

Spread the Joy.

God raised this Jesus: of this we are all witness

"Christ has risen! He is risen indeed!" And what joy we had yesterday or at the Saturday Vigil Mass, hearts and souls filled to bursting!

What joy we had at dinner, talking and sharing with family and friends!

What joy we had watching the young (and not-so-young) with their Easter baskets!

But today is another day, a day when we go back to work or to cooking or laundry or fixing the car or another seemingly mundane tasks. Let's recognise these times for what they truly are—not mundane, but opportunities to carry the Good News to those who don't know Jesus or who have let their relationship with him atrophy. Resolve to be a witness to the resurrection today in your actions and words. Show Easter joy!

Jesus, stoke my love for you so that the flame grows in me and spreads to others.

Taken from the Living Faith 18th April

Reflections from Walsingham on the Momentous

Act of Consecration of Russia & Ukraine



Bishop Alan Hopes led us in the solemn Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in profound Union with Pope Francis and all the Bishops of the world and the entire Universal Church.

It followed the Mass of the solemnity of the Annunciation at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady.

... **O Mother of all the World, Lead Russia back home again,
That over a peaceful world, thy heart may graciously reign.**

Dowry House Retreat Walsingham

Prices are per person for full board and are inclusive of VAT. These rates apply for all residential stays and retreats, unless otherwise stated. Our prices include all your meals from supper on the day of arrival to lunch on the day of departure.

Room Type Weekend or Weekday Break * 2 Nights * Ensuite £170

(Fri - Sun or Mon - Weds) Young Adults * 2 Nights* Standard £150 £125

(Age 25 or under. Individual bookings only)

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April 17, Blessed Mary of the Incarnation.

Also known as Barbara Avrillot

Barbara Avrillot was born into an upper middle class family in Paris in 1566. Her father, Nicholas Avrillot was a French government official. She was educated by the Poor Clares of Longchamp, who prepared her for the cloister.



At the age of sixteen, she married Pierre Acarie, a Catholic aristocrat of good character, with whom she had six children. She was a model wife and mother.

Pierre supported the Catholic League against Henry IV. When Henry became king, he seized the Acarie estates, impoverished the family, and exiled Pierre from Paris. Barbara had to remain behind to battle with creditors and business men for her children's fortune. In addition, she endured considerable physical pain, the result of a fall from her horse. Nevertheless, Barbara went to court, won, and regained part of the family fortune.

Madame Acarie was known for her virtue, her supernatural gifts, and particularly her charity towards the poor and the sick in the hospitals. She had the gift of healing, the gift of prophecy, of predicting events in the future, of reading hearts and of discerning spirits. At the age of twenty-seven, she received the stigmata, bearing the wounds of Christ.

In 1601, she was introduced to the Life of St Teresa of Avila and was greatly moved by her life. A few days later St. Teresa appeared to her and told her that God wanted her to found Carmelite convents in France. She founded five houses.

Following her husband's death, she became a lay Carmelite, taking the name of Mary of the Incarnation, withdrawing to the cloister at Amiens. Her three daughters had preceded her into the cloister, and one of them was sub-prioress at Amiens. In 1616, she went to the Carmelite monastery at Pontoise, where she died on April 18, 1618. She was distinguished by her spirit of prayer and her passion for the propagation of the Catholic faith.

Prayer of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation Lord Jesus, conform my spirit to your blessed humanity, filling my mind with knowledge and my memory with a continual recollection of You, my will with an ardent affection for your Majesty, [conform] my soul to your very holy soul... Enlighten me inwardly with the light of your Divinity, all the more so as I believe, by it, that you are totally within me. By this means, I very humbly beg you to look from now on through my eyes, speak by my tongue, and accomplish by all my members and senses the things which are agreeable to you.

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Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday 16th 6.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
We welcome members of the RCIA,

Clare, Steven, Sharen, James & Brogan who will be received in full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

We share their joy on this occasion.

Congratulations to Lennon who will receive First Holy Communion as well as being received into the Church on this day.

Recently Baptised

Hallie Rose Costello, Bobby Foster, Bobby Roberts,

Sunday 17th 11.30am Sunday of the Resurrection

From Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April - No Morning Masses

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm Pauline Walkden

Sunday 24th 11.30am Carrie Loughlin

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Tommy Lewis. Joseph Curran
Joseph Banks, Maureen Redhead

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Terence Gannon

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Angela Adlen

Angela Gregory

Baby Zackery

Bernie Boyd

Brian Threlfall

David Holgate

Diane Bell

Eddie Unsworth

Eileen Guy

Ellen Cooke

Janet Clark

John Murphy

Josie Dunne

Kenny Morley

Margaret Bradley

Margaret Lace

Dave McLoughlin

Paul & Kate

Peter Fraser

Robbie Ross

Toni Dal

Joan Turner

Canon Brendan Alger

Christine & David Fitzsimmons

David & Julie Pearce

Eleanor Mawdsley

G.,

Joan, Andreas Samaras

Margaret & Joseph Maloney

MP.,

TC.,

Vassilis Alamaniotis