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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11th April 2021**

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Holy Father, John Paul II, wanted this Sunday to be celebrated as the Feast of Divine Mercy: in the word 'mercy', he summed up and interpreted anew for our time the whole mystery of Redemption. He had lived under two dictatorial regimes, and in his contact with poverty, neediness and violence he had a profound experience of the powers of darkness which also threaten the world of our time. But he had an equally strong experience of the presence of God who opposed all these forces with his power, which is totally different and divine: with the power of mercy. It is mercy that puts an end to evil. In it is expressed God's special nature - his holiness, the power of truth and love.

Have faith, he tells us, in Divine Mercy! Become day after day men and women of God's mercy. Mercy is the garment of light which the Lord has given to us in Baptism. We must not allow this light to be extinguished; on the contrary, it must grow within us every day and thus bring to the world God's glad tidings.

We hear in today's Gospel: the Lord breathes upon his disciples. He grants them his Spirit - the Holy Spirit: 'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven...' The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the power of forgiveness. He is the power of Divine Mercy. He makes it possible to start all over again - ever anew. The friendship of Jesus Christ is the friendship of the One who makes us people who forgive, the One who also forgives us, raises us ceaselessly from our weakness and in this very way educates us, instils in us an awareness of the inner duty of love, of the duty to respond with our faithfulness to his trust.

The Apostle is permitted to touch the wounds of the Risen Lord and thereby recognises him – over and above the human identity of Jesus of Nazareth, Thomas recognises him in his true and deepest identity: 'My Lord and my God!' The Lord took his wounds with him to eternity. He is a wounded God; he let himself be injured through his love for us. His wounds are a sign for us that he understands and allows himself to be wounded out of love for us. These wounds of his: how tangible they are to us in the history of our time! Indeed, time and again he allows himself to be wounded for our sake. What certainty of his mercy, what consolation do his wounds mean for us! And what security they give us regarding his identity: 'My Lord and my God!' And what a duty they are for us, the duty to allow ourselves in turn to be wounded for him!

God's mercy accompanies us daily. To be able to perceive his mercy it suffices to have a heart that is alert. We are excessively inclined to notice only the daily effort that has been imposed upon us as children of Adam. If, however, we open our hearts, then as well as immersing ourselves in them we can be constantly aware of how good God is to us; how he thinks of us precisely in little things, thus helping us to achieve important ones.



Pope Benedict XVI

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 11th April

- 8.30am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.00am Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Divine Sunday (St Mary's)

Monday 12th April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 13th April

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)
12noon Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 14th April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Thursday 15th April

9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

Friday 16th April

9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
7.00pm EMAIL JACQUI TO BOOK WEEKEND MASS (ST ISIDORE'S)

Saturday 17th April

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 18th April

- 8.30am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.00am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from Church



Maintain social distance
of 2 metres



Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)



Capacity of 50
(Social distancing permitting)

To book Sunday Mass in St Mary's please call 01555 662234 or 07936306344 on Thursday or Friday Morning between 9am and 12noon.

To attend Sunday Mass in St Isidore's please email Jacqui (jacqui.dowd@me.com) no later than Friday evening.

THE WORD OF GOD IN EASTERTIDE



Christ is risen, reigns glorious with the Father, and is present through the gift of the Spirit. This is the Easter mystery that is celebrated in the symbolic period of 50 days, an unbroken celebration of the victory of the risen Lord. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John are at the heart of the Liturgy of the Word. The *Gospel according to St John* offers the community of faith an opportunity to deepen its understanding of the central place that Christ's dying and rising, the paschal mystery, occupies in its life. The *Acts of the Apostles* shows how the Church derives its entire life from this mystery and its ultimate fruit, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH FINANCES

St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	1,705.00
Standing Orders:	£	830.00
Easter Collection	£	1,295.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing Order please find the relevant details below.

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection:	£	66.00
Standing Orders:	£	430.00
Easter Collection	£	20.00

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection:	£	141.00
Easter Collection	£	00.00

Altar Frontal Donations

Last weekend two families donated money to buy the green altar frontal, which will be used in Ordinary Time, and the red altar frontal, which will be used for Feast Days of the Martyrs and The Holy Spirit. There is still two colours remaining if anyone is interested; purple which will be used for funerals and white/cream which will be used on Saints Days.

Gold Altar Frontal

Thank you very much to the parishioner who kindly donated money to buy the gold altar frontal which we will use at Christmas and Easter. Fr John-Paul has ordered the frontal in the remaining 4 liturgical colours. If you would like to donate towards a frontal in memory of a loved one, or your family, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

Singing At St Mary's

A special thank you to Katie, our parish organist, and the Cantors who led us in singing during the Easter Triduum Liturgies. It was wonderful to hear some hymns in the church, and many people commented how special it was, and how they received such joy from it. As we look to the future we hope to use cantors at weekend Masses, sadly at this time we are unable to join in with the singing at Mass, so we kindly ask that you do not sing along, but feel free to sing in your heart, and to smile. Before weekday Masses during Eastertide the St Mary's Parish Choir CD will be played to remind us of our fantastic choir.

