



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

22nd/23rd April 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 255): Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Next Week: – Third Sunday of Easter: Page 258: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested from St. Faustina in the 1930s, was made universal in the Church by Saint John Paul II when he canonised St Faustina in the Jubilee Year 2000, so that: *"throughout the world, the second Sunday of Easter would receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in years to come."*

St. Faustina was born in Poland in 1905 and was 20 years of age when she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. In the 1930's she received from the Lord a message of mercy and was told to spread it throughout the world. Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from his heart, the pale rays denote water which make souls pure and virtuous and the red rays denote blood which is the life of souls. Thus the image shows a fountain of graces flowing from his heart which was pierced on the cross. St. Faustina obeyed the Lord's requests and lived her life according to Gospel commandment, "be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful". The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us, and, He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A – Ask for His Mercy
- B – Be merciful
- C – Completely trust in Jesus

People celebrate Mercy Sunday in many different ways but there are some things that should always be included, based on Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina. It should be a celebration that will draw us to turn to God's mercy with trust, receive His mercy with thanksgiving, and share his mercy with joy.

Divine Mercy Prayer

Most merciful Jesus,
whose very nature is compassion and love,
do not look on my failings but upon my trust in you.
Let me live my life being merciful to others
as you are merciful to me.
Let me always remember the graces flowing from
your pierced heart on the cross
and live my life bearing in mind your words.
"As I have loved you so also should you
love one another." (John 13:34)
Lord Jesus have mercy on me in my distress
and look with pity on my request. (3 times)
For the sake of your sorrowful Passion
have mercy on me O Lord. (3 times)



PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Rihanna Lisa Stokes, Tiara Ann Mary Stokes, Amy Nicole Stokes, Alesha Marie Stokes, Liam Brian O'Donnell, Naomi Kathley Mary Stokes, Anthony Christopher Reilly and Mary Emma Stokes who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

UCM

The UCM will meet for the start of the summer programme on **Monday 24th April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Any lady of the parish interested is invited to come and see the UCM at our meeting.

GARDEN WORKING PARTY

We are looking for volunteers to join our Garden Working Party to help clear the Church gardens (back and front) of weeds, mow the lawn, trim, plant, etc. If you are able to help please turn up on **Saturday 13 May and 20th May** from 10am to 1pm. We have a limited number of garden tools but please bring your own if you can. Refreshments will be available.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families to sign Nursery School Applications on the following dates. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the notice board. Please use the sign up sheets on the notice board. Please attend with your child, along with all the forms needed, their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Tuesday, 25th April 3.45-5.00pm
Tuesday, 2nd May 3.45-5.00pm

OTHER

DIVINE MERCY

St Michael & St Martin's Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH will be celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy on **Sunday 23rd April** starting at 2.00pm. All welcome.

RIVERSIDE AFTER CARE & EARLY RISERS CLUBS

The Early Risers Breakfast Club is now up and running at St Lawrence's Parish Centre from 7.30am to 9am, Monday to Friday. Breakfast will be provided and children will be walked to St Lawrence and Cardinal Road Infant Schools by Early Risers Staff. To register your child or for further details please contact Kate, Play Leader on 07539 498952 between 3pm-5.30pm or 7.30am-8.30am, Monday to Friday.

LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee morning cum bric-a-brac sale **this Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses in aid of Life Pregnancy Matters.

COFFEE MORNING – 30TH APRIL

"The 7th Feltham Sea Scouts hut is being removed and being refurbished but we need a fund of £500,000 to rebuild it! With everyone's help, we can raise this money. On **Sunday 30th April**, in the Parish Centre, we will be making cookies and cakes (as well as tea and coffee), please come along and buy some to help us in raising money! This will be after 9.00am & 11am Mass and all donations will go towards the building costs". By Lewis Haigh 5E & Henry Johnson 5G, St Lawrence's School.

COME AND SEE - BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON.

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on **Saturday 29th April** from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **John Cumming, John Igboanugo RIP, Eric Sellors RIP** and **Margaret (Peggy) Cook RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

Peggy Cook RIP – Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 24th April** at 9.45am. Please note that this is the only Mass in Church that day. The reception of her body into Church will be at 5.00pm on Sunday 23rd April.

John Cumming RIP – Funeral Service here on **Friday 5th May** at 10.30am.

Eric Sellors RIP – Requiem Mass here on **Friday 5th May** at 12 noon.

Funeral arrangements for John Igboanugo RIP will be announced shortly.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

15-16 April: Envelopes £1,231.73; Loose: £1,909.01 Easter Offerings: £830.22 Standing Orders: £628.00

Total: £4,598.96

Parish Centre Building Fund - £429.07

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 nd	11.00	NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
	12.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	15.00	Celebrant's Intention
	18.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community No Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the McManamon & McCarthy Families RIP
Sun 23 rd	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Harry Haldane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	17.00	Reception of the late Peggy Cook RIP into Church
	18.00	Patrick & Maureen Murray RIP
Mon 24 th	09.45	REQUIEM MASS – PEGGY COOK RIP
Tues 25 th	09.30	School Mass for the new term
Wed 26 th	09.30	Francoise Woods (Intentions)
Thurs 27 th	09.30	Mervyn Roga RIP
Fri 28 th	09.30	Sr Mary Baptiste Kearney RIP
	12.00	Wedding of Desmond Odondiri and Helen Akinrinade
Sat 29 th	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions)
	13.30	Wedding of Christopher Dance and Catherine Gragasin
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
18.00	Michael, Amanda, Danny, Pauline McCarthy and Family (Intentions)	
Sun 30 th	09.00	The Wilson Family in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP Baptisms of Harry Antonio and Heidi Sophia Brentwood
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Valentino Dias RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am

Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm