegro cantabile (Symphony V) .......... Brahms
Chorale-Preludes
Herzlich thut mich erfreuen
Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen
O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen
Carillon-Sortie .......... Mulet

APRIL 11
Prelude and Fugue in E flat .......... Bach
Andante (Sonata IV) .......... Franck
Chorale-Preludes: In dulci jubilo (three settings) .......... Brahms
Choral in B minor .......... Franck
Chorale-Preludes
Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
O Gott, du frommer Gott
Herzliebster Jesu
Scherzetto .......... Vierne
Berceuse
Intermezzo and Final (Symphony III) .......... Vierne

APRIL 18
Partita: O Gott, du frommer Gott .......... Bach
Sonata III (two movements) .......... Buxtehude
Prelude and Fugue in G minor .......... Brahms
Chorale-Preludes
Mein Jesu, der du mich
O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen
Noël on the Reeds .......... d'Aquin
Pastorale .......... Franck
Chant de Mai .......... Jongen
Final (Vêpres de la Sainte Vierge) .......... Dupré

APRIL 25
Chorale-Preludes .......... Bach
In dir ist Freude
Meine Seele erhebt den Herren
Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel
Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major
Chorale-Preludes .......... Brahms
Herzlich thut mich verlangen
Herzlich thut mich verlangen (second setting)
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (second setting)
Menuet-Scherzo .......... Jongen
Choral in A minor .......... Franck
Intermezzo and Final (Symphony III) .......... Vierne
EVERY baptized woman and girl in the Episcopal Church belongs to the Woman's Auxiliary. They are united in this way for the missionary life and work of the Church. The work of the Auxiliary is of many different kinds. Much of the work is carried on by groups of women and girls. There are also many activities on the part of Auxiliary members working individually. Prayer, both corporate and individual, is of first importance in the Auxiliary. Many other kinds of missionary work are done.

Here at St Mary's there is a Mass with intention for Missions, and especially for the Woman's Auxiliary, on the second Friday of each month at 9.30 a.m. The monthly business meeting follows, at 10.30. At this time, reports of the work are presented, and plans are made for the various missionary activities carried on by the members. Missionaries, at home on furlough from various parts of the mission field, speak from time to time at these monthly meetings.

All baptized women and girls of this parish are cordially invited to join actively in one or more of the departments of the life and work of the Woman's Auxiliary. The usefulness of the Auxiliary is limited only by the number of willing workers.

Mrs Matthew Carswell is the President of St Mary's branch of the Auxiliary. She may be reached at 12 East 86th Street, Telephone: BUtterfield 8-4000. Father Otis is the Chaplain. They will gladly give further particulars to those interested.

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THE period from April 15th to April 22nd has been chosen as a week of prayer for the United Thank Offering by the women of the Church all over the world. In our own diocese it comes at a fitting time for the presentation of the Thank Offering in the Cathedral of St John the Divine on Tuesday, May 1st, at 10 a.m. Two hundred of our women missionaries depend upon the Thank Offering for their support. We ask your prayers that “God will dispose the hearts of women everywhere to give gladly as He has given them.”

It is hoped that more of the women of St Mary's will take part in this Offering. The special blue Offering boxes may be obtained from our local treasurer for the United Thank Offering, Mrs William W. Raymond, 404 West 115th Street, New York.

The United Thank Offering is a special offering by the women and girls of the Church, over and above all other offerings which they make.

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MISSIONARY work is what we are all called to do in some form or other. A farmer hires a hand, who does nothing but sit at the dinner table and lie in bed. The farmer tells him one day that he cannot employ him any longer.

“Why?” demands the labourer. “Don't I sleep and eat well? Haven't I eaten your food and praised your cooking?”

“You have,” admits the farmer, “but I feed you in order that you may get out in the fields and work. I am paying you for service.”

Many Catholics think that they may have a religious meal once or twice on Sunday, and prayer-meeting cold meat on an occasional week-night, that they may have a good bath whenever they want it, and that then they have repaid the Lord for His goodness. But He wants us to do more than praise His bounties. He wants us to go out into His vineyard and work and save souls.

