Easter Sunday

Today is Easter Sunday, the 12 April.

As you enter into prayer today on this Easter day, take a moment to look back over the last few weeks and months. This has been a difficult time of many changes to day to day life for everyone around the world. Pause for a moment, and consider the moments God has been working in your life? Does a particular moment stand out to you? A moment where the light of the Resurrected Christ was present and active? That same light is present with you now. Right here, right now, the Risen Christ, who triumphs over sin and death sanctifies this ordinary place, and these ordinary people, and makes them holy.

Today’s reading is from the Gospel of John. This is the gospel that you would have heard had you been able to attend mass on this Easter Sunday morning. We invite you to prayerfully pray through the Gospel passage and join us in reflection.

How does this passage speak to you today? Does it have anything to do with how you are to cope with our ‘lockdown’? Did you notice there is quite a lot of ‘running’ in this story; what does this signify to you?

“He saw and he believed?: what did the disciple believe? Does this ‘belief’ make any difference to the way you are reacting with the effects of the Coronavirus?

Now listen to the story once more, and notice particularly what the evangelist says at the end: ‘they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead’.

On this Easter Sunday morning, we can experience the fullness of joy in the Resurrection, no matter how fiercely the virus rages. Bring all your thoughts and feelings together and turn them into a prayer to the Risen Christ, and to the God who raised him from the dead.

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you because by Your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.