



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th April 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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In the year 2000 Our Holy Father Pope John Paul instituted a new feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy which was celebrated for the first time in 2001 on the Second Sunday of Easter. It arises out of a series of apparitions which a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, received. Sr. Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. When she was twenty years old she entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she lived for the next thirteen years until her death on October 5th 1938. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and canonized in 2000. When canonizing her Our Holy Father said,

“Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By Divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the twentieth century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people know well how necessary was this message of mercy’

Jesus speaking to St Faustina said to her: ‘The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.’ ‘My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you

You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour: the first - by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. Yes the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant great graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of my mercy because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.

A PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday 24th April

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS AT 3PM,

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter, was extended to the entire Catholic Church by St John Paul II in 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. There will be a holy hour in honour of Divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 24th April at 3pm. There is a novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. **Priests will be available to hear confessions during holy hour.**



Some of you may know Jennifer and John Blanchfield. They have asked for our prayers and support as they set off to fulfil a long-held ambition to complete a pilgrimage walk from



Canterbury to Rome. The Via Francigena covers a total of 2000 kms and is an ancient pilgrim route that can be traced back to 990 AD! You can follow their progress on Instagram at @jjbvia and also donate to their chosen charity, Centrepont, at [JJB Rome Pilgrimage - Just Giving](#). We wish them God Speed!

KNIT & NATTER. Our next meeting is on Friday May 6th in the Holy Family Room. Knitters are welcome to bring your own knitting or you can knit for charity such as the Neo Natal unit at the

RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Lister Hospital. Any adults wishing to learn how to knit will also be welcome to come along; wool, needles and support will be provided as well as a cuppa and a chat. £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund.

Your Prayers are asked for:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish especially Celia Sheehan and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Concetta Lanni, Dorrie Randal and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: William Currie; Maureen Eccles; Margaret Du Boulay; Elizabeth Dunne; June Mason; Charles Canty; Peter Dejkalo; Pamela Prior; Peter King; Eliza Impey; Elizabeth McClennan.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided. *Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for*

their generosity during this time of pandemic.
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>

Sat 23 rd	6.30 pm	Brian Edgar Dutton RIP
Sun 24 th	8.30am 10.30am	Olive Underwood RIP Dorrie Randall RIP
Mon 25 th	10.00am	St Mark, Evangelist Hedy & Robert Fletcher
Tue 26 th	10.00am	St George, Martyr, Patron of England Michael & Breege Keerane RIP
Wed 27 th	10.00am	Deceased members of the Geraghty family
Thu 28 th	10.00 am	St Louis M Grignion de Montfort, Priest Barbara Thompson
Fri 29 th	No Mass	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor; Patron of Europe

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday at 10am.

Both are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: ***Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury***

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Dates for the Baptism Courses 2022

Session 1 Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.

Session 2 Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the baptism course please contact Richard and Marie Miller [07931761403](tel:07931761403)

SAINT GEORGE

St George's feast day is moved to the 26th April this year. He is of course the Saint of England. In recent years he has also been adopted as patron saint of Scouts. He's popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry he was executed for his faith.

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT ACTION AID - UKRAINE.

The group is here to provide a single point of reference for our local community, where information can be found on what's needed and how get it to the people who need it fast and effectively - contact Vivienne Reed 0781530812

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The group is here to provide a single point of reference for our local community, where information can be found on what's needed and how get it to the people who need it fast and effectively. This will include accommodating refugees with volunteer families and individuals, as well as support for families, sponsors, schools and others involved, both in the short and longer term. We will have the latest government guidance, links to other charities and insight directly from Ukrainian members and contacts. We also want to provide support and information to enable displaced women and children from Ukraine to join our community for as long as is needed. Contacts: Facebook page Vivienne Reed 07815308124

PRAYER: THE GIFT OF PEACE

May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace.

We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer.
Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD