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Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter

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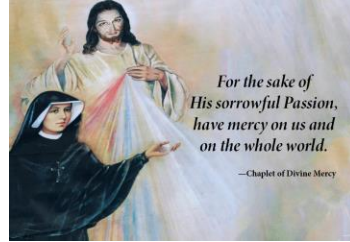
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Confessions

Friday 6-7 PM

Saturday after

9:30AM Mass



Welcome to you all on this Divine Mercy Sunday, I would like to sincerely thank every parishioner for your invaluable help you provided in planning the special Triduum Sacrum (Holy Three Days), which prepared us for the Easter celebration. There are so many volunteers, and many of you wish to not have your name mentioned. All of you did a fantastic job, and we appreciate your dedication so much: altar servers, the choir, the children's liturgy catechists, cleaners, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, the flower team, lectors, organist, sacristans and those who have helped in all sorts of ways to make our Parish the thriving worshipping community it is.

All at Gentili House would also like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for all of the Easter cards, presents, and donations that we have been blessed with due to your kindness and love.

Additionally, thank you all for your donations, £559 was collected for the Holy Land on Good Friday, £2,600 for the Institute of Charity, the Simnal cake raffle raised £131 for the parish, congratulations to Henrietta on winning this. Thank you to Carmel, Eamon and the UCM for organising this fundraiser and the Cake Sale which has raised over £550 with a little money still to come in. This will go towards the parish upkeep as we look to upgrade the sound system in the forthcoming weeks. I will be away after this weekend as I return home for a month, please contact Fr George or the Parish Office in the meantime, thank you.

Sat 6th April 2024	Easter Saturday	9.30AM 18.00PM	Joseph Adiyappallil All Parishioners
Sun 7th April 2024	Second Sunday of Easter	10:00AM 18.00PM	Una Leach RIP George Joseph RIP
Mon 8th April 2024	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	10.00AM 19:00PM	Alan Dunmore RIP Deceased members of Keaney & Burke families
Tue 9th April 2024	Easter Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Brian McGloin RIP Holy Souls in purgatory
Wed 10th April 2024	Easter Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Mary Perks RIP Fr Brian Cuddihy
Thurs 11th April 2024	Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop	10.00AM 19.00PM	Fr Luis Franco (Blessings) HRH Princess of Wales
Fri 12th April 2024	Easter Friday	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maureen Borg RIP Maureen
Sat 13th April 2024	Easter Feria	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Sean Morris

This week's Gospel – John 20:19-31
'Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them'

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Please pray for Fr John Daley IC who passed away in the parish of St. Josephs, his home for the last 23 years. Fr John will be received for his **Mass of Reception on Wednesday 10th April at 7PM**. Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate the **Requiem Mass on Thursday 11th April at 11AM** at St. Josephs, Leicester, LE5 6SG. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**The Parish Office will be Closed
Weds 16th, Thurs 17th and Fri 18th April.**

Divine Mercy Sunday Service 2:45pm

Today is known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday - Feast of Mercy'. We will be holding a service for this Feast with the Novena being said, veneration and confessions. This will be followed by refreshments. The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Pope) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).

In order for us to better understand the devotion to the Divine Mercy, here are key points that we, should be aware of; St. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelation in which Jesus showed her his heart, the source of Mercy and expressed His wish that this feast was celebrated. Therefore, she is known as the messenger of Divine Mercy. The congregation for Divine Worship and the discipline of the Sacraments issued on May 23, 2000, a decree (At the suggestion of St. John Paul II) in which the feast of the Divine Mercy would be celebrated each year on the second Sunday of Easter. In order to celebrate this day, it is recommended to: pray the Chaplet and the Novena of the Divine Mercy; go to confession (after a deep examination of conscience); to receive Holy Communion during the day of the feast of the Divine Mercy. The main purpose of the feast of Divine Mercy is to send the entire world an important message: God is merciful and He loves us all. In the words of St. John Paul II: *mercy is love's second name*. It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. Pope Francis gives that lovely analogy of a father picking up a child learning to walk, when it falls down after taking a few steps. The hand that picks us up to put us back on our feet again is Mercy. God never tires of picking us up when we fall down. The image of the Divine Mercy is what Jesus told St. Faustyna to paint as He looked when He appeared to her.

You can see from the picture in our Church Jesus's right hand is raised in blessing, also He is taking a step towards us. Two rays of light issue from his heart: a red ray and a pale ray, representing the blood and water that gushed forth from His pierced side as He hung from the Cross. At the bottom of the image, Jesus wanted a prayer to be written: *Jesus, I trust in You*.

You will find copies of the Novena and chaplet prayers in the Church. You are encouraged to pray it should you not be accustomed to, these prayers are said in the Church at 3PM Mon to Fri, join us if you can.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Georgina Nourse, Fr John Daley IC, Patricia Hughes

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Teodor Solowij, Michael Hynes, Almerinda Prymaka, Leilani Dayrit, Evelyn Simpson, Rona Clynes, Christopher Beards, Alan Dunmore, Mary Perks, Eileen Kane, Margaret Young, Margaret Fairey, Eileen Hammill, Margaret Barnwell, Pierono Marsella, Eileen McCormack, Elizabeth Harries, Lucy Thackray, Bridget McGrath, May Moyney, Anne Sen

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock