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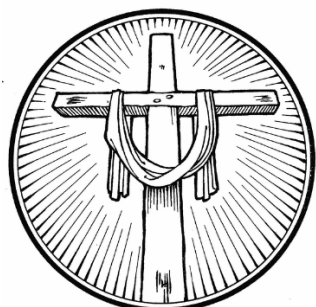
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

## CHRIST IS RISEN - ALLELUIA!!

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - YEAR A. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Monday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter, or, St Martin I, Pope & martyr, *optional memorial*. No Mass today.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. No 10.00am - Requiem Mass for Fr Pat Faughnan RIP at 11.00am.**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 11.00am for Patricia Conway RIP (the late Oliver Conway's Intention).

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am for Alexander Ferdy RIP (Liza Ferdinand's Intention).

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April: 11.00am Requiem Mass for Fr Padraig Faughnan RIP.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am In thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

### **Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:**

Chris Turner, Carol Bartlam, Graham Attridge, Angela Jordan, Elizabeth Skelton, Kate Kennington, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron

Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

**Collections:** 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Plate collection £2268.62; 'Holy Places' Collection £546.71; Food Blessing Service £299.36; Poor Box £28.13; Candles £41.60; Repository £12. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 'Divine Mercy Sunday':**

The readings for this Sunday show us our need for God's Divine Mercy, offered to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of our sins, and through each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), when we receive them in trusting Faith.

**11am Mass: Children's Liturgy** in the Hall for children of primary school age in Reception Class and above.

**3.00pm: Divine Mercy Service** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hungerford RG17 OAF, for the Pastoral Area, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and opportunity for Confessions with Fr Michael, Fr Peter, and priests from our parishes. Followed by tea and refreshments. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 4.30pm: Reception of Fr Padraig Faughnan's body into the church.** All are welcome for this short rite of reception.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April: NO 10.00am Mass today. 11.00am Requiem Mass for Fr Padraig Faughnan RIP at St Joseph's in the presence of the Rt Rev Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth; Fr Tom Grufferty presiding.**

**N.B.** There will be **no Open Church** today 12.30pm – 2pm. Resumes next Wednesday.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: 10.30am Grand/Mothers' Prayers** every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Rd, Newbury RG14 2QH. For more information, speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: The Holy Rosary** will follow immediately after 10.00am Mass today.

**Also on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: 2.30pm Film Matinée** in the Parish Hall - the bio-pic, *'Love Me or Leave Me'* with Doris Day and James Cagney. All welcome.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.00am - 12 noon **Children's Preparation for First Holy Communion** in the Parish Hall. The children will participate in tomorrow's 11.00am Mass.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30am-4pm at Douai Abbey – *'Life's Fragility'*. Reflecting on the reality of loss, ageing, sickness and death. Led by Clare Carlisle and John Cottingham. Do today's solutions measure up to what older philosophical and spiritual traditions offer us? Bring your own lunch. A contribution of £20 is made on the day; coffee and tea are provided. Booking & further enquiries: Email: [pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** 2pm-4.30pm **The Repair Café** in the Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Bring along well-loved items for repair, and reduce waste by giving them a new lease of life!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 'A Day with Mary'** - 10.00am-5.30pm at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Earley, near Reading RG6 7DA. Procession; Confessions; Mass; Rosary; Exposition; Talk; Act of Consecration; Enrolment in the Brown Scapular. A day of instruction and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Bring a packed lunch.

**IN THANKSGIVING** We owe a debt of gratitude to all those members of our community who dedicated time and effort to our preparations for, and celebrations in Holy Week, and over the Easter weekend. A special mention to those who cleaned and polished, those who fetched and carried, arranged flowers, those who volunteered for parts in the liturgies, those who sang in the choir and made music, those who served on the altar and those who made visitors feel welcome.

**Fr Michael** also wishes to thank all parishioners for their generous Easter wishes, gifts, and offerings over the Easter weekend which were all greatly appreciated.

**Easter Gardens:** Our thanks to the children and parents who made the Easter Gardens which are now displayed at the Lady Altar including: Celine (10); Rosie (11); Jose (10); Luz (6); Antonio (3); and Sophie. Their variety, artistry, and imagination are magnificent. Please be sure to make a point of viewing them!

**Child Stair Gate:** Does anyone have an old Child Stair Gate that they no longer need? We require one to bar access to the upper gallery in the Parish Hall. We would be most grateful if anyone could provide one. Please speak with Fr Michael if you can help. Thank you.

**Prayer for the Conversion of England.** O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and

Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our Hope was given unto the world, and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children whom thou did receive and accept at the foot of the cross. O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of Thy Son. Pray for us all dear Mother that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.

**Debt Management & Money Coaching Course:** CAP (Christians Against Poverty) are running a new course, **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.00am - 12 noon at Newbury Baptist Church. It is an excellent course for anybody wishing to take control of their personal finances. To register, call David Clark on 07803 838917.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – *Retrouvaille* could be the solution. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

**From West Berkshire Foodbank:** Donated items can be left in the box at the back of church at any time, ready for collection on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Your generosity is appreciated.

**St Joseph's Hall:** Interested in hiring St Joseph's Hall for an occasion or a class? Please contact the parish office to enquire about availability, and to book. A provisional cost of £25 per hour has been set at present, subject to confirming the new heating and utility costs following the hall's major refurbishment. Office Tel: **01635 40167**; E-mail [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

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**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** 'The quality of mercy is not strain'd, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.' (*The Merchant of Venice, Act 4, Scene 1* – by William Shakespeare)