

Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 31st March)

17^h April



Easter Day

Easter Day ranks first in the Christian year; it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus:

After the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Matthew 28: 1 - 10 (see also Mark 16: 1 - 7; Luke 24: 1 - 12; John 20: 1 - 25)

The whole week following Easter Day including the following Sunday ("Low Sunday") is called the Easter Octave - eight days of intense celebration.