



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

18th April 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30

Mass Intentions

Sun 19: Rose Anne Greer RIP
 Mon 20: Sr. Mary Veronica RIP
 Tues 21: Sr. Sophia RIP
 Wed 22: Dermot Sheehan RIP
 Thu 23: Sr. Mary Romana RIP
 Fri 24: Sr. Geraldine RIP
 Sat 25Sr. Margaret Mary :

Homily Notes

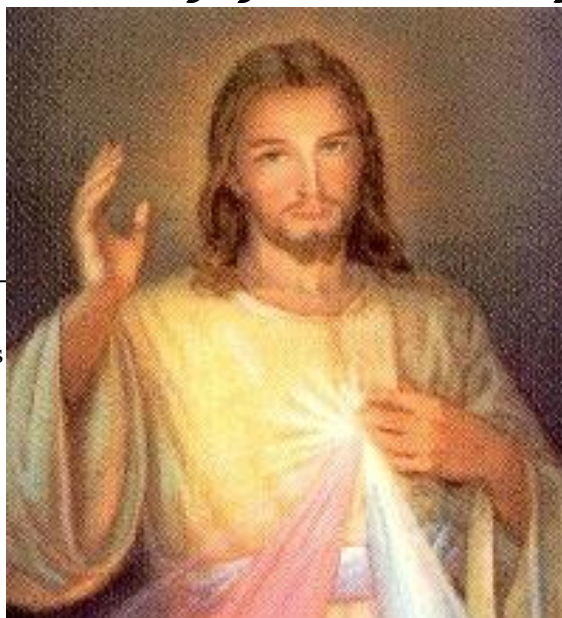
“Christ, my hope, is risen!”. This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not “by-pass” suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God’ So said Pope Francis on Easter Sunday Morning.

There is much hope and love around us. Who can not recognise that hope in the witness of soon to be 100 years old Captain Tom Moore and the £20 million that almost a million people have given to him for the NHS? Or of Margaret Payne, the 90 year old climbing the stairs to reach the summit of Mt. Suilven again, to raise a vast sum of money for the NHS Scotland. We were out on Thursday evening clapping our hands and applauding for the all the workers in our health system. We are marvelled by their dedication and their courage, to the point of giving their lives to save the lives of the sick. This is not something unique to this epidemic; it is their daily practice, which far too often is simply taken for granted.

In many families, grandchildren are staying with grandparents to ensure their safety and care. In others, parents are ensuring the education of their children. In care homes, carers continue to care for the elderly and infirm, despite the shortages of PPE. The Police continue to ensure our security. There is an amazing amount of hope and love around us. It has taken the contagion of this virus for us to see it.

These signs of love and hope are signs too of the presence of the goodness of God in the hearts and the activities of all these people. God inspires this goodness. Where there is love, there is God.

Terry



Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter, is the Day of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy is an important concept for us as Christians. It is also important for Muslims. Every *sura* (chapter) of the Qur’an (except *sura* 9) starts with the invocation *bi-smi Llâhi l-Rahmân al-Rahîm*. This is often translated “In

the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.” This translation indicates two different Names for God, but it does not bring out that these two Names come from the same root: RHM. From this root is derived the word *rihm* which means “the womb”. There is a suggestion of something maternal. So *Rahma* means “tenderness”, “kindness”. This can and often does include “mercy”, but it is not limited to mercy..

In relation to God, *Rahmân* means that God has the quality of *rahma*, goodness, kindness, tenderness, to the highest degree. We could say that “Godness” is “goodness”. *Rahim* is the name for God who acts according to his nature; showing goodness and kindness to all. The name *Rahman* is reserved for God exclusively, but we can all take on the quality of *Rahîm*, showing goodness, kindness and mercy in our own behaviour. This corresponds to what St John writes: “Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8), and the command of Jesus: “Be merciful as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

We wish all our Muslim Sisters and Brothers a very blessed and holy Ramadan. May the period of isolation due to covid 19 come to an end before the close of Ramadan.

Michael

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
01 03 04 05 12 13
Drawn 12th April 2020

Don't Forget
6.30pm, every evening
Parish Evening Prayer
at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook

Gospel Sharing

During this pandemic, we have been unable to meet for Gospel Sharing. It is now proposed to make an attempt to pray and share the Word of God by Social Media.

The first attempt will be on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm.

If you would like to participate, please contact Fr. Ferdinand at the parish. He will invite you to join the prayer group on Zoom. You will need to download the app on your computer or phone.

Keep the word of God alive in your heart.

During the covid 19 isolation we will print the Parish newsletter on Friday evening and post it to those who are not Facebook users. A 2nd edition will be sent by email on Saturday evening.

*You are welcome to join us for Easter Sunday's Mass live-streamed on Facebook
At 9am on Sunday*

Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm

23rd April Cardinal Vincent Nichols Westminster Cathedral

30th April Bishop Richard Moth Arundel Cathedral

7th May Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

Rev. Canon Christopher Thomas

General Secretary 16th April 2020

A Livestream retreat will be given by Monsignor John Armitage via the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

- Starting on Sunday 19th April after Compline at 8pm until Sunday 26th April.
- Talks each day will be at 10.30 and 16.00
- There will be Mass each day at 12 noon.
- The Divine Mercy prayers will be recited with the Rosary at 3pm daily
- Morning and Evening prayer will be at 08.30 and 17.00 respectively.

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kathy HALLIGAN, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Nardine TANNER

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Steve and Teresa CREWE, Lilly FLANNERY, Mary FORRISTER, FOY Family, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, John & Kathleen McGOVERN, MIDGHALL Family, Henry MIDTSAETER, Pat O'DONOVAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Shirley & Phil SCOTT, arie SCOWAN, Beverley STAMPER, Teresa SWIFT, Nardine TANNER, Pauline WALSH, Lydia WARREN, WILLIAMS Family, Terri VALIANT

Pope Francis & all religious leaders, Parish Priests

Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world,

ALL NHS staff and ALL key workers.

Thanksgiving prayers for the Hart family who have come through the virus

And for those who have died: Vera DEV, Lygia WARREN