

NEWS AND VIEWS

Hour of Divine Mercy will be marked at 3pm in our Church this Sunday. There will be opportunity for confessions.

Parish Easter outing for our young people has been scheduled for Saturday the 29th. The outing is for all young people who help out in the parish in whatever capacity.

100 Club April draw: The 1st prize of £160 went to no.83, 2nd prize of £64 to no. 24, 3rd prize of £32 to no.13, the 4th prize of £32 to no. 35, 5th prize of £32 to no.8. £320 was raised for parish funds. The next draw is on **Friday 5th May after the 1st Friday Mass.** New Members Welcome!

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Apr.23rd, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

Christian Stewardship: 9th April 2023 Envelopes: £433.99 Loose: £1054.74 Contactless: £115 Good Friday (Holy Places): £413.48 Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,333.39 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

April Diary

Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd **Priests retreat in Leeds, UK.** (Fr Martin will be available)

Saturday 29th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**

Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**
7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
FORGIVE	THOMAS	HOLES
FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE



We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

Food For Thought
Hebrew 4:16
Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



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+ 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year A
16th April 2023



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Your endurance will win you your lives

Easter is an earthquake, an explosion. It is the claim that Jesus of Nazareth, a first century Jew, who spoke and acted in the person of God and was, at the climax of his life, brutally put to death by the Roman authorities, was alive again through the power of Holy Spirit and appeared bodily to his disciples. Hard to believe but magnificent in its uniqueness! Jesus is alive not symbolically but in reality. When he first appeared to his disciples, they thought he was a ghost but he quickly demonstrated that he is real, flesh and blood. The first implication of this undiluted view of the resurrection of Jesus is that it assures those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus that though trials and troubles will surely come, they shall ultimately overcome. Such people whose life, like that of Jesus, challenges corrupt and selfish individuals and systems must face resistance. They, like Jesus, risk being betrayed, denied, abused, misunderstood, misrepresented, sabotaged, hated and assaulted even unto death. But the resurrection of Jesus assures that ultimately evil can never triumph over good. The Truth can be suppressed, manipulated to become the lie, condemned, tortured, killed, buried in the tomb but it will ultimately rise again. If we recognise this, we should not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. It is the end of the story that counts. At the appointed time, light will ultimately conquer darkness. While Easter thus re-assures men and women of goodwill to remain steadfast, it is also a reminder to the wicked of the futility of their mischief. The second implication of the bodily resurrection of Jesus therefore is that it places under judgment those who want to suppress the truth and others so cruelly. The bodily fact of the resurrection judges Pilate, the Sanhedrin, the authorities, the apostles themselves, those who abandoned and denied him at the moment of truth. It is a sign and reminder to them that they have erred, they have sinned. By extension, it also judges those who engage in such evils at any time. This is one reason why tyrants across the centuries have always been threatened by authentic Christianity that preaches the undiluted resurrection message because if Jesus is raised from the dead truly then God's judgment has fallen on all the powers of cruelty and hatred. That is why such tyrants and bullies welcome the version of Christianity and resurrection that is watered down because that doesn't threaten them. We pray that this extraordinary event will re-assure those who face the daily challenge of evil forces to persevere. May it also dissuade the agents of evil from their evil ways.

Mass Times & Intentions 16th – 22nd April 2023

Sat 15th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Geraldine Doherty (RIP), Nancy Mc Loughlin (10th) (ANN), Mullee family (INT)

Sun 16th 9:00am: Victoria Chime, Kathleen Panayiotou (INT)

11:30am: Sr. Estella Flynn, Frank Nelson (RIP), Aherne family, Ogo Chime, (INT)

3pm -4pm: Divine Mercy: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

6:30pm: Beryl Sturt (ANN)

Mon 17th 12 noon: Helen Sweeney (RIP)

Tue 18th: Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)

Wed 19th St Alphege 12 noon: John & Kate Kennard (INT)

Thur 20th 12 noon: All Parish Volunteers

Fri 21st St Anselm 12 noon: A. J Coelho (RIP), Fr Martin Goba (INT)

Sat 22nd 12 noon: Jeremy Platten (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Martin Goba CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed.

6.30pm Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

OPENING PRAYER

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 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (17:2-4.13-15.22-24)

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

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.'

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I was thrust, thrust down, and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my Saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

R

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.

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SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still, without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 GIFTS

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

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

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
John Obligar
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

June Gray
Olga Monpeke
June Gray/Roxanne
Michelle Carr

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,

We bless You,

We adore you,

We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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• Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.

• There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.

• Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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