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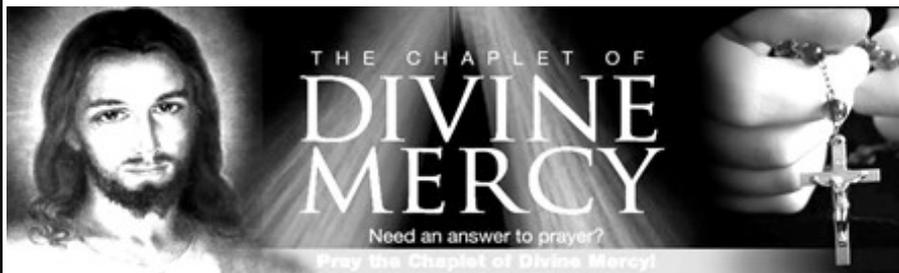
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2020

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Easter Sunday represents our creation in the life of grace through faith in the Risen Savior. The Octave Sunday



of Easter represents the fulfillment of that "creation in grace." Thus it is, as St. Augustine says, "the

most privileged octave-day" and certainly merits the title Divine Mercy Sunday.

When Jesus revealed the Sacred Image of Himself as The Divine Mercy to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska on February 22, 1931, he declared: **I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy (Diary, 49).**

We have been preparing for the last one week with Novena to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Trusting in His mercy and love, in this time of need, it is more appropriate we spend this Sunday in prayer for the world and our family. **Divine Mercy Devotion starts at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.** There will be a Mass at 10am for those who cant join the celebrations at 3pm.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Antiphon:** *Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First reading**      **Acts 4:32-35**

*A reading the Acts of the Apostles*



The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God*

### **Responsorial Psalm: PS 117**

**R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Let the house of Israel say,

"His love has no end."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His love has no end."

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His love has no end." **R.**

The Lord's right hand had triumphed,  
his right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord  
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the LORD;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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**SEQUENCE**

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!*

*Life's own Champion, slain,  
yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!*

*The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.*

*Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel                    John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

*'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'*

*After saying this he breathed on them and said:*

*'Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;*

*for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'*

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.\*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*



### **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

### **COMMUNION RITE**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

**Behold the Lamb of God...**

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

Boniface account every fortnight.

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Dear Brothers and sisters, sadly we still can't celebrate sacraments in Church for public. An important question is how might we begin to return to normal sacramental, liturgical, and pastoral life once restrictions are lifted. The date for this is still unknown and it is likely that there will be a phased implementation. We await advice from the Government on this, but the Bishops' Conference is looking at how this can be best enabled and guidance will be forthcoming.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we are reminded that the Lord's merciful love flows from His heart for everyone. Please remember that this includes you. The Lord is patient and kind. His love and mercy are everlasting. Unlike the Apostle Thomas, we have not been able to see and put our fingers in the wounds of our Lord's risen body; but the Lord Jesus sees our wounds, and those of our people, and He reaches out to lay upon us the healing touch of His grace and mercy. We are truly blessed because, though we have not seen, we believe. We rejoice that Jesus Christ is risen and reigning, and that His love and mercy endure forever.

### A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

*O Mary, you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross,  
took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.*

*O loving Mother,*

*you know what we need,*

*and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.*

*Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician,*

*for those who have fallen ill,*

*for those who are vulnerable,*

*and for those who have died.*

*Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of  
others*

*and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.*

*Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,*

*to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus,*

*who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows,*

*so as to lead us, through the Cross,*

*to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all  
dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

**LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY:** for all those who are affected by Coronavirus especially healthcare workers and all frontline workers. We say Big thank you to all of them for looking after us and our loved ones. Thank you to each one of you for your prayers and support. To our children at homes for praying and staying indoor and helping other to live.

**CHURCH OFFERING:** as I mentioned in my previous emails, if anyone wish to make **your weekly offering online**, the diocese have set up a "JustGiving" facility on St Boniface website or by clicking the link which I send again with this newsletter. I also send another link if you wish to **CORONAVIRUS DEATHS:** sadly we lost five of our parishioners. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

**The Sick:**

**Anniversaries:** John Anderson, Margaret Reid, Maria Philips-Sadler, John Alvares, Diego Pinto, Anne Richardson, Judith Amito, John McNamara, Theresa Lawrence. Anne Kearney, Patricia Carruthers, Trofermina Peale, Jocelyn Simpson, Christina Sadler, Stephanie Nolder, Michael Clarke, Peter Dowdles, Edward Malone, Richard Obonyo, Ivor Strong, Jean Quigley, Austin Heagney, Edward Manning, John O'Sullivan. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

Sunday 19th April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)</b>	10:00	Peter Kearney, James Bolger, RIP Chi Chi Onyebalu, Francis O'Neill and Francesca Diana
Monday 20th April <b>Feria</b>	15.00	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>
Tuesday 21st April <b>St Anselm</b>	10:00	Mai Cummins, RIP Josie Murphy
Wednesday 22nd April <b>Feria</b>	10:00	People of the Parish Bridget McDonagh
Thursday 23rd April <b>St George</b>	10:00	Clarisse de Marie Salvador, RIP Esther Robin
Friday 24th April <b>Feria</b>	10:00	Sapiencia Noronha Holy Souls
Saturday 25th April <b>St Mark</b>	10:00	Sharon Francis Tina Philips, RIP
Sunday 26th April <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)</b>	10:00	<b>Thomas &amp; Catherine Blake, RIP</b> Morris Power
		Mary Rafferty, Julia O'Mahony, RIP Nancy Brockwell, RIP Rose & Frank Henry Salvador, RIP