

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

7 April 2024

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also hear how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through "real time", by hearing what happened in Jerusalem the Sunday after the Resurrection. with the Lord appearing to Thomas.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Acts 4:32-35 - The believers shared all their possessions, and the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection.

Psalm 117 - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love has no end / Let the sons of Israel say / The Lord's right hand has triumphed / The stone which the builders rejected.

Second I John 5:1-6 - Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God ... For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 - Jesus appears in the upper room, showed his hands and said "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ... "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Doubting Thomas. ... Now Jesus did many other signs ... which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe.

3. FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY – SUNDAY, 7 APRIL:

This Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy. To celebrate there will be a light buffet in the Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass today. Come along and catch up with friends. All welcome.

4. CORPUS CHRISTI – COFFEE MORNING:

Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning this Sunday 7th April after the 9.30am Mass to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Tea, Coffee and Cakes. Everybody Welcome.

5. PILGRIMAGE ST HERBERT'S ISLE, DERWENT WATER, KESWICK - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024:

The coach, which is full, will leave St Herbert's Church at 8.30am prompt. We will make a short stop at TEBAY service station on the M6 for a toilet break before continuing to the Lakeside Car Park. Lake Rd. Keswick. Cumbria. CA12 5DG. There are toilet facilities at the car park. We will then walk down to the Lakeside where Fr. Lawrence will celebrate mass overlooking St. Herbert's Isle. Afterwards, there is free time in Keswick before we meet the coach and return to St Herbert's Church.

Hopefully, we will be blessed with sunshine. However, it can be cold and wet especially around the lake so make sure you dress for the weather.

There are lots of places to eat and things to do in Keswick, there is a market and a pencil museum. You could also take a packed lunch and picnic by the lake.

If you intend to make the journey by car, use the above post code for the car park, where there are 253 spaces. Look out for our coach from KMATT coach company.

7. PARISH SVP FOODBANK – FRIDAY, 12 APRIL: The Parish SVP Foodbank takes place on every second Friday of the month between 2 pm and 4 pm in Corpus Christi Presbytery. The next one will be held on Friday, 12 April. Please spread the word if there's anyone you know who may benefit from the Pantry.

8. RED MISSION BOXES – ST HERBERT'S: The Red Mission Boxes will be emptied on Thursday 25th April 2024 in St Herberts Parish Centre between 7.30 pm and 8 pm. Lilian Lally

9. YOUNG ADULTS MASS: The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday 14th April. Mass begins at 5.30pm, with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Join the team after for a catch up and a bite to eat before we hear from the diocesan communications team for a short talk about faith and the media. All are welcome to attend.

10. EASTER GARDEN: When visiting St. Herbert's Church, you are invited to see the Easter Garden which has been created in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This portrays all the events of Holy Week and Easter. It is particularly informative for our younger people.

11. 'A' TEAM CLEANERS – CORPUS CHRISTI: We will resume cleaning on Monday 8th April please. A list of dates for the summer is shown in the entrance with copies available for everyone.

12. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Lessons will resume next Sunday, 14th April. There will be a short meeting for staff this Sunday in the dining room when the

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 105 ; Offertory: 175, 443; Communion: 574; Recessional: 678.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 146; Offertory: 105; Communion: 184, 560; Recessional: 353.

new rotas will be available.

13. GIFT AID ENVELOPES/NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES (St Herbert's) 2024-25: New sets of envelopes are available for collection at the back of each church. If you have changed address recently, please let us know. Thank you.

14. DIOCESAN DAY RETREAT: THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING: Our diocesan day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at the mystical text, The Cloud of Unknowing. Dating back to the 14th century, this profound work offers a spiritual guide to contemplative prayer. The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall, and costs £20 to attend. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/>

15. CEMETERY MASS: A special outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27th May. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly, will begin at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th August, 11am. In the event of.

wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

17. SUNDAY SMILE

Last week, a local church had an Easter get-together for the Children's Liturgy Group. As part of the fun, children were invited to tell a topical joke in return for a Creme Egg. Here are a few:

I was going to tell you a joke about an Easter egg, but it's not all it's cracked up to be.

How can you tell which Easter Bunnies are the oldest in a group? Just look for the grey hares.

Did you hear about the hen who laid her egg on an axe? She wanted to hatchet.

In which place does Christmas always come before Easter? In a dictionary!

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket? Only one - after that it's not empty anymore!

How do dinosaurs celebrate Easter? They don't. They're eggstinct.

What comes at the end of Easter? The letter "r".

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed
TUESDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY: **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
SUNDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo
Special Intention: Broadbent & Whiteman families, Derek Hacking
Lately Dead: Agnes Conroy, Nikki Winnard, Anne Lucas, Margaret Farrelly
RIP: Pauline Berne, Members of the Broadbent & Whiteman Families
Birthday Anniversary: Celestine

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
 Darren Gallier, Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Mary Gowran, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Peter Wooldridge, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

New to the Parish?
 Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
 Can you help the parish or us you?
 Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.