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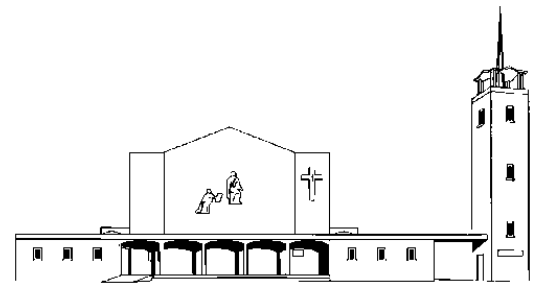
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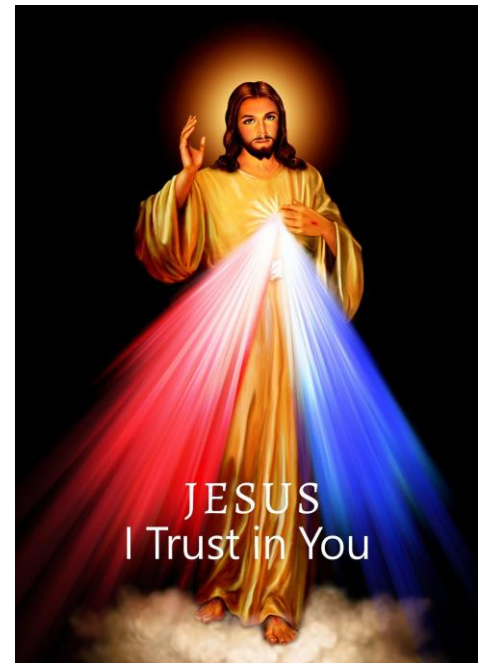
Year C DIVINE MERCY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER) 24TH APRIL 2022

Gospel: *John 20: 19-31*

Eight days later, Jesus came.

St John Paul II declared that this Sunday would be known also as Divine Mercy Sunday because Easter is all about divine mercy. The collect of the day suitably reminds us of God's everlasting mercy. Of course, divine mercy was there before the first Easter. It is indeed everlasting. Holy Scripture shows the loving faithfulness and mercy of God in his dealings with his unfaithful people. The difference now is that through the sacrificial death of Jesus, the same divine mercy is available for the whole world. This is seen in our gospel today where Jesus sends out his disciples into the world as instruments of mercy with the authority to forgive sins. This forgiveness comes directly from the shed blood of Christ. Leviticus says there is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. But isn't this more Good Friday than Easter Sunday you might say? Why should we be looking three days back instead of rejoicing at the empty tomb. The truth is that you cannot separate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There is no glory without the cross. The Resurrection points to what Christ did on the Cross. Consider what Jesus says and does when he meets his disciples. He points them to the passages in scripture which prophesy his passion. He shows them his wounds. One of the most remarkable things about Jesus' glorified body is that his wounds can be seen and touched. You would expect a glorified body to be totally healed of its affliction but no, Jesus' body was still marked with his wounds. It is essential that he carries these with him into heaven and when he returns he will still bear them. These wounds which we inflicted upon him are the trophies of our freedom. There would be no salvation without them. St Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of divine mercy, correctly teaches that it is for the sake of Jesus' sorrowful passion that we and the whole world can know mercy. His gift and his offering was total so that we can appeal to the entirety of Jesus' sacrifice... his body, blood, soul and divinity as the answer to the problem of our sins and for the sins of the whole world. The Feast of Divine Mercy draws us back to basics. The revelation granted to St Faustina couldn't be more timely. The Lord said, 'Let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice...Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy'. The divine floodgates and the fountain of life are still available for the foulest sinner, who repents and places their trust in Jesus.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

MARIA RANDAZZO of Kingsfield, died recently aged 88. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 25th April at 11.30am.**

May she rest in peace.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Aria Reynolds, Jacob Giraldo, Angel Afriyie, Izabelle & Legend Adus-Anane who will be baptized this weekend.

EXPOSITION will be at 8pm next week instead of 6pm.

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer to lead this, please contact the presbytery.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 15th May at 5pm.** More details to follow in due course.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are very many spare weekday & some weekend dates for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be running a Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing on **the 1st & 29th May & 12th & 26th June.** Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be from **22nd-29th July.** It is a requirement that pilgrims who wish to travel must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. There are limited spaces this year and booking forms from Tangney Tours can be found by the newsletters.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 24th September.** More details to follow in due course.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all

who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

PLANNED GIVING: We still have some boxes of envelopes for the new financial year. If you have not yet collected your new box, please contact the presbytery. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms are available at the back of the church beside the newsletters. If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.

PARISH BOOKKEEPER: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with accounting experience. It would involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some remuneration. Training and support would be available. To receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Maria Randazzo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Fr Philip McMichael, Fr Robert Tollemache, Antonino Curaba, Pauline Mitchell & Canon

John Longstaff. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 25th April at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023: The register for parents to sign has now begun and is on the blue board at the back of church.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 14th May at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL currently have places in Reception, Year 4 & 5 classes. If you are interested, please contact the school on 467309 or email admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL There is limited availability for 30-hour Nursery places and, some places available in our afternoon Nursery session. Please contact the School Office for more information on 01992 463549.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE will be served in the crypt after Mass. All are welcome!

THE PASSAGE a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give, a matched giving scheme until 12 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on 9th May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856

BECAME A LAUDATO SI' ANIMATOR: Are you interested in what is happening to our common Home, or what our faith says about it? Or in eco-spirituality and making a commitment to action with other Catholics? If you answered yes, to any of the above, consider joining the upcoming Laudato Si' Movement's Leadership Development course that will empower you to bring Laudato Si' to life. It is a free, online training and registration is now open for the mid-April to 1st week of June workshop series. For more info or to register, go to bit.ly/joinLSA.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is now free for a digital 4-week trial. You can order by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

26TH APRIL –

ST GEORGE

Martyr, Patron of England

Pictures of St. George usually show him

usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness and the lady stands for God's holy truth. St George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil. He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians. He put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without fear, he went to the Emperor and sternly scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. For this he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 23rd April SAT WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 9.30am Exposition <i>Margery Davies</i> 10am Mass</p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Giovannina & Antonio Minichiello RIP & Laura Cacciatore RIP</p> <p>Sun 24th April DIVINE MERCY (2ND SUN OF EASTER) 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella RIP</i></p>	<p>Page 262 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-6 <i>The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.</i></p> <p>Ps 117— Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 <i>I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11-14 Gospel: John 21: 1-19</p>
<p>Mon 25th April ST MARK, Evangelist 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Sick of the parish</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 26th April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>The conversion of England</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 27th April 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP- followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 28th April ST PETER CHANEL, Priest & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Vocations to priesthood and religious life</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>The people of Ukraine</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 30th April ST PIUS V, Pope 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 1st May 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Larry, Jane & Hugh O'Reilly</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Francesco Borrelli RIP</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Mon 25th 7pm Confirmation, church</p>	<p>Tues 26th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*