



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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11.04.2021 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

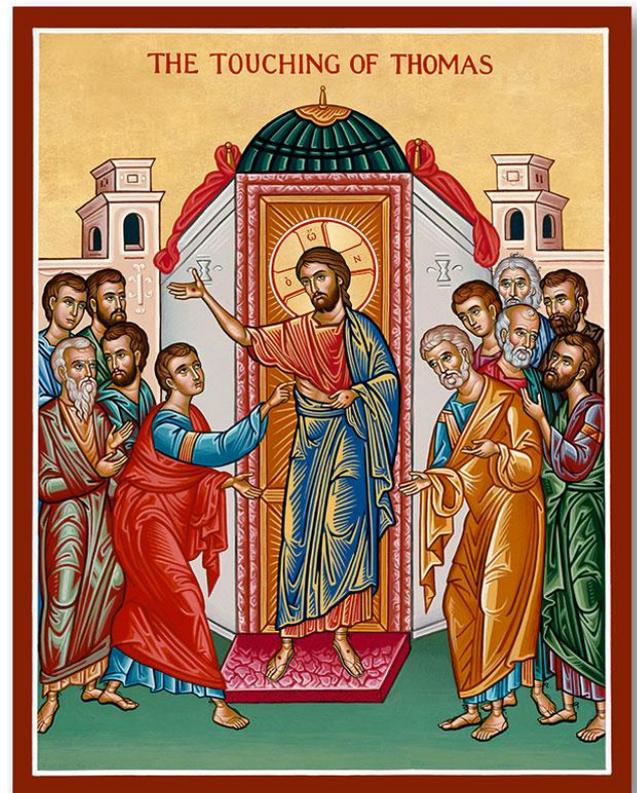
Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

Our Easter Joy

Today as we hail Christ as our Lord and God we are filled with the joy of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. In this season of renewal we are like those early Christians who were “filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described”.

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 10 5.30pm	Vigil – Second Sunday of Easter Montague William Pendleton
Sunday 11 10.00am	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Margaret Oversby
Monday 12 9.15am	Easter Feria Angela & Sarah Lyons (Inetention)
Tuesday 13 9.15am	Easter Feria Ruth & Phil Corrigan (Intention)
Wednesday 14 7.00pm	Easter Feria Judy & Mike Brown (Intentions)
Thursday 15 9.15am	Easter Feria Mrs. Jane Price & Staff (Intentions)
Friday 16 15am	Easter Feria HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh RIP
Saturday 17 5.30pm	Easter Feria Frank & Julia Vials
Sunday 18 10.00am	Third Sunday of Easter People of the Parish



The Easter Season

Easter Season is also known as the season of ‘The Great Fifty Days’. These fifty days, “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one ‘great Sunday’” (Athanasius).

The Paschal candle remains on the Sanctuary and is lit at all liturgical celebrations from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.

Believing Christ died – that's history.

Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.

Wish you all the graces and blessings of this Holy Season.

Regina Caeli: Please be reminded that from Easter to Pentecost ‘The Regina Caeli’ is said in place of the Angelus.

The Regina Caeli

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! **Alleluia.**

For he whom you did merit to bear, **alleluia.**

Has risen as he said, **alleluia.**

Pray for us to God, **alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, **alleluia.**

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus in the Upper Room (John 20:19-31): Two aspects of this meeting of the disciples with Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix added later. At the end of this gospel, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God. Nowhere else is Jesus directly hailed as ‘God’, though there are other ways in which readers come to recognise Jesus as God. So, in a way, this acclamation of the Risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament. Secondly, it is striking that Jesus’ final blessing is of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring peace and forgiveness to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible God is a God of forgiveness. The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants of forgiveness, each in turn broken by God’s chosen people: the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf, finally the new covenant promised by Jeremiah when unfaithful Israel is exiled to Babylon. Christianity is not for the perfect but for sinners. Forgiven sinners must bring forgiveness to all those around them.

How can you bring Jesus’ blessing of peace and forgiveness to the world around you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Pope’s Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

THANK YOU very much for your generous Easter offerings for the priest. I appreciate them and the many cards and gifts.

Fr. Arul Samy

Weekday Masses: As the Covid restrictions are being gradually eased, we restart the weekday Masses in our Church. If you are shielding or self-isolating or still feel uncomfortable to venture out, please stay at home and continue to take part in the Masse livestreamed.

If you are feeling safe and comfortable to come to church for Mass, please do remember to sanitise your hands, wear face masks and observe social distancing. For practical need, please occupy the seats at the front, on either side of the aisle. If you could and help with cleaning the places you sat, it will be much appreciated.

First Holy Communion Classes: Lessons for the children attending non-Catholic schools will commence on Sunday 18th Sunday at 9.00am. They will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 6th June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Children from our Primary School, St. Mary's will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday July 11 in our church. Please remember the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR RENEWAL IN OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY

The Covid pandemic has brought to our minds quite strongly the importance of mutual help and support to stay focussed and energised. Prominent among them is our spiritual support and prayers. I invite parishioners to pray the following prayer for renewal in our parish and in our communities, and for renewal in our faith commitment. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come:
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Thank You to all those who helped in many ways to prepare everything needed to celebrate the Holy Week & Easter Triduum liturgies prayerfully. Your dedication and support are very much appreciated.

Gift Aid Envelopes: 'Thank you' to every parishioner for your generous giving through the year at the offertory. 'Thank You' too, to all those who have gift aided your weekly offerings either by using the Gift Aid envelopes or by standing orders, as this brings in a substantial increase to the parish funds.

The envelopes for the new tax year are ready. Please remember to collect them in the church this weekend.

The parish will be very grateful for any tax paying parishioners to join the scheme. If you wish to do so, please speak to Fr. Arul, and be reminded that this could be done by setting up standing order and this method is highly recommended.

Eastertide Walk with Me & Calendar: A small number of both booklets and calendars are available in our church. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of these for their personal prayers and reflection. Easter Calendars and a few prayer booklets have been already distributed to children attending St. Mary's Primary School.

RIP: Please pray for **Fr. Michael Crumpton, Deacon Pat Duffy, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr John Fallon, Fr. Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce**, and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Telephone support: Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email (shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

Weekly Rosary: Thanks to the Isaacs Family for their Rosary initiative. We thank Mike Brown for his paintings and brief, thoughtful commentaries in recent weeks. They have been very inspiring and prayerful. We are very grateful to our few but dedicated parishioners for taking part in the weekly rosary. Appreciate your presence and participation very much.

Anyone willing to join in praying the Rosary via zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** are welcome.

You can use the same link each week to join which is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132920743?pwd=NXRoUVJlQVVlanUwVzYxNkpvbGlrUT09>

Be encouraged to pray the Rosary regularly (even if a decade or two), especially for the deliverance from the pandemic. Your prayers are much appreciated.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize 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. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

<https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2021/4/11/divine-mercy-sunday>

