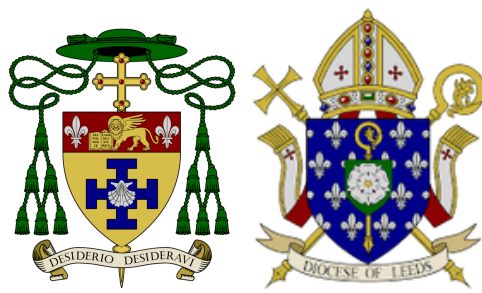




Tomb to Mission

A journey from Easter to Pentecost



EASTER SUNDAY

He must rise from the dead.

John 20:9

This season, from Easter to Pentecost, is a time for deep reflection and prayer. We are invited to ponder God's promise of the Resurrection and to consider how each of us is called to live with radical freedom, giving generously to others just as God has freely given to us in Jesus.

On Easter Sunday we stand with Mary Magdalene before the empty tomb. It is the beginning of our Easter journey. Throughout Eastertide we will travel together from that empty tomb to the mission entrusted to the disciples at the Ascension, a mission that is then filled with the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We remember that Jesus suffered, died, was laid in the tomb, and rose again out of love for each one of us.

Today we enter into the joy of the Resurrection, the joy Mary Magdalene felt on that first Easter morning. Her profound love for Jesus, born from the transformation His grace worked in her life and nurtured through their friendship, kept her close to the tomb. Even in the silence of His apparent absence, she remained drawn to Him, the memory of His call echoing in her heart. Her steadfast love was met with the overwhelming joy of discovering His risen life. That same joy soon filled Peter and John, who ran to the tomb in faith. As John later writes in his Gospel, "he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead." St John invites us, too, to believe in the Resurrection.

This week, during the great Easter Octave, we are invited to live as resurrection people, letting each day be its own encounter with new life. Let us enter this Octave with joy, hope, and love, asking Jesus to renew our hearts in Him. Alleluia! He is risen - He is risen indeed!

The Resurrection changed everything and it continues to change everything.
How will it change you?

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