

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, GHALA

(Parish of the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia)

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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

HAPPY EASTER!

This year, we observe Easter in a challenging context amid painful situations. The COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected the whole world, is also affecting the way Easter is being celebrated. To protect our own lives and those of others, we will share the mystery of Easter and meet the Risen Lord in our homes, behind closed doors. Many of our people are experiencing fear and uncertainty, as well as trauma, separation and isolation.

Yet, despite these traumatic and painful situations, the message of Easter continues to be a joyful one of courage and hope. As we are confronted today with the challenges of COVID-19, we priests assure you that in these days we are united with you in prayers.

Let me borrow a few words from the speech of Queen Elizabeth II, delivered last week, to lend encouragement to everyone: *While we may have more still to endure, better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again.* We will meet again around the altar of the Lord to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries.

May the Risen Lord bless every one of you with courage and peace so that you may have an Easter filled with joy and hope.

With love and prayers,

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