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## SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019

### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) - Year C

Today we have John's version of Pentecost, birthday of the Church. The risen Jesus appears to his apostles, shows them his wounds (these serve to identify him as the same one who died) and bestows peace on them.

Then he inaugurates the mission of the Church. This mission is the exact same mission he received from the Father (a mission accomplished by his death and resurrection): the reconciliation of people with the Father, through the forgiveness of sins. To carry out their mission he gives them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive sin.

The various Gospels mention doubt when Jesus appears to his followers after the Resurrection (Mt 28:17; Lk 24:37-38; Mk 16:14). But John dramatises that doubt in an individual. Paradoxically, however, from the lips of this 'doubting Thomas' comes the highest profession of faith in all of the Gospels: 'My Lord and my God'.

Writing for a generation that has not 'seen' the Lord, the evangelist adds the comment: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' He is telling these later disciples (and us) that they share the same blessedness as those who actually saw the risen Lord. Originally John's Gospel ended where today's passage ends.



### Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

### Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

### Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

### Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

## Shared News ...

**Youth Club:** Will start again on Sunday 4 May (**NOT TONIGHT**) and will meet on the four Sundays of May with the last Sunday being a BBQ. Numbers have recently dwindled. Let's make a big effort to come along and finish the year with a bang!

**Exam Time:** We wish our young people who are sitting exams at this time *'all the best'*.

**Celebration of Marriage:** Will take place on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral. All who wish to celebrate the gift of marriage together with Archbishop Cushley are welcome, especially newly married couples and those with significant anniversaries this year. See poster on noticeboards for more details.

**PPC:** The next PPC meeting will be on Thursday 2 May at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Academy.

**St John's Hospital Mass:** Fr Kenneth will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 3 May. Everyone is welcome to go along.

**Baptism Preparation Course:** The next course will be on Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm in St Peter's. To register, please contact the parish office.

**CIC:** The last class will be on Saturday 11 May.

**Save the date:** Please keep Sunday 9 June free for a Pentecost Sunday celebration for all four parishes - 'Songs of Praise' in St Margaret's Academy at 3.00pm.

**Next Sunday's Readings (05.05.19):** Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Terry, Pam Clark, Margaret Beattie, Shay McGinlay, Joel Robinson **Anniversaries (April):** Tom Flanagan

### ST PETER'S ...

**Saturday 4 May:** Please note there will be no morning Mass or Confessions on Saturday 4th.

**Knit & Natter Group:** Will next meet on Wednesday 8 May at 12.30pm.

**Malawi Gift Appeal:** Thank you for your generous support. This appeal is now closed so we cannot receive any more gifts.

**Roof Repair:** I am assured that the roof leaking problem has now been fixed. A special thanks to the Polish community who turned up in huge numbers on Saturday for the blessing of the Easter food baskets and who gave generously to the roof repair which has now been paid for.

**Property Maintenance:** The slabbing around the church property is in need of attention so the slabs will be re-laid over the coming weeks so there will be no trip hazards anywhere.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £1,482.89; **Church Stall:** £49.47; **Building Fund:** £1,255.72 (included in this figure are the gifts from the Polish food blessing); **Lenten Alms:** £487.55

### ST ANDREW'S ...

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £696.26 (14.04); £1,423.97 (21.04); **Building Fund:** £171.70 (14.04); £106.18 (21.04); **Polish Food:** £507.91; **Candles:** £139.81; **200 Club:** No 44 & No 60 (14.04); No 43 & No 112 (21.04); **Sanctuary Candle:** Safe hols

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## ST THERESA'S...

**Friday 3 May:** The school children will join us for Mass on Friday morning.

**Last Sunday's Collection:**  
£723.08; **Bonus Ball Winner:**  
No 4 Ann Pike



## ST PHILIP'S ...

**SCIAF Wee Boxes:** If you've not already done so, can everyone please return their boxes. Tax payers should fill in their details on the box so gift aid can be claimed.

**Fairtrade:** Next stall will be on Sunday 5 May.

**Last Sunday's Collection:**  
£475.70 (14.04); £686.72 (21.04); **200 Club:** TBC;  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Peace in the Holy Land (14.04); Victims of religious violence in Sri Lanka (21.04)

## Everything You Need to Know about the Divine Mercy Devotion – A Very Powerful Prayer

**The Divine Mercy devotion** is a modern devotion to the attribute of God's infinite mercy that was promulgated by St Faustina Kowalska in Poland, and later presented to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II ("The Mercy Pope") – with his letter *Dives in Misericordia*.

This devotion is multifaceted and has many different components: it involves a divinely inspired painting of Jesus with attached promises for its veneration, vocal prayers (the Divine Mercy chaplet and Divine Mercy Novena), a book (The Diary of Faustina Kowalska), a Holy Hour (3 o'clock), and a solemn feast day with attached indulgences (Divine Mercy Sunday – at the end of the Octave of Resurrection of the Lord).

**SAINT SISTER FAUSTINA KOWALSKA** - Shortly before the outbreak of World War II, a simple, young, uneducated Polish nun received a special calling. On the night of Sunday, February 22nd 1931, while she was in her cell, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina as the "King of Divine Mercy." He was wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his Sacred Heart. He would continue to appear and speak to her, and for four years St Faustina recorded Jesus' words, her visions, and her own thoughts and prayers in a personal diary.

Jesus gave St Faustina a special mission, telling her, *"I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."* He also said to her, *"You are the secretary of My Mercy. I have chosen you for that office in this and the next life."* In visions that followed, Jesus asked St Faustina to be His instrument for spreading the message of His Mercy to all the world.

**THE HOLY HOUR** - Jesus also told St Faustina that the hour He expired on the cross is the hour in which to especially implore the attribute of his Divine Mercy, because at that moment his saving mission was accomplished and his blood and water was poured out on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Because Jesus made the 3 o'clock hour sacred, whenever the clock strikes this hour, his mercy can be efficaciously implored. *"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy ... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."* (Diary 1320).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Jesus requested that a special feast devoted to his Divine Mercy take place on the octave day of Easter (the second Sunday of Easter), a day in which he would pour special graces out on the whole world. Jesus grants an indulgence (either full or partial remission for the temporal punishment of sin) for all who will participate in this feast and implore his Divine Mercy. *"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* (Diary 300) *"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it."* (Diary 341); *"This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies."* (Diary 420)

In response to Jesus' request for a feast honouring his Divine Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter, the Vatican has greatly encouraged the faithful to make use of this devotion and has issued the official conditions for how to obtain this Divine Mercy Sunday indulgence.



The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy from Poland offers the full text of the Diary online for all those interested - see: [www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en/diary-full-text/](http://www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en/diary-full-text/)

**Jesus I trust in You! – Jezu Ufam Tobie!**

Fr Peter



**Drodzy – kończymy oktawę świętowania Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego Niedzielą Bożego Miłosierdzia.** Przypominają o tym słowa psalmu: ***Dziękujcie Panu, bo jest miłosierny.*** Z Dziejów apostoelskich dowiadujemy się, że: *Wiele znaków i cudów działo się przez ręce Apostołów wśród ludu (...) zbiegało się mnóstwo ludu do Jerozolimy, znosząc chorych i dręczonych przez duchy nieczyste, a wszyscy doznawali uzdrowienia.* Apostoł Jan w Apokalipisie opisuje swoją wizję spotkania z Miłosiernym: *On położył na mnie prawą rękę, mówiąc: "Przestań się lękać! Jam jest Pierwszy i Ostatni, i Żyjący. Byłem umarły, a oto jestem żyjący na wieki wieków i mam klucze śmierci i Otchłani.* **Ewangelię tej niedzieli pięknie podsumowują słowa Jezusa: *Uwierzyłeś Tomasz, bo Mnie ujrzałeś; błogosławieni, którzy nie widzieli, a uwierzyli.*** Jezus i dzisiaj przychodzi i mówi do nas: *Pokój wam!* Daje nam także dar mówiąc: *Weźmijcie Ducha Świętego!* Jego darem na nasze czasy jest także przesłanie miłosierdzia przekazane przez Siostrę Faustynę, a odkryte na nowo przez papieską encyklikę *Dives in Misericordia* Jana Pawła II. Sięgnijmy po te skarby katolickiej teologii i zechcemy zrozumieć ogrom Bożego Miłosierdzia, bo dostaliśmy od Jezusa takie polecenie: ***Bądźcie więc miłosierni, jak miłosierny jest Ojciec w Niebie.*** Pan Zmartwychwstał, Alleluja! Ks. Piotr

W sobotę 4.05.19 odbędzie się kurs przedmałżeński-więcej: [katolicylivingston@gmail.com](mailto:katolicylivingston@gmail.com)

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
<b>Sun 28 Apr</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Deceased members of Hughes &amp; O'Leary Families</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Eddie Cannon</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) - Year C
<b>Mon 29 Apr</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Neil Carr</i>	Feast of St Catherine of Siena
<b>Tue 30 Apr</b>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Ellen Connor</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Tuesday 2nd week of Eastertide
<b>Wed 1 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO	9.30am Mass PK	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS	Wednesday 2nd week of Eastertide
<b>Thu 2 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO	9.30am Mass PK	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Memorial of St Athanasius
<b>Fri 3 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO	9.30am Mass PK <i>Helena McCabe</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass JS	Feast of St Philip & St James
<b>Sat 4 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Charlie Divers</i>	6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Saturday 2nd week of Eastertide
<b>Sun 5 May</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>June Chatterston</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Betty McGuire</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Luis A Chirinos</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C