



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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) 16th April 2023



DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL

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.' (Diary §699)... 'My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My

mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. 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.'

(Diary §742) *Fr Denis*

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 3pm on the 16th April Holy Hour and Confessions. The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. . There will be a holy hour in honour of divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 16th 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow Airport. Booking forms are available now from Tangey Tours or from

RC HOSPITAL

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FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

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BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

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

Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangey-tours.com/WHL

CHURCH CALENDAR

Open Air Mass: 2nd July 10.30 am, followed by BBQ.

Men's Group

All Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions.

These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. At 9.00am we settle down to enjoy an episode of the popular trending Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality and powerful dramatisation of St Matthew's Gospel. Time for discussion and reflection follows.

We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new.

Forthcoming dates are: Saturdays 15th

April, 20th May, 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details

CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome and congratulations to Demi Philbin and Dan Canovas, our RCIA candidates for reception and Confirmation:

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please find your surname as they are in alphabetical, not numerical order.

If you cannot find your envelope or if you would like to start using envelopes please speak to Catherine

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As usual Cardinal Nicholas will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July. People are encouraged to book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> to avoid disappointment as places are limited

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Patrick Sarsfield, Denis Gunn, Fr. Philip Law and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, Fr. Peter Maher Hannah Brownjohn and Sean Flahery, and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Richardson, Mary Rose Walsh, James Barkley, Annie Brooks, Wanda Panico, Carlo Gelmini, Marlene Downham, Brian Conway, Bronislaw Kreics and Anna Ciampa.

Sat 15 th	6. 30pm	Dorrie Randall RIP
Sun 16 th	8.30am 10.30am	Betty & Ray Knight RIP Sean O' Flaherty RIP
Mon 17 th	10.00am	Reg Rolph RIP
Tue 18 th	10.00am	Bill Donovan RIP
Wed 19 th	10.00am	St Alphega, A Private intention
Thu 20 th	10.00am	
Fri 21 st	No Mass	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

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

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, all 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

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Vocations to priesthood

On Wednesday 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can.