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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Paul Devaney Deacon Kevin O'Connor

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 19th April 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'We do not see yet we believe! God has created a new human family through His raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which becomes the source of Christ's life within us. We do not see yet we believe. Our faith overcomes our doubts and we acknowledge the power of the risen Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a Feast established by Pope Saint John Paul II. What a beautiful Feast for imploring Our Lord's gift of Divine Mercy on our world during the pandemic. Saint Faustina, a Polish Sister of Mercy, was chosen by Our Lord to reveal afresh to the World His infinite mercy. Sister Faustina says that the Lord asks us to have unbounded trust in His mercy: 'I can refuse nothing to a soul that places all its trust in me.' Let us ask that Our Lord's mercy may free the world from this pandemic and give renewed courage and strength to each and everyone.

Father Paul, Father Fred, Monsignor Danny, Deacon Kevin and I thank you for the messages of support, and the prayers you are offering for us. I am pleased to tell you that we are all keeping well and enjoying these beautiful Easter days. Our continued thanks for all the ways you are contributing to the well-being of family members and of your neighbours. The genuine care and kindness you are showing reflects that early group of disciples spoken of in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles- 'they share their food gladly and generously, they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their number those destined to be saved.'

As we continue the lock down for the next three weeks may we continue to share the joy of the risen Christ with one another, offering comfort and support to those in greatest need.

We have a number of Walk We Me Booklets for Eastertide. If you would like to have one, please contact the presbytery and we will forward you one by post.

It is appreciated that it may be difficult for Parishioners to make donations to the Parish in these uncertain times. For those who are still able to donate there are Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms available on the Archdiocese Website. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

This coming week we wish you a very happy Feast for the Solemnity of St George on

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<p>18th April Easter Saturday</p>	<p>Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15 Kathleen McNally Mrs Moira McDaid-RIP</p>	
<p>19th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday</p> 	<p>Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31 All People of the Parish Ann McNally-Intention</p>	
<p>20th April Easter Feria Monday</p>	<p>Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8 Elizabeth & Noel Westman-RIP Aidan Mullins-RIP</p>	
<p>21st April Easter Feria Tuesday St Anselm</p>	<p>Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15 Kevin Jones-RIP Carol Anne O'Connor-RIP</p>	
<p>22nd April Easter Feria Wednesday</p>	<p>Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21 Alice Devaney & Family-Intentions Kathleen-May & Family</p>	
<p>23rd April Thursday SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE Patron of England</p>	<p>Apocalypse 12:10-12 John 15:18-21 OR John 15:1-8 David Snape RIP Angela Naylor-RIP</p>	
<p>24th April Easter Feria Friday St Adalbert St Fidelis</p>	<p>Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15 Kathleen Kean-RIP Mary & John Edge-RIP</p>	
<p>25th April Saturday FEAST St Mark</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20 Frank & Nancy Ryan-RIP Sean Callaghan-RIP</p>	
<p>26th April Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 2:14, 22-23 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35 Helen Treanor-RIP Una Green-Intention</p>	

Continuation of Newsletter:

Thursday 23rd April and for the Feast of Saint Mark on Saturday 25th April.

A Lillie Farran has contacted the presbytery asking after a close friend of hers, a Mrs. Mary Cole. Mary has a Son, Mark. Does any parishioner know of Mary and if so please would they contact Father Dominic

The Archbishops of England and Wales have written to explain that we are dispensed from fulfilling our Easter duties this year because of the serious consequences of the Corona virus. Since it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at this time, we can receive God’s forgiveness by making a sincere act of contrition, trusting unreservedly in the mercy of God.

Holy See grants indulgence to coronavirus patients and Catholics who pray for them: see website: <https://catholicherald.co.uk/holy-see-grants-indulgence-to-coronavirus-patients-and-catholics-who-pray-for-them/>

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Second Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31) Togetherness Our ‘togetherness’ in what we do and say is a ‘sign’ of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of ‘I’ll believe it when I see it’ creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am	9.00am
11.00am	11.00am

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

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| Keith Frettsome | Martin Yates | Virginia Gregory, | Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy | Ann O’Sullivan | |
| Joan Kennedy | Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole | Sue Hodrien |
| Trevor Windle | Colette Hicky | Danny Meadows | Kathleen Beale | Martha Sheridan | |

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Merciful God,
come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God,
our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side.
Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those
untouched by disease.
Give us love and courage, that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our
care. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 19th APRIL



Please pray for: Carol O'Connor (21st April Yardley Crematorium, 10am) David Snape (23rd April Robin Hood, 10am): Julia Anne Taylor (Monday 4th May, 10.30am, Robin Hood) Jackie Powers, David Marks, Neil Robberds and Evelyn McDermott who died recently. Also Anne Christine Perkins, Thomas Henry Cole, Gary Harvey Law, Samuel Thorley, Alice Deehan, Manuel De Freitas, Teresa Ford, Vincent Buckley, Louis Reeves, Lilian Mary Power, Hugh McTernan, Christine Lawton, Professor Kenneth Walter Walton, Eileen Ellen Allock and all with anniversaries at this time.

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