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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 16th April 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Cameron Cuddihy
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Patsy Harvey
11:00am Solemn Mass	Michael Francis McNamee
3:00pm Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction	

Weekday Masses

Monday 17th

9:30am Holy Mass Kate & Tony Holland and
Bridget Thornton.

5:00pm Reception John Askin

Tuesday 18th

10:30am Requiem Mass John Askin

4:00pm First Holy Communion & Confirmation Class
For those not in Catholic Schools – in Church

5:30pm Novena & Rosary

6:00pm Holy Mass Margaret Kelly RIP Anniv

Wednesday 19th

9:30am Holy Mass John McDonagh
Months Mind

Thursday 20th

9:30am Holy Mass Martin Clancy

Please note the change of time

---- NO Evening Adoration or Mass

Friday 21st

---- NO Mass

Saturday 22nd

---- NO Morning Mass

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass Pro-Populo

SUNDAY 23rd

9:00am Holy Mass Mary Jones

11:00am Solemn Mass Noreen Donohoe RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday No Morning Confessions 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



DIVINE MERCY

This love of mercy illuminates the face of the Church, and is manifested through the sacraments, in particular that of reconciliation, as well as in works of charity, both of community and individuals.

Everything that the Church says and does, shows that God has mercy for man. When the Church must call attention to an unrecognized truth, or a good betrayed, it is always driven by merciful love that all people might have life and have it abundantly (John 10.10).

From Divine Mercy comes hearts that are pacified, and then comes true peace in the world, peace between peoples, cultures and religions.

Like Sister Faustina, Pope John Paul II was in his time an apostle of Divine Mercy. Many noticed the remarkable coincidence that when he closed his eyes to this world on the evening of Saturday, April 2, 2005, it was on the eve of the second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and also at the same time as the Marian devotion of the first Saturday of the month. In fact, this was at the core of his long and multifaceted pontificate; his entire mission in the service of God and man and peace in the world was summarized in the announcement he made in Krakow in 2002.

The Lord took his wounds with him to eternity. He is a wounded God; He let himself be injured through his love for us. His wounds are a sign that he understands and allows himself to be wounded out of love for us. These wounds of his: how tangible they are to us in the history of our time! Indeed, time and again, he allows himself to be wounded for our sake. What certainty of his mercy, what consolation do his wounds mean for us! ... And what a duty they are for us, the duty to allow ourselves in turn to be wounded for him!

Bishop David McGough

Requiem Mass at Saint Chad's Cathedral 12 noon

Thursday 20th April

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R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
 alle- lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL
For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Bishop David McGough
 Michael Mullen, Gerard King, Michael Simons
 John McDonagh, Michael Kerrigan, Gerry Smith,
 Anthony Staley, Michael Earlis, Bernadette Smith
 John Askin –

Reception 17th April 5:00pm

Requiem 18th April 10:30am

Kathleen King & Geoffrey King –

Requiem 15th May 10:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of Joseph Clarke and The Clarke & Deakin Families.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Weekend – Spiritans Mission Appeal

Thank you for your support and generosity

PIETY SHOP

Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

HAPPY EASTER

Thank you to all of you who helped with the preparations for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum and Easter. Thank you to the Readers and the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for your ministry and those serving at the Altar. Thank you to all the Stewards for making sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to Paul for the music. The Sanctuary is looking beautiful with all the flowers so thank you very much to Agnes. Thank you to the Sacristans, Agnes and Sarah.. Thank you to Maxine who has done all the administration.

Thank you to all those who came and made sure everything was clean in church.

It was very good and a great blessing for the parish to see so many of you celebrating the Sacred Triduum. Thank you and God bless you. Thank you also for your kind Easter offerings and gifts.

I hope you all continue to have a good and holy Easter.

With my blessing and prayers.

Fr Christopher

PARISH DIARY

APRIL

Sunday 23rd Afternoon Tea 3:00pm

MAY

Saturday 13th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon

Sunday 14th Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

Ascension Day – Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 17th **Vigil Mass 6:00pm**

Thursday 18th **Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm**

Saturday 20th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 12noon

Sunday 21st Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 11:00am

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

All welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13 May.

The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans.

Our afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine.

1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House.

5pm – Depart

For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600
 Result for 12th April
Will be posted in the porch
Next Draw Wednesday 19th April after Mass
 1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
 Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
 Match 3 numbers = share £75+