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### Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (B) 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Of Divine Mercy

#### Today's Readings

*Acts 4:32-35* The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.

*1 John 5:1-6* We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us.

*John 20:19-31* Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am  
10:30am

#### Intention

Gloria Hodgson (RIP)  
Jennifer Nelson (Intention)  
For Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Easter Weekday  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Easter Weekday  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St Stanislaus  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Easter Weekday

Fr Michael Daley (RIP)  
Fr Brian Laycock (RIP)  
The Church and People of Poland  
Special Intention (CO)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Alice Bristow (RIP)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

*Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.*

**Missio Red Boxes** The time has come to empty your *Missio* Red Boxes. Please pick up an envelope and return it as soon as possible to the sacristy. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** 19th to 26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage is now open <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend the Mass, please give the following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). ***This information is required by 10<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.***

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September.

### **Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for April**

*For the role of women* We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Lay Ministries** For those who carry out lay ministries during Mass (sacristans, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion etc) please be reminded that there is a WhatsApp group available, to make it easier to find a replacement if you become unavailable. If you would like to be added to this group (which covers all three weekend Masses) please contact [anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School** currently have vacancies for Foundation and Community School Governors.

Their current team of Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational, and form a Governing Body which sees its purpose as one of service to the School community and the wider community.

Remember that the gift you bring is of YOURSELF. This will entail life skills and experience, qualification and business skills, no prior experience of working in education is required.

If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact the clerk to the governors:- Lesley Radcliffe by email on [radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk](mailto:radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk)



Dear sister, dear brother, do you want proof that God has touched your life? See if you can stoop to bind the wounds of others. Today is the day to ask, "Am I, who so often have received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live *a one-way faith*, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give it in return. Having received mercy, let us now become merciful. For if love is only about us, faith becomes arid, barren and sentimental. Without others, faith becomes disembodied. Without works of mercy, it dies (cf. *Jas 2:17*). Dear brothers and sisters, let us be renewed by the peace, forgiveness and wounds of the merciful Jesus. Let us ask for the grace to become *witnesses of mercy*. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy.

*Pope Francis*