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WE have for many years considered The Spirit of Missions to be one of the most interesting and best edited of our American religious journals, but it has only recently occurred to us it might well have a place on our tract table along with the other magazines on sale there each month. Beginning with the April number, we shall have copies of The Spirit of Missions there each month. The price of the magazine is ten cents a copy; and the small profit from its sale goes to St Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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OTHER magazines which are regularly on sale at the tract table are The Living Church (weekly), The American Church Monthly, Cowley (the quarterly review of the American Cowley Fathers) and The Cowley Evangelist (the monthly paper of the English Cowley Fathers).
WHEN you finish reading your magazines and such books as you do not wish to retain for your own library, perhaps you would like a reminder of the Church Periodical Club which sends literature to clergy and missionaries and others in all parts of the world.

For a long time we have had a depository for magazines and books just inside the door of St Joseph’s Hall, but we imagine that few have been aware of its existence. It has recently been plainly marked with a sign “Church Periodical Club”, and into it we invite you to place your magazines and books when you are through with them. Or Miss Madeleine Murray, Hotel Seymour, 50 West 45th Street, New York City, the local secretary of the club, will gladly furnish anyone with the name and address of a person to whom you can regularly mail your copy of some magazine or Church paper.

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WE are sure that there are a number of persons in this parish who would be glad to know of the Tea, Dance and Fashion show which is to be given at the Hotel St Regis, 55th Street and Fifth Avenue, on Saturday, April 7th, for the benefit of St Mary’s Hospital for Children and St Mary’s School, Peekskill. Music on this occasion will be furnished by Vincent Lopez. The fashion show, which is sponsored by the Lord & Taylor Company, will be from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and will be followed by tea and dancing until 6 p.m.

Tickets for this benefit are $1.75 each. Please make checks payable to Mrs Theodore C. Richards, and mail all orders to her at: St Mary’s Hospital, 405 West 34th Street, New York City.

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THE altar flowers during the month of April are given in memory of the following:


April 15. Second Sunday after Easter. Elizabeth Speir Arnold.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

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A MEXICAN EASTER SONG

Go to Church on Easter Day.
Who that morn would stay away?
If you’ve got an Easter bonnet
Or some Easter raiment, don it.
If you have none, do not worry.
Dressing without fuss and flurry
Gives you time to muse awhile
On the vanities of style.
But no matter what you do,
Go to Church and think this through—
What is Easter? And Who made it?
And your debt to God, Who paid it?
Don’t forget the Friend of man.
Make your Easter while you can.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

February 25 William Joseph McCabe (Infant)
February 25 Ellen Pascoe Huddleson (Infant)

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

February 3 Alfred Walter Atkinson and
Muriel Mary Geier
February 13 Clare L. Swain and
Agnes Leonie Turney

BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."

February 15 Richard Ellis Jones

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KALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1934

1. Su. EASTER DAY.
2. M. EASTER MONDAY.
3. Tu. EASTER TUESDAY.
4. W. In Octave.
5. Th. In Octave.
8. Su. LOW SUNDAY.
9. M. ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
   (from March 25).
11. W. St Leo, Bp C.D.,
13. F. St Justin, M. Abstinence.
15. Su. EASTER II.
17. Tu. Feria.
18. W. Feria.
21. Sa. St Anselm, Bp C.D.
22. Su. EASTER III.
23. M. St George, M.
25. W. ST MARK, EVANGELIST.
27. F. Feria. Abstinence.
28. Sa. St Paul of the Cross, C.
29. Su. EASTER IV.
30. M. St Catherine of Siena, V.

Days indicated by ☉ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.
MUSIC LIST FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTERTIDE

MARCH 28.—WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

TENEBRAE:
- In monte Oliveti* ........................................... Ingegneri
- Tristis est anima mea ........................................ di Lasso
- Ecce vidimus* .................................................. Ingegneri
- Amicus meus* ................................................... Ingegneri
- Judas mercator* ............................................... Ingegneri
- Unus ex discipulis* ......................................... Ingegneri
- Eram quasi agnus* .......................................... Ingegneri
- Una hora* ....................................................... Ingegneri
- Seniores populi* .............................................. Ingegneri
- Benedictus* ...................................................... Palestrina
- Christus factus est .......................................... Bruckner
- Miserere mei ................................................... Allegri

MARCH 29.—MAUNDY THURSDAY.

