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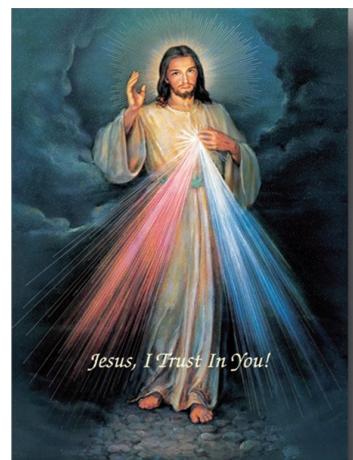
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SUNDAY 8th APRIL 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR B

Last Sunday, Easter Sunday, the Universal Church proclaimed, “**Christ is Risen, Indeed!**” The *Gloria* and *Alleluia* were, once more, prayed at Mass. Pope Francis, in 2015, proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**, reminding us of something which we must never forget, namely the Ever Loving and Infinite Mercy of God, ours for the asking or, indeed, ours to refuse!



This Sunday, the Second in Easter, sometimes called ‘Low Sunday’ is, thanks to the Apostle of Divine Mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska and to its institution by Saint Pope John Paul II, known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In preparation for this day we have, in our Parish, starting on the Day of Christ’s Redemptive Death, Good Friday, in union with Catholics throughout the world, prayed the **Divine Mercy Novena**. This nine days of prayer was requested by Our Lord. For an explanation of this Novena and the nine daily Prayer Intentions on the internet at: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php>. From this website you may also download a smartphone App.

The Novena may, of course, be said at other times, too. The nine intentions can provide a basis for an Examination of Conscience. On the final day, Jesus’ words are particularly challenging: “**Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: “Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.” For them, the last hope (65) of salvation is to flee to My mercy.**” (*Diary of Saint Faustina, 1228*) Are we Apostles of Divine Mercy to the lukewarm?

Of course, our final bliss in Heaven is dependent, not just on God’s Mercy but upon each of us having freely co-operated with his Grace. As the highest of God’s creations, we are endowed, from conception, with a spiritual Soul and Free-Will; we are capable of coming to know and understand His Will for us, aided in the formation of our Conscience by our Parents, Priests and Catholic schools and, as we mature (a status marked by the Sacrament of Confirmation) by our own careful study of the Teachings of the Church. We must pray, often, that we will clearly discern exactly what Vocation (or call) God is giving us. As we see, in following the news media, the traps set by Satan are numerous and, in some cases, presented under the guises of ‘Human Rights’ and ‘Love’, of which they are, in truth, a denial.

One might say that the “bottom line”, regarding our hope for Mercy, lies in the words we say, sometimes, sadly, with little thought, virtually every day of our Life: “**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**” or, to put it another way “**Do not forgive me if I refuse to forgive others**”. That is not to say that to forgive is easy; ‘scars’ may well remain and it may be hard, if not impossible, to forget wrongs done to us. We have the beautiful example of Saint Pope John Paul II who, following Mehmet Ali Ağca’s attempt on his life, visited and publicly forgave his would-be assassin in prison. In the end, it is Satan who ‘thrives’ on hatred and unforgiveness.

As Christians, we are called to be merciful as God is merciful. That means that we must, *as well as forgiving*, not forget our duty to *correct error*; it is just as merciless to, for instance, fail to warn someone we know to be living in a sinful state as it is to refuse to forgive those who repent and ask forgiveness of us. It is NOT being judgmental and may see us fall in the ‘popularity ratings’ but this duty supersedes our possible inclinations. God, grant us the Graces we need to spread your Divine Mercy! Saint Faustina and Saint Pope John Paul II, Pray for us!

(The Divine Mercy image and the entry from the Diary of Saint Faustina, 1228 are used with the express permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.)

Thank you for your generosity

You were most generous indeed with your Easter Offerings to Father Deo and Father Innocent.
Please speak to Fr Deo or Fr Innocent privately if you would like to know the total amount which you gave.
The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places raised £752.00.

EASTER THANKS

The Easter Triduum was beautifully and prayerfully celebrated due to a huge amount of work and dedication from a great many people, too numerous to name. From the preparation which began in Lent, to the celebration of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, many of you were involved in the various liturgies, including Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday, the March of Witness and all the Easter Triduum Masses and services. The Church was tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers; the choirs enriched our worship with wonderfully fitting music and song; and the entire congregation, in unison, supported by all those people who contributed in so many ways, had a most enriching experience! Particular thanks go to our Altar Servers, of whom we should all be very proud! Despite this world full of distractions and commitments of many kinds, our servers faithfully attended practices and carried out all their duties with great care and reverence, from arriving early to prepare the sanctuary, to their involvement in all the Masses and ceremonies themselves. Father Deo, Fr Innocent, Deacon Ged and MC Jed thank them all most sincerely. Indeed, our Altar Servers are a tribute to this parish and to their families!

GIFT AID SCHEME

Our "Money Sunday" talk will take place at all Masses on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April 2018. In order to join the Gift Aid scheme to make your weekly offerings, **at no extra cost to yourself**, please pick up some information leaflets and forms. Any questions may be sent to the Gift Aid Organiser, via the Parish Office. New Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year (which commences 6th April 2018) are now available for you to collect from the room behind Our Lady's Altar. **Some boxes have been re-numbered. In fact, all envelopes for those who give by Standing Order have been re-numbered. In some cases, parishioners give by both Standing Order AND weekly envelopes. If this applies to you, please contact the Parish Office, as you should only have one Gift Aid number.** You may wish to change the bank reference on your standing orders, though this is not obligatory. Those who give by standing order have also been allocated a reduced size set of envelopes, which are for second collections (except those where the charity concerned issues its own envelopes), and which are cheaper to produce. Standing Orders do not cover second collections, and if you wish to contribute to them, then you will still need these extra envelopes. If you are in a position to review your regular standing order, this might be a good time to do so. We appeal to you all to collect your envelopes, and not leave them here; posting costs are high. Please note that End of Year letters will be produced upon request from the Parish Office

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaela Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahanttila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lucy Solan**, of Hepworth Road, who died on Easter Sunday, 1st April 2018. Her Requiem will take place here on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 10am.

