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**Second Sunday of Easter
Year B**

11th April 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

We come together today like the first believers, praying for unity of heart and soul. With our fellow Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Lord of Life!

In the **First Reading** (Acts 4: 32–35), we hear how belief in the resurrection bears fruit in the lives of the disciples: it brings them together as a community, united in faith and love in action. The witness of the apostles is the cornerstone of growth in the early church.

In the **Second Reading** (1 John 5: 1–6), however, John needs to remind an early Christian community to value the incarnational nature of Christ, and the importance of a deepening, living faith. This has practical consequences in terms of love of God, and of our fellow human beings. It sometimes makes challenging demands on us.

The **Psalms 118** is a song of thanksgiving and forms a grateful prayer that sits easily on the lips of the risen Lord.

The **Gospel** (John 20: 19–31) recounts Jesus's appearance to the disciples, who are overjoyed at his presence. They receive through him the gift of the Holy Spirit and are given their mission. A week later, the Lord appears again to the previously absent Thomas, eliciting his magnificent confession: 'My Lord and my God'!

Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, I pray to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit, that I may daily surrender to God's mercy.

*Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church*

A big thank you! Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare for Easter – church cleaners, altar servers, musicians, flower ladies and readers. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their most generous Easter offerings. God bless you.

Mass bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you. Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.

Sunday 11th April: Adoration and Divine Mercy prayer in the Church 3pm-4pm

Thursday 15th April: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Streamed Thursday 7.30pm: We will be streaming the rosary from St. Mary's on Thursdays at 7.30pm. It will be a wonderful way to be united, asking through the intercession of Our Lady for God's help during this difficult time. There are two ways you can join:

- A) Through the Parish website, St. Mary Mother of God and follow the link
- B) Go to Youtube and search for St. Mary Mother of God Parish Hornchurch

Food Bank Collection: The SVP can now recommence the foodbank collection and the basket will be in the porch for your donations. Thank you again for your support.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Please remember in your prayers Eaver McMahon and Ryan Flanagan who died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Clive McDonagh, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Memorae

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

Divine Mercy 3pm prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.



God our Father, by raising your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 10 th April | 6.30pm | Bridget O'Connell RIP / Johanna Miller RIP / Doreen & Thomas Casserley RIP |
| Sunday | 11 th April | 8.00am | Sonny O'Connell RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP |
| Second Sunday of Easter | | | |
| Divine Mercy Sunday | | 9.30am | Brian Spicer RIP / Maureen Crowe RIP |
| | | 11.30am | All Parishioners |
| | | 3pm-4pm | Adoration & Divine Mercy Prayers |
| Monday | 12 th April | 9.15am | Norah Lenehan RIP / John Dennehy RIP |
| Tuesday | 13 th April | 9.15am | Joe & Anna Hayes RIP / John Dennehy RIP |
| Wednesday | 14 th April | 7.30pm | Eileen Jonas Int / Pierena Kavanagh RIP / Ronald Budd RIP |
| Thursday | 15 th April | 11am-1pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Friday | 16 th April | 9.15am | Peggy & David Walsh RIP / Theresa Akwaboa Int / Jim Delahunty RIP |
| Saturday | 17 th April | 6.30pm | Joe Gilligan RIP / Theresa Parham Int |
| Sunday | 18 th April | 8.00am | Paddy Shanahan RIP / Joaquina DeSouza RIP / John Edwards RIP |
| Third Sunday of Easter | | 9.30am | Mary Magdalene / Adaehe Rafna RIP |
| | | 11.30am | All Parishioners |

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Please note the location of the fire exits