

# Families of Faith

✦ APRIL ✦

## Prayer Corner



Loving Father, during this season of Easter, we lift our hearts in joy and gratitude.

Fill our homes with the joy of Your resurrection and let love and togetherness be the foundation of our family.

Amen

The start of April also marks the start of Holy Week. Scan the QR code to help you understand what happened on each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.



## Family in Faith Action

At Easter we celebrate the new life given to us through Christ's death and resurrection. When you go out spot all the signs of new life. That might be babies, lambs, bulbs flowering and trees bursting into bud.

Perhaps you could plant some seeds or bulbs and take care of them and watch them grow during the 50 days of the Easter season.



## Saints to Inspire

### St. Mark 25<sup>th</sup> April

Saint Mark was a follower of Jesus and the author of the Gospel of Mark. Tradition says that he was born in Jerusalem and the son of the woman whose house the apostles hid in after Jesus' death and where the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost. He was the cousin of St. Barnabas close to St. Peter and St. Paul. It was St. Peter's teachings that the Gospel of St. Mark is based upon. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and is considered the father of Christianity in Africa.

He was martyred in AD 68.

Legend says that St. Mark was thrown to the lions but instead of attacking him they slept at his feet. In Venice on St. Mark's Day people eat Risi e Bisi or Rice and Peas

**Why not try making it**



## Good News from the Gospel

**5<sup>th</sup> April** - We hear the message that scripture has been fulfilled and Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive.

**12<sup>th</sup> April** - Thomas didn't believe that Jesus was alive until he saw the wounds in his hands and feet. We may have times of doubt, but Jesus is always there for us.

**19<sup>th</sup> April** - Two disciples were walking to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. Only when they shared a meal and he broke the bread did they recognise who he was. Sometimes we don't recognise Jesus at work in those around us.

**26<sup>th</sup> April** - Jesus is the good shepherd caring for us His sheep.



## 21<sup>st</sup> April - National Tea Day

The slogan of the day is "Brew More. Do More." and the aim is to inspire special and heart-warming moments with tea.

**Why not invite someone to join you for a cup of tea that day or make a cup for someone with love**

