

NEWS AND VIEWS

Hour of Mercy 3pm this Sunday: This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday on which we are called to savour the healing mercy of God. At 3pm this Sunday, we shall have an hour of Mercy during which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. There will be opportunity for confessions and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Parish Office closes for Easter Break on Monday the 6th and reopens on Monday the 13th. All office matters will be attended to when the office resumes. The priests will be available to attend to those who need material assistance. Please call the Parish Line 02072728195 for matters requiring urgent attention.

Planned Giving Envelopes. Please collect your new box of envelopes for planned giving from the back of the church.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Apr. 12th, 19th, 26th, May 10th, 17th, 31st, June Sat. 6th @10am Reconciliation/ Rehearsal, Sunday 7th Celebration of the First Holy Communion.

Parish Pilgrimage To Assisi 2026 This will commemorate with the 800th year of Francis of Assisi, we will also visit the final resting place of the first millennial saint, Saint Carlos Acutti. The itinerary will be pasted in the porch. The dates and cost will be **26th-30th October, 2026. The cost for the trip will be £1440** per person based on shared accommodation. For more information contact the parish office.

Parish thanksgiving mass for milestone birthdays will take place in July. If any parishioner here in our parish is turning the following years **30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th & every year after their 90th.** Please kindly send your name and birth month via the parish email or just leave a note with the details. Let us celebrate.

100 Club May draw: The next draw is on **Friday 1st May** will take place after the First Friday Service. Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 25th / 26th April. New Members Welcome! Application forms at the back of the church or ask in the parish office.

Legacy: A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forbearers

Christian Stewardship: 5th April 2026

Envelopes: £171 **Loose:** £ 629.33. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.

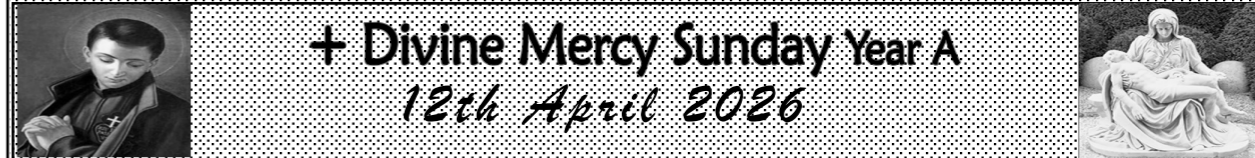
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We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Christ, after His resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Thomas was not with them. Thomas declared that he would not believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he sees Him (Christ) in the flesh and probe His wounds with his hands. This, therefore, earned Thomas the name 'Doubting Thomas'. A week later, Christ appeared once again to His disciples and this time Thomas was with them. His doubt was cleared, and he professed his belief in Christ the risen Lord. After His resurrection Jesus gives the disciples His Spirit and the power to remit sins. Thus, He makes them participate in His triumph over death and sin. The risen Lord gives Thomas, who did not believe the testimony of his fellow Apostles, a lesson which is significant for us also. In giving His power to all, Jesus knows our weakness and treats us with care. He has forgiven us on the cross and we can now share His life. Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalski, in a series of visions that took place over a period of eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the Novena ended on the Saturday after Easter, the eve of the 2nd Sunday after Easter. That is why when Pope John Paul II canonised Saint Faustina, he declared the second Sunday after Easter a feast in the Catholic Church. As we share the life of there risen Lord, we need to pass from death to life, leaving our old ways of life and giving new life in love. The words of Jesus, "Blessed are those who believe without seeing" are quite appropriate for us modern Christians. Blessed are those who can recognise the voice of Christ in the words resounding every Sunday in the community celebrations.

Mass Times & Intentions 12th – 18th April 2026

- Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Bridie Bradley, Derek Gomes, Barbra Gomes (RIP), Carlos David Nelio Mendonca (ANN)
- Sun 12th 9:00am:** Grace Etukudoh, Maura Eivers (RIP), Essien-Oku family, B.I Etim-Bassey family (INT)
- 11:30am** Derek Gomes, Nora O'Conner & family, Maura Eivers, Grace Etukudoh (RIP), Private Intention, Bernie Shevlin (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Maura Eivers (RIP), Lawrence Chinegwudoh, Gregory Chinegwudoh, Paul Benjamin Lavelli (ANN)
- Mon 13th 12 noon:** People of the Parish
- Tues 14th 12 noon:** Jane Amooty (2nd) (ANN), Ann Breslin, James Costello (INT)
- Wed 15th 12 noon:** Louis Thomas (RIP)
- Thurs 16th 12 noon:** Young People of the Parish
- Fri 17th 12 noon:** Funeral Mass for Mary Asfori
- Sat 18th 12 noon:** Colin Restall (3rd) (ANN)

Prayers for the week: Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta L, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Julie Antwi, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Ann Forrester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray, Carmel Cannon, Dominic Roberts, Maria Cruz, Maria Minodora

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
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Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, before Masses **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am
Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon **Prayer/Faith Group:** Sat. 10am
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

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

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Let the fire inside of you burn brighter than the fire around you."
"Don't let the fear of losing outweigh the excitement of winning."

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



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 believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118(117:2-4.13-15.22-24)

R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

R

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down, but the LORD was my helper.

The LORD is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation in the tents of the righteous.

R

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

R

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the

doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in 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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For Online Mass)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 9am

Sun 11.30am

Sun 6.30pm

Readers

Joanna Hemingway

Paula Zanre

Mark Renner

Anna Renner

Eucharist Minster

June G/Debra

Innocent Teme

Mary A & Roxanne C

Michelle C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers

Essien Ekpenyong-Oku

Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe

Joseph Ogbonna

EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Celebrated on Sunday, it marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday of the Christian calendar. In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact. Based on direct evidence from the mid-second century, it is believed that Easter was regularly celebrated from the earliest days of the Church. The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.



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- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy & Catechism
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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