Mass, “Missa de Angelis” .................................. Plain Chant

TENEBRAE:
- Omnes amici mei* ............................................. Ingegneri
- Velum templi* .................................................. Ingegneri
- Vinea mea electa* ........................................... Ingegneri
- Tamquam ad latronem* .................................... Ingegneri
- Tenebra factae sunt .......................................... Victoria
- Animam meam* ................................................ Victoria
- Tradiderunt me* ............................................... Ingegneri
- Jesum tradidit* .............................................. Ingegneri
- Caligaverunt oculi* ......................................... Victoria
- Benedictus ..................................................... Palestrina
- Christus factus est .......................................... Bruckner
- Miserere mei ................................................... Allegri

MARCH 30.—GOOD FRIDAY.

At the Worship of the Cross:
- Improperia .................................................... Victoria
- Crux fidelis .................................................... Anon.

TENEBRAE:
- Sicut ovis ...................................................... Nold
- Jerusalem surge ............................................. Nold
- Plange quasi virgo .......................................... Nold
- Recessit pastor noster ..................................... Nold
- O vos omnes ................................................... Morales
- Ecce quomodo moritur* .................................... Ingegneri
- Astiterunt reges terrae ................................... Nold
- Æstimatus sum ................................................. Nold
- Sepulto Domino* ............................................ Handl
- Benedictus ...................................................... Palestrina
- Christus factus est .......................................... Bruckner
- Miserere mei ................................................... Allegri

APRIL 1.—EASTER DAY.

Mass in D (The Imperial) ..................................... Haydn
- Motet, “Easter Hymn” ..................................... R. Vaughan Williams

EVENSONG:
- Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) .... Byrd

APRIL 8.—LOW SUNDAY.

Mass, “Missa brevis” ........................................ Meuerer
- Motet, “Hallelujah” (Messiah) .......................... Handel

EVENSONG:
- Magnificat, Tone V, with faux bourdons* .......... Thomas Tallis
- Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons* ........ Nathaniel Giles

* First time.
MUSIC LIST, CONTINUED

APRIL 15.—EASTER II.
Mass in E flat
Motet, "O sacrum convivium" von Weber
Motet, "Bernardi
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux bourdons* John Holmes
Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with faux bourdons* John Holmes

APRIL 22.—EASTER III.
Mass in D Dvorak
Motet, "Exultate Deo" Palestrina
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VII, with faux bourdons* Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons* Tallis

APRIL 29.—EASTER IV.
Mass, "St Dominic" Farjeon
Motet, "Jesu, flos matris virginis" Smith
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone I, with faux bourdons* Robert Fayrfax
Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with faux bourdons* Unknown Edwardine Composer

* First time.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS
Low Mass 7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address 9 a.m.
Low Mass 10 a.m.
Matins 10:30 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction 6 p.m.

WEEK DAYS
Mass, daily 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
Also on Holy Days of Obligation 6 a.m. and 12 noon
Children's Mass and Catechism, Saturdays 9 a.m.
Matins 9 a.m.
Vespers 6 p.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays 5 to 6 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday.

The Church is open week-days from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m. On Sundays, until 7:30 p.m.
Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The office of the Parish Secretary is open at the following times:
Mondays to Fridays 9.15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Saturdays 9.15 to 1
Closed on legal holidays.
SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Dale, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Otis, S.S.J.E., Thursdays, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.
Father Peabody, Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
A Priest can always be seen daily at 7.30 a.m., upon application.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays at 3 p.m., by arrangement with the clergy.
Proper sponsors should be chosen, and the mother should be churched.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

SICK CALLS, Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy; in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted before any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the Church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr Nold, the Director of Music.

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