We offer our condolences and our prayers, as a parish, to the family

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 5 please:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Christine Ijezie, Emma Morrone, Josephine Ofili, Blessing Otite, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. Please let us know if you would like to help clean God's House.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Novena attracted a great many people. It certainly was very successful. Indeed it was a first for our parish. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday devotions take place at 3pm, including Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, and Benediction. We hope that as many of you as possible will take part in this beautiful prayer.

UCM

The UCM meets in the Upper Hall on Monday 9th April 2018 for their AGM from 2pm - 4pm.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next local event will be at St Edmund's, Beckenham next Saturday 14th April 2018. Please see the poster.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FATHER DEO ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

As you may all be aware, new General Data Protection Legislation comes into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to affect us all. One of the responsibilities we must now undertake is to both ensure and indeed demonstrate that we know everybody who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish, precisely what information they actually hold and in what format/s. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and therefore you may well have some personal information at your home or office, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please could you let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies to you, so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

OVER 55'S TEA CLUB RELAUNCH!

Every Friday, starting this coming Friday 13th April 2018, we shall be running a Tea club from 2pm to 4pm in the upper hall. Why not come along and catch up with old friends and new over a cuppa and cake? Enjoy various forms of entertainment each week, such as bingo, films, singalongs etc! The world is your oyster! We look forward to seeing you! For further information, please see the eye-catching posters in the porch areas!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Session 6 for candidates takes place in the hall on Wednesday 18th April 2018 from 7.30pm - 9pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Session 8 for candidates, "Fruit of the Vine" in the upper hall on Saturday 21st April 2018 from 10am - 11.30am. Please would candidates ensure that their work is up to date, as Fr Deo will be collecting in all their books.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM

In every case, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. The next course takes place across two consecutive evenings, which are Tuesdays 17th & 24th April 2018 at 8pm.

REPOSITORY

Confirmation and First Holy Communion items are now available. These events are now just weeks away!

THE PILGRIM

The April edition is now available in the main porch. We do not charge for it, but please consider a donation.

CAFOD

Learn about CAFOD on Saturday 28th April 2018. You will need to register. Please see poster in the main porch.

AN INVITATION FROM THE POLYPHONY CHOIR

The Polyphony Choir is about to start learning a new, and simple, Mass: *Mass of St. Christopher, by James Lyon*. Parishioners are most welcome to 'come and give it a try' during the short learning sessions that will take place from 20:00 to 20:30 on Tuesday evenings, starting 10th April. Anyone in the parish, *aged 18 or over*, is very welcome to join the Choir for these short, friendly and informal sessions. It's a wonderful, and fun, way of participating in and contributing to the life of our Parish. Just turn up at the side entrance in Ellison Road.

Please feel free to contact Tony Price by email at director@polychoir.co.uk or 020 8647 4435 if you would like further information before coming along.

YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL GRAND NATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND!

This event kicks off with Youth Club next Friday 13th April 2018 from 6.30pm - 9.30pm.

Saturday 14th April 2018 from 2pm - 6pm (The Grand National at 5.15pm). This day is open to those of all ages. There will be various games in the downstairs hall, and the tuck shop will be open. Also raffle and sale of goods. Sunday 15th April 2018 - Coffee Morning after ALL morning Masses, including the yummy sausage and bacon sandwiches. Please come along and support YOUR Youth Club! Call Eddy on 020 8333 0690.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ORCHESTRA

Concert at St John the Evangelist church, SE19, on Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 7.30pm. Please see poster.

SPUC

Following the recent talk given by John Smeaton and his team, those who are interested in the re-establishment of SPUC in our parish are advised of a meeting to be held in the hall on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7pm.



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:

Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.259; (Monday - p.317)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction:

Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)
On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm

Rosary:

Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions:

Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date

Time

Intention

Sunday 8th April 2018

6.15pm (Saturday 7th April)

Lillian, Alice & Santiago Perera RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (LOW SUNDAY)

and deceased family members

8.30am

People of the parish

10am

Deceased members of the McDonagh & Moran families

11.30am

Hazel & Andy McCrystal & family (Foundation Mass)

3pm

Welfare of Elizabeth Power

5pm

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Monday 9th April 2018

7.30am

Doris Mercer RIP

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

10am

Gerard Kirwan RIP

Tuesday 10th April 2018

7.30am

John Joe Murphy RIP

10am

Emeliana Diniz RIP

Wednesday 11th April 2018

7.30am

Mary Kenny RIP

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

10am

John Bethune RIP

Thursday 12th April 2018

7.30am

Ted Sutherland RIP

10am

Thanksgiving for Coronation - Vickie Onwuekwe

Friday 13th April 2018

7.30am

Yvonne Chan Wai Ling RIP

St Martin I, Pope & Martyr (Memorial)

10am

John Joseph Murphy RIP

Saturday 14th April 2018

10am

Martin Wise RIP

Next Sunday 15th April 2018

6.15pm (Saturday 14th April) Welfare of Philip Yoo Foo (Birthday)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Youth Club Coffee Morning after Mass)

8.30am

People of the parish

(Youth Club Coffee Morning after Mass)

10am

Thanksgiving & special intention - Muoghalu family

(Youth Club Coffee Morning after Mass)

11.30am (Plainchant Choir)

Martin Kinnarney RIP

Benediction

4pm

Mary Durkin RIP

5pm