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Second Sunday of Easter

23rd/24th April 2022



Year C, Volume 1: (Page 262): Acts:5:12, 6; Psalm 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter (Page 265): Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this Jesus breathed on his disciples and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

The theme for the second Sunday of Easter every year is Divine Mercy. Devotion to Divine Mercy, inspired by St Maria Faustina Kowalska's apparitions of Jesus Christ, has a great appeal among the Catholic faithful. Its central theme, being, plea for God's forgiveness of our sins and those of the world through the sorrowful Passion of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

By Pope St John Paul II's decree at the canonisation of St Maria Faustina, the second Sunday of Easter every year since 2001 is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is the key message and purpose of the Gospels. It is only proper then that we should have the opportunity, within the context of the liturgy, to celebrate, with the solemnity that is due it, this very nature of God - Mercy. (Lamentations 3:22-23; Ps. 145:8-9; Lk.6:36)

Divine Mercy confers on us something that can neither be derived from us nor from the world; that is, the forgiveness of sin. (Mk.2:7) Jesus Christ in his life, death and glorious resurrection, embodies this re-creating power of God. In him and through him, we receive the grace that purifies our souls; and strengthening us for a new beginning, prepares us for eternal life.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus Christ gave his Apostles the divine power to forgive sin, which has been passed on down the ages to the successors of the Apostles - Bishops and priests. In this way, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The spiritual benefits of Divine Mercy, which we can now receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation cannot be overemphasised. "For a constant and speedy advancement in the path of virtue we highly recommend the pious practice of frequent Confession ... for by this means we grow in a true knowledge of ourselves and in Christian humility, bad habits are uprooted, spiritual negligence and apathy are prevented, the conscience is purified and the will strengthened, salutary spiritual direction is obtained, and grace is increased by the efficacy of the Sacrament itself" (Pius XII, "Mystici Corporis Christi" 88).

It was so wonderful to see great numbers of parishioners coming forward to receive this Sacrament during the Holy Week. Here in our parish of St Lawrence, we not only avail ourselves of the opportunity for Divine Mercy, parishioners also showed mercy by supporting our Ukraine Appeal, always give to the Foodbank, visiting the sick and housebound, and many other hidden ways. May we never grow tired of being ambassadors of God's mercy. Amen.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Congratulations to our Lucky winners of the Easter Hampers:

1st prize - **166 - White** - AG825223 - Sheila Macken (collected)

2nd prize - **448 - Blue border** - AG583045

3rd prize - **17 - Yellow border** - AH785981

Please check your tickets and come and claim your prizes

FR. JOSEPH

A NOTE FROM FR. JOHN

Thank you all for your cards and words of sympathy on the death of my sister. I will be offering Mass for your intentions. My sister will be greatly missed by all my family. I shall miss our long and regular conversations and hearing news of family life often filled with laughter and amusement. Before she died I was able to tell her that I loved her and thank her for all she did. We have had a lot of deaths here in our parish recently. My deepest sympathy to all our bereaved families.

Easter gives us hope of new life for our loved ones that they may be embraced in the arms of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

It was wonderful to see such huge numbers of people attending our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. The atmosphere was truly special and uplifting.

May the joy of the Risen Lord be our strength. Love and Blessings.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

This will be facilitated by Fr John Hemer on **Saturday 4th June** and will begin with Mass at 11am. This is for all existing volunteers and it is mandatory that you attend.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The parents of all those who would like to join in this ministry for the first time can collect a registration form from the clergy in the sacristy, complete and return as soon as possible.

MONEY COUNTERS

There will be a training session at 1.00pm on **Saturday 30th April** in the Parish Centre for existing and new Counters (those who have put their names on the list).

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open on **28th April only** next week. From **1st May** the Parish Office will be open on a Monday and Wednesday from 9.15am to 1.15pm and on a Thursday from 9.15am to 5.15pm.

PINE TREE OUTSIDE THE PARISH CENTRE

In order to protect the presbytery, parish centre and the neighbouring buildings, permission has been granted by the Council to take down the tree and to plant an ornamental pear tree in its place. The tree will be taken down on Monday 30th May and **no parking** on the premises on that day.

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY AT ST LAWRENCE

The Ukrainian Community are appealing for help either by prayer, monetary gifts or donations of baby clothes, baby food and medical items such as bandages, dressings, wipes, plasters. NO CLOTHES PLEASE.

CAFOD

If you had taken a Lent Fast box home, please return your box to the presbytery as soon as possible.

PROCESSION TO OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Sunday 8th May at 3pm, please see poster on notice board.

RIVERSIDE VINEYARD CHURCH are hosting "with you on your job seeking journey" starting **5th May at 10am** helping people gain skills to step confidently into employment. To book your free place contact Anne on 07883 913883, see flyer and leaflet in porch.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

At Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 2nd May. 2pm** Banner Procession, **2.30pm Mass**. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. All welcome.

BISHOP'S SYNODAL PATHWAY REPORT

The Bishops' Synodal Pathway Report, sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on 8th April is available at the back of Church, and published on the Diocesan website - <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

The Report captures well the many voices we have heard across the Diocese during the Synodal Pathway and thanks to those who shared their joys, challenges, hopes and dreams with us.

PARISH MASS BOOKS OR HYMN BOOKS

If you mistakenly took a Parish Mass Book or a Laudate Hymn Book home with you, kindly return it the next time you attend Church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Tony Furtado, Thelma Swinney** a long standing parishioner, **Freda Cashen, Dennis Frederick Edwards, Caetano Vicente (Pele) De Souza and Judith Allaugan Gatan Pinlac** who passed away recently.

- **Dennis Frederick Edwards RIP** – His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 26th April at 2.20pm**.

- **Thelma Swinney RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 18th May at 10.45am**, followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium. Please note that this will be the Parish Mass that day.

Details of Tony Furtado's funeral will be announced as soon as we have them.

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23	11.00am 5.00pm	Paul Joseph Gonsalves RIP Harry Haldane RIP
Sun 24	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Francisco & Rosaria Barreto in Thanksgiving, 33 rd Wedding Anniversary Jose D'Souza in Birthday Thanksgiving Eileen Galligan (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 25	10.00am	Sr Mary O'Malley (Intention)
Tues 26	10.00am	Bridget McDonagh RIP
Wed 27	10.00am	Patricia Soares RIP
Thurs 28	10.00am	Sr Monica Killeen (Intention)
Fri 29	10.00am	Josefina Nogollos in Thanksgiving
Sat 30	11.00am 5.00pm	Agnetha Wilson (Intention) Lawrence Murray RIP
Sun 1 May	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Peter & Margaret Sinclair in Thanksgiving (40 th Wedding Anniversary) Manuel Pereira & Florina Lourenco RIP Mr & Mrs Dominic Dieseru in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw)

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Dias Family

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below
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Divine Mercy Prayer

Most merciful Jesus,
whose very nature is compassion and love,
do not look on my failings but
upon my trust in you.

Let me live my life being merciful to others
as you are merciful to me.

Let me always remember the graces flowing
from your pierced heart on the cross
and live my life bearing in mind your words.

"As I have loved you so also should you
love one another." (John 13:34)

*Lord Jesus have mercy on me in my distress
and look with pity on my request. (3 times)*

*For the sake of your sorrowful Passion
have mercy on me O Lord. (3 times)*