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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 7th April 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Sean & Lynn Moore RIP
Sunday 7th April	2nd Sunday of Easter –Divine Mercy	8.30am People of the Parish 10.30am Fr John Warnaby
NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		
Saturday 13th April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Patricia Reardon RIP
Sunday 14th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP

Liturgy of the Word: 7th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4 I John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

Here follows an extract from **Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, 2023 -2024 Year of Prayer**
for Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

"Today's catechesis comes from a talk of Pope Francis in the midst of the Covid pandemic, from Wednesday 4th November 2020. It is about Jesus as teacher of prayer. In this season we see the risen Jesus with his friends before his Ascension. It is a good season to consider how, "Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to him." Which is one of the topics Pope Francis teaches on in this talk.

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider how Jesus himself prayed, for this reveals key aspects of how we also are to pray. Even when immersed in caring for the people, Christ never neglected his dialogue with the Father, which guided all that he did and taught. In solitary prayer he nurtured a loving intimacy with his Father, an intimacy for which we too yearn. From our Lord's example, we see that prayer first means listening, and encountering God: the primary desire of each day. Second, we need to pray with perseverance, so that it can become a rule of life, gradually transforming us and, by God's grace, strengthening and sustaining us in times of tribulation. Third, solitude and silence are essential for prayer, not in order to escape from the world but, on the contrary, to help us open ourselves more effectively to the needs of others. Finally, prayer reminds us that everything depends on God. This leads us to recover the proper sense of our relationship with him and with the whole of creation. Let us, then, learn from Jesus, the master of prayer – who alone can grant us true joy and peace."

Fr John Warnaby

As many people had observed, Fr John had been looking poorly recently. He soldiered on to finish all the Easter services with us, and then sought medical help. He is in a hospital in Birmingham, with his family nearby as support. He is undergoing lots of tests and will let us know when there is more news. Please keep Fr John in your prayers.

Going forward- Supply priests

With Fr John in hospital the weekday Masses have been cancelled for the immediate future. Supply priests will be organised for weekend Masses so please continue to support St Joseph's Church.

This weekend we welcome Fr Gerard O'Brien from Holy Rood for the vigil Mass on Saturday and retired priest Fr Bernard Boylan for the Sunday Masses. We are grateful they are available/willing to help.

Planned Giving envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes start this weekend, to coincide with the new tax year. Don't forget to collect your box; they are on the table by the double doors. It is not too late to change your method of giving to the Parish! **The most helpful and secure way of supporting the parish is donating by monthly standing order**, which reduces our volunteers' work in counting.



100 Club

Congratulations to the winners from our 2nd draw on Easter Sunday:

1st prize (£100) **Elaine Nable**, 2nd prize (£50) **Nicholas Birch**, 3rd prize (£25) **Kathleen Andrews**.

All winners have been contacted. The 3rd monthly draw will be on Sunday 28th April

Run Nicholas Run!

One of our parishioners, Nicholas Birch, is running the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April in support of the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. This is a charity close to his heart as his older sister Helen Birch died last March, age 24 after battling cancer for 7 years. Please support Nicholas by donating through the link. There is a poster on the rear noticeboard with a QR code for ease. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholas-birch5>

Holy Places collection on Good Friday raised an impressive £521.30. Thank you to all who were able to contribute. Another success was the **Crepe station on Easter Sunday** where £130.03 was raised thanks to the efforts of Ilaria & Julio. You are welcome back any time!

Annual Mass for Matrimony

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please contact Linda in the parish office if you would like to attend, giving your email address, contact number and date of your marriage.



*** **Our Lady of Willesden May Procession***** Sunday 12th May at 3pm

*** **Corpus Christi Procession***** Sunday 2nd June from Warwick Street, London

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on one of the following days:

- **Sat 20th April** 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT
- **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.

Offertory for Palm Sunday (24th March)	Loose £451.47	Envelopes £239.83	Total £691.30
Offertory for Easter Sunday (31st March)	Loose £814.01	Envelopes £296.60	Total £1,110.61

Standing Orders for March 2024 £1,961

Many thanks for your generosity