

Sunday 24th April 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 24 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Low Sunday & Divine Mercy Sunday Special Intention Kevin Dowd RIP Peter De Souza RIP Neil Cummins RIP (1st Anniv) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 25 April 9.30am	S. MARK Neil Cummins Rip & Alfonso Ledo RIP
Tues 26 April 9.30am	S. GEORGE, PATRON Gervasio & Alice Pereira Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
Weds 27 April 9.30am	Easter feria Dennis O'Brien RIP
Thurs 28 April 9.30am	Easter feria John McManus RIP
Fri 29 April 9.30am	S. CATHERINE OF SIENA Mary Coffey RIP
Sat 30 April 9.30am	S. Plus V Spencer Coomarewel & the Holy Souls
Sun 1 May 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER George Hillier RIP Chrissie Armstrong RIP Alfonso Ledo RIP Spencer Coomarewel & the Holy Souls THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



St. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift

of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

St. Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

St. John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

St. Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."

Pope saint John Paul II

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Daniel Cardoso*

RECENTLY MARRIED: *Allan Dsouza & Annabel D'Souza*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Bridget Gonzales, Noel Samuel Laybourne, Kathleen O'Brien.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Neil Cummins (1st)

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intentions of Kathryn Deveza

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Mickey & Margaret Power RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

NEWS UPDATE



ST GEORGE'S DAY 2022



This year falls on Tuesday 26th April as this is the first free day after the Easter Octave (and the celebration of St. Mark). As Patron of our Church and parish this is an important day for us. Mass at 9.30am

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER—Thank you to all who have contributed so generously and to all those who have spent huge energy and time arranging them and making our church look beautiful.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

FUNERAL MASS of Concetta Terezino on Monday 9th May at 11.00am followed by burial at Putney vale cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FOODBANK COLLECTION BY ST GEORGE'S SVP The rising cost of living means that we are seeing people struggling to feed themselves and their families in the local community. St George's SVP want to help by collecting donations of food from our parish to take to the local foodbanks.

We are therefore taking collections on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May at each of the masses. We are looking for non-perishable food and household items, so nothing fresh or frozen. You can take your donations to the Russell Room in the Parish Centre before or after mass and members of the SVP will be there to collect them. If you would rather make a cash donation you can do that too and it will be used to buy items for the foodbanks. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS To the participants just to remind you that PLW sessions have resumed Friday 7:30pm in the Russell Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - On Tuesday 26th April at 7pm there will be a brief **Practicalities Session in the Hall**, for **Parents/Carers ONLY**, to run through some of the practicalities relating to the children's First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded of the need to arrange childcare well in advance of this session. Parents/Carers are encouraged to continue practice receiving communion at home with their

children during the Easter break whilst being reminded of the importance of **attending Mass each week** as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

CONFIRMATION - A huge 'thank you' to our Confirmation Candidates and all those who helped them raise over **£2000 for Mary's Meals** through their Sponsored Walk. Candidates are reminded of their commitment to attend at least one of the **Easter Triduum Liturgies** & the importance of continuing to attend Holy Mass each week. At the next Confirmation Session, on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be reflecting on **Receiving God's Mercy** as they prepare, anew, to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive promptly for the start of each session.

CALLING NEW READERS - Might you consider reading at one of the **Sunday Masses**? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS - Might you consider helping with our **First Holy Communion Programme**? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the cafe/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend. As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time

- If you think you should have a box this year and your box is missing.

- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order.

- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.

- You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.

- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.

- You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax. It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform the parish office if they are no longer paying tax

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES thank you to all who have returned these. If you have not done so please try and bring it ASAP so we can count what we've received.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm, with a banner procession from 2pm. A poster is enclosed, all are welcome.

WANTED: Walking aid with a seat and space for shopping for elderly gentleman. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: 1 Pt 2: 2

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

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase,
we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:2-4,22-27

R/. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' *R/.*

2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *R/.*

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. *R/.*

Second reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed

in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

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

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,

the oblations of your people, that,

renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that our reception of this paschal

Sacrament may have a continuing effect

in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.