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24TH APRIL 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr Daniel writes:

In English we say "Hello". The Romans said: "Salve", meaning: "be well". The Greeks used "Χαίρε" [chaire] meaning: "rejoice". But the Jews still have the best salute: שלום [Shalom] meaning: peace, wellbeing, joy, health, harmony, wholeness... in essence: every good and every blessing.

In the Gospel this Sunday, the first words of Jesus to his disciples after his death on the cross were precisely: "Peace be with you". And the disciples who were locked down in fear, disappointed, angry with themselves and with one another, full of regrets, shame... suddenly were filled with joy and peace.

But what is this peace that Jesus offers his disciples? Is this the peace of knowing that everything is now OK? That things will somehow go back to normal? That their betrayal was not so serious after all? Surely not. The marks that Jesus shows to his apostles, the wounds that the crucifixion left for ever on his body are the clear evidence that things will, in fact, never be the same again.

However, those precious wounds are not only a reminder of the pain of the cross, but they remain also for eternity as a visible sign of God's unconditional love for us. And that is what brings the disciples so much peace and joy, not that the past is forgotten, but that God's love is stronger than our faults. No wonder why Thomas was so keen on seeing and touching Jesus' wounds! For he too was full of fears, anger and regrets and needed to find some peace.

And like Thomas all of us, and indeed the whole world, need to experience again and again that forgiveness and love from God. It is difficult to turn on the TV or to open the Newspaper these days without seeing the tremendous damage that evil does in the world. And one wonders if we will ever recover, if things will ever be the same. Maybe they won't. But today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we can find comfort in the knowledge that God can heal the wounds and transform what is now painful and divisive into the source of a renewed love and unity.

St John Paul II in his homily for the Canonization of St Faustina Kowalska said: "As the Apostles once did, today too humanity must welcome into the upper room of history the risen Christ, who shows the wounds of his Crucifixion and repeats: Peace be with you! Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity."

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 23/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Paddy Quinn Arthur Brown	ANN RD
Sun 24/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	2 ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Gunnersbury	People of the Parish Tommie & Alice O'Gorman Mary Liston Patricia Crowley – Birthday Steve Morley Francis & Cecilia Quarshie	INT INT RIP INT RD ANN
Mon 25/4 10.00am	ST MARK	Dick Dunne	RD
Tue 26/4 10.00am	ST GEORGE	The Kiernans	INT
Wed 27/4 10.00am 11.45am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Mark Simons Funeral of Kathleen Kelly Sr. M. Giulia Dominioni	RIP RIP RIP
Thur 28/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Monica Sweeney	ANN
Fri 29/4 10.00am 12.00noon 6.00pm	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Lional Ravi Funeral of Frieda Badarseh Sr. M. Letizia Zona	ANN RIP RIP
Sat 30/4 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA	Phyllis King Confession Confession Terry Gallagher Brian Carno	SICK RD RD

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C. Wryne and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Trish Williams, Kathleen (Kay) Kelly, Frieda Badarseh, David Gardner, Margaret Hogan and Kathleen Keane. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Paddy Quinn, Francis & Cecilia Quarshie, Monica Sweeney, Lional Ravi, Tina Gallagher. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.262:

1st Reading: **Acts 5: 12-6**
Psalm: **117:2-4, 22-27**
2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 1:9-12, 17-19**
Gospel: **John 20: 19-31**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.265:

1st Reading: **Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41**
Psalm: **29:2, 4-6, 11-13**
2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 5: 11-14**
Gospel: **John 21: 1-19**

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED with staff on leave and will re-open on Tuesday 26th April – If you require assistance during this time email: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877 which, if a priest is available, will be answered.

LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the five weeks of Lent to Palm Sunday: £7937 Donations since then to date will be announced in next weekend's Newsletter. Thank you.

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera (no relation of Fr Daniel...) in Arequipa, Peru. She is hoping for a total of £4855 in support of her ecological project among families in subsistence living. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity.

EASTER OFFERINGS - are one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual income (stipend). If you will be away over Easter please take an Easter Offering envelope from beside the church doors and drop it into any other routine parish collection before or after Easter or to the presbytery. Thank you for any support you can give the priests!

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com We are here to listen 08004480704.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre will now open on the 1st & last Friday of the month from 3pm – 10pm and so the first opening will be this coming Friday 29th April. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Why not come along to discuss them and/or which days and which hours the lounge bar should be open? The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, London W4 2AE'.

OVER 60's DANCE & EXERCISE TASTER CLASSES IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE - LB of Hounslow- Thriving Communities Grant sponsored Over 60's Dance & Exercise Taster Classes given by local charity Move into Wellbeing@ on Tuesday 26th April and 3rd May from 2.15pm - 3.15pm in the Catholic Centre Lounge/Bar Room.

OUR LADY OF GRACE - RED BOXES & MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES IN 2021 raised £2,753 for the missions, a figure which includes parishioners giving directly. Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director has written to thank these generous mission-hearted parishioners and to inspire others. Our £2,753 was part of the total from Westminster Diocese in 2021 which was **£218,000**, which itself was part of the national total of almost **£2.5 million!** We are part of a worldwide network of people supporting mission through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network – a lay woman – Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified by Pope Francis on 22nