



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

11 April 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY (B)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>**

10 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Alisia Moscarito – WB (<i>Angie</i>)
11 Sun <i>Second Collection today for St George's Cathedral</i>	9.00	Matthew & Mary Cruickshank – WB (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Fr Fenton Crotty – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
FERIA OF EASTERTIDE		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
12 Mon <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Temporal & Spiritual Wellbeing of all Priests
13 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Willie Garvin – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
	19.00	Anita, Jagath, Vincent & Mickel – RIP (<i>A Tissera</i>)
14 Wed <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Garcia Osorio's Family (<i>Nubia</i>)
	19.00	Maria Kitty Joseph – RIP (<i>3rd Anni</i>)
15 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Tony Kidd – WB (<i>D. Kidd</i>)
	9.30	Intentions of Sharon & Sarah their Families (<i>J Brooks</i>)
16 Friday <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving (<i>A Tissera</i>)
	9.30	Mary McAndrew – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
17 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Fr. Edmund Redding (<i>FM</i>)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		
17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Veronica Heaton (<i>D Heaton</i>)
18 Sun	9.00	Anne McDonnagh – WB (<i>Fahy</i>)
	11.00	Anna & Roman Szymanski – <i>Wedding Anv (Family)</i>
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

IN APPRECIATION

On behalf of Fr Joseph and myself, I would like to thank all parishioners and visitors to our parish for your kind words, best wishes, gifts and generous Easter offering.

Once again, a very joyful Easter and a Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to everyone!

Fr Ignatius, PP.

WITNESSING TO GOD'S MERCY

The Second Sunday of Easter is a special Sunday in the liturgical year. Firstly, it marks the end of the Easter Octave, the eight-day period from Easter Sunday during which the solemnity of Easter is celebrated in an extended way. Secondly, it is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, established by John Paul II on 30 April 2010 at the canonisation of Saint Faustina, the Polish nun who was instrumental in promoting devotion to the Divine Mercy.

The relationship between the Incarnation and Redemption is significantly highlighted in the Paschal mystery of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Indeed, the goal of the Incarnation is fully realised or accomplished in the paschal mystery, since as St Athanasius says, 'God became man, that man might become God.' To become God is to be divinised or to be made godly. For Christians, this is brought about through our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, particularly in and through the sacrament of holy Baptism (Rm 6:3-8; Col 2:12).







This is movingly expressed by the first followers of Jesus and the early Church. Conscious of the effect of baptism on them, namely, transforming them into a new creation, a holy nation (see 2 Co 5:17; 1 Pe 2:9), the evangelist Luke explains in the first reading (Acts 4:32-35), the radical unity, selflessness, and charity of the early Church when he says: "The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common." This is the love that conquers the 'world,' that overcomes evil.

According to the evangelist John in the second reading (1 Jn 5:1-6), this victory is rooted in faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. And faith is first and foremost a gift, though also a virtue. As a gift, it is brought about by God's grace and generosity. So, we need to pray for it. We should beseech the Lord, like the apostles in Lk 17:15: "Increase our faith!" This is concretely illustrated by the account of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to the disciples in the Gospel (Jn 20:19-31). The doubt of Thomas demonstrates the fact that we cannot have faith without God's help. This help can come in different ways. For Thomas and his associates, it is manifested in the unfathomable generosity of the Risen Lord, in his patience in bearing with their being "so slow to believe the full message of the prophets...that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory" (Lk 24:25-26). Hence, Jesus emphasises in Jn 6:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father draws him." Similarly, Paul in 1 Co 12:3, "No one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit." However, as a virtue – one of the three theological virtues, the others being hope and love (1 Co 13:13) – faith requires constant effort to sustain and grow it. This is achieved by, among others, perseverance, humility, and self-surrender of our hearts, mind, and will. Above all, as highlighted in the first reading, it is nurtured by constant encounter with the Lord in the scriptures, the sacraments especially the Eucharist and the life of communion with other brothers and sisters.

Celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy, the appearance of the Risen Lord to his disciples in the Gospel, especially the encounter with Thomas, reminds us of God's unfathomable love, mercy, and forgiveness; that the world is redeemed by divine mercy but destroyed by human vengeance. Likewise, the example of the early Christian community in Jerusalem reminds us of our duty as Christians to witness to God's mercy both within the Church and, especially, in the world through our words and deeds. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 3:13-15,17-19
2ND READING	1 John 2:1-5
GOSPEL	Luke 24:35-48

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Stephen Jones, Mary Creighan, Andrea Arbia, Paul Bullen, Sr Chimaoge Mahakwe, Philomena Eyo, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (11/04): 2 – 3.30pm Monday (12/04): 10 – 11.15am Tuesday (13/04): 10.15 – 12pm & 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (14/04): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (15/04): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (16/04): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (17/04): 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)</p>	
	<p>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, and Alison Vale.</p>	<p>NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS Boxes of envelopes for the 2021/22 Tax Year will be set out in the Old Chapel (<i>NB not the RDJ Room</i>) and will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. Please ask a friend to collect for you. If you used to give by envelopes but are now giving, or wish to give, by standing order or online bank transfers, please collect your envelopes box anyway, as it contains envelopes for diocesan special collections as well as your Christmas and Easter donations which go to the clergy.</p>	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 2021	
	<p><i>Due to current social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church or in an envelope through the Presbytery door or through bank transfer. I am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</i></p> <p>IMPORTANT: If you would normally have given by Gift Aid envelopes, please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank.</p> <p>Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	<p>1. Paschal Triduum a) Maundy Thursday: 445.24 – <i>for the Parish Lenten Project</i> b) Good Friday: 793.16 + 100 (Gift-Aided) – <i>for the Holy Places</i></p> <p>2. Easter Offering a) Gift-Aided: 1,163.30 b) Others: 2,522.91 *****</p> <p>3. March a) Gift-Aided: 4,900.40 b) Others: 3,081.28</p> <p>4. February a) Gift-Aided: 3,668.69 b) Others: 2,622.22</p> <p>5. January a) Gift-Aided: 4,574.69 b) Others: 2,037.43</p> <p>Total: £20,884.71 (£20,021.73 in 2020; £23,107.05 in 2019)</p>	
INFANT BAPTISM		SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AUGUST – DECEMBER 2020	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA</p>	<p>6. December 2020 a) Gift-Aided: 6,052.44 b) Others: 1,173.97</p> <p>7. November a) Gift-Aided: 4,208.13 b) Others: 3,235.58</p> <p>8. October a) Gift-Aided: 4,442.09 b) Others: 1,884.17</p> <p>9. September a) Gift-Aided: 4,025.35 b) Others: 2,149.84</p> <p>10. August a) Gift-Aided: 6,044.20 b) Others: 2,422.04</p> <p>Total: £35,638.20 (£36,799.55 same time last year) <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish in these hard times.</i></p>	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	<p>Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.</p>	<p>Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). <u>Urgently Needed Food Items:</u> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.</p>	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	<p>Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA</p>		
CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS			
<p>Who carries cash these days? Many retailers don't take it anymore! Yet for many, we come to Church and get "caught out" by the collection bags at the end of Mass. Great news! Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open: Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it. Thank you for your generosity.</p>			