An Act Of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Giftaid Envelopes

As the new financial year begins Giftaid envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who use the weekly offering envelopes. They can be collected before or after Mass. Thank you very much for those who are signed up to the Giftaid Scheme. In previous years our parishes have benefited greatly from this scheme, however, due to lockdown, our claim may not be as high this year. If you pay income tax in the UK, the contributions you make to the parish qualify for Giftaid at no extra cost to you. For every £1 you donate, an extra 25p can be claimed by the church from the government. To do this, there is a short form called a Giftaid Declaration available from the parish office, it can be collected or emailed to you. Please do consider using this means of further supporting our parish. If you would like more information please email the parish. The Giftaid Scheme is handled with discretion and is completely confidential and each user is issued a number.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Andrew Townsley (Carfin);

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Frank Coia; James Tait; Edward & Pat McKenna; Christopher Norbury.

Easter Remembrances - Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Giles Goward; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Valentie Family; Joseph & Betty McLeish; Hugh McLeish; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Peter Skeely; Grace McGregor; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Ron Meldrum; Jimmy & Jean Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Henry & Margaret Kergan; Mary-Anne & Patrick Woods; Joseph Woods; James Kergan; Roisin Deeley; Margaret & Jack Davis; Josephine & Harry Freely; Cecelia Cloonan; Thomas Cloonan; James Callaghan; Bill & Mary Dowds; Noone Family; Farrell Family; Dowds Family; Keenan Family; O'Connell Family; Scott Family; Todd Family; Henry (Guy) McKenzie; Cathy Travers; Jimmy Travers; Michael & Vittoria Bonanno; Tommy, Brigid, Sean & Seamus Flafferty; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomason; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Madge Reilly; Annie & Bill Gebbie; Mr & Mrs F Brady; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Reana & Jimmy Travers; John Christie Jnr; Rosemary Sherry; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Kathleen Grieve; Frank Hilland; James McCardie; James & Clare O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; William, Elaine, Paul & Brian Wilson; Hugh, Mary & Tommy Starrs; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Allan & Beverley Milliken; John & Annie McConnell; Liam McConnell; John Doolan; Tom & Sadie Palmer; Rona Palmer; Karen Murray; Foley Family; Jackson Family; McGuinness Family; McKendrick Family; Morton Family; Chrissy & Hugh Martin; Skye Martin; Helen & Donald Young; James & Mary Tait; Joseph & Annie McCrossan; Josephine McCrossan Hoey; James Hoey; Matthew Kelly; Jim, James & Kate McAvoy; Patrick, Edith, John & Stuart O'Neill; Ellen & Tom Small; Agnes & Ted Hamilton; John & Kate Higgins; Thomas & Brian Higgins; Delia Drummond; Maureen Gibson; Mary McFadyen; Emilio Coia & Family; Carmen Coia & Family; Ungaretti Family; Catherine O'Leary; Kathleen & Ben O'Leary; Mary & Robert Lochrie; Johnston Sage; Agnes Brown Foley (nee McKendrick); Sheila Jackson (nee Foley); Agnes Foley (nee McGuinness); Joseph Foley; Elizabeth McGuinness; Jim Snow; Thomas Snow; Agnes Snow; Paul Halloran; Helen & Robert Dennis; May Quin; Maggie Halloran; Pat & Mary McTaggart; Margaret McAllister; McAllister Family; Teresa McTaggart; Lisa Geddes; Robert Geddes Snr; Christopher Campbell; Major Cameron Quinn; Grant Family; Quinn Family; Bancewicz Family; Lynas Family; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Mary Murray; Michael McLaughlan; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Theresa Casagrandar; Bert & Betty Sinton; John Renton; Mathew Crawford; Jerry & Josephine O'Leary; Nora Docherty; George & Annie Smith; Joseph & Margaret Moynagh; William & Mary Nowrie; Jim & Mary O'Conner; Gererd McGeeney; McGeeney Family; Veronica Elliott; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Bridget Donnelly; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Graham Munro; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; John Donnelly; Owen & Margaret Dempsey; John Dempsey; John Kerr; Peter Foley; John & Agnes McIlvaney; Bobby Dykes; James Wilson; Bessy Wilson; May Muir (Wilson); Mary Jane & Jim Brennan; Agnes, Jenny & Willie Jack; John & Agnes Kennedy; James Jnr & Evelyn Brennan; Joseph McGuire; Bobby Elder; Robbie Nicholson; Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas & Christina McNulty; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Bill & Kathleen Grieve; Frank Hilland; Martin Hilland; Joe & Frances Jackson; William & Florence Kennedy & Family; Wilma & Robert Jeffrey; Elizabeth Campbell; Jessie & Lawrence Hynds; Jenny & Robert Clarkson; Laura & Michael Treanor; Vera Hynds; Mae & James Graham; Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; John Dean.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."