

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Acts 4: 32-35; Ps. 118; 1 John 5: 106; John 20: 19-31

Saturday 6th April 2024
 5:00 - 6:00pm: **CONFESSIONS**
 6:00 - 6:20pm **HOLY ROSARY**
 6:30pm: Margaret Bala 80th
 Birthday

Sunday 7th April 2024
 8:00: **Holy Rosary**
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Amanda Tibble RIP
 (J. McCormack)

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD**

Monday 8th April 2024
 8:00: **Holy Rosary and Adoration**
 9:15am: Jim Saunders (Peter Carr)

Tuesday 9th April 2024 (Feria)
 8:00: **Holy Rosary and Adoration**
 9:15am: Holy Souls

Weds. 10th April 2024 (Feria)
 8:00: **Holy Rosary and Adoration**
 9:15am: Fr. William Kiely RIP n/s
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 Maria Lopez RIP
 (Silvia Lopez LSU)

**ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND
MARTYR**
Thursday 11th April 2024
 9:15am: Mary Lee (B. Haylett)

Friday 12th April 2024 (Feria)
 9:15am: Holy Souls Gjoni

Sat. 13th April 2024 (Feria)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
12:30pm Baptism

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48

Saturday 13th April 2024
 5:00 - 6:00pm: **CONFESSIONS**
 6:00 - 6:20pm **HOLY ROSARY**
 6:30pm: Peggy Marguerite
 Evans RIP (Foy)

Sunday 14th April 2024
 8:00: **Holy Rosary**
 8:30am: Josette Neri RIP
 (McCarthy Family)
 10:30am: People of the Parish

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Bridget O'Loughlin, Hedwig Anderer, Margaret Barr, Daniel Molloy, Florence Lysaght, Geoff West, Silvio Bertram, Patricia Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Eileen Churchill, Fr. Tony Lawson, Baby Kirsty Evans, Regina Bernard, Ronald Futter, Gladys Keens, Monica O'Neill, Robert Leo Cooper, Rose Locke.

OUR FAITH IS THE VICTORY OVER THE WORLD.

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is this faith that Jesus is the Son of God which helps us to overcome the world with its temptations and doubts. We have not seen yet we believe. We acknowledge that Christ is our Lord and our God.



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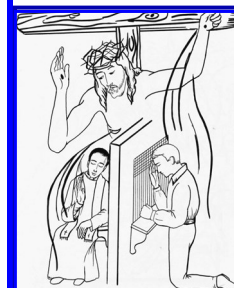
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**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH IS
OPEN, and ON
REQUEST**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 23RD/24TH MARCH 2024

Gift Aid: £244.40; Card: £37; Loose Plate: £274.16 ATTENDANCE: 222

EASTER OFFERINGS: 30TH/31ST MARCH 2024

Gift Aid: £839; Card: £42; Loose Plate: £862.67 ATTENDANCE: 387

HOLY PLACES: £326.00; MARY'S MEALS: £285.00

DIRECT DEBITS: MARCH 2024: £1,617.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for the **Building Fund.**

20th/21st April: for the **Priest Training Fund.**

This helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate and also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of clergy.

27th/28th April: for **maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.**

The Cathedral is the mother Church of the Archdiocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of upkeep of the Cathedral.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door.

PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

Thank you for your care and support. *Fr. David.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the Lord Jesus appeared to the apostles while they were at prayer in the upper room, Thomas was not there. The others tried to convince him, as best they could, that they had seen the Lord, but his continued reaction was to doubt. Good Friday and the death of Jesus on the hill of Calvary had crushed Thomas' dream of a lifetime, and left him deeply wounded and disillusioned. He would not easily trust again with clear proof. *"Unless I see the holes that the nails have made in His hands and can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe."*

Thomas stands for all of us who travel the road of doubt and at times are unsure of our belief. The loud doubts he echoes in the Gospel lurk in all of us. Jesus respected Thomas' honesty and met him at the very point of his uncertainty. He understood fully his situation as he does ours in our moments of crisis and despair.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/2025

The new Tax Year has begins this weekend, please start to use your new envelopes. If you haven't yet received your Gift Aid Box, please collect from Mike Whitaker or Alex Rees as soon as possible.

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If you are a Tax Payer and would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme, you need only fill in the form that is available in the Church entrance with a few details. Please place the form in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Please note that every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of*

**MICK MURPHY** who died on the 1st April 2024.  
**FUNERAL:** Details to follow.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD,  
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE.**

**MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

**THE MONTH OF APRIL**

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Spirit. Following our solemn commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we spend the month of April celebrating. We will continue throughout the entire month "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy will also offer us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized.

**MORNING MASS**  
On **Monday 8th April** and for part of the week the Morning Mass will be in the Liturgy Room or in the reception area due to work on the Church windows.

**THANK YOU RICHARD GILLESPIE**  
We thank Richard Gillespie for looking after our Gift Aid Scheme for the last six years. Thank you for all of your hard work which has been of great benefit to the Parish. Michael Whitaker has now agreed to take over as our new Parish Gift Aid Coordinator.

**ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB**

Please support the following events during April in the Social Club:

**BINGO: SUNDAY 7TH APRIL** with eyes down at **12.15PM.**

**ANDY'S QUIZ NIGHT: SATURDAY 20TH APRIL** at **7.30PM.**

Teams of 6 max at £12 per table, register your team at the bar by 14th April please.

See posters in the Church and Club for more details and of future events. Great place to meet family and friends and support the Parish.

**100 CLUB:** Join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is most appreciated. Thank you.

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Jackie Santo, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.  
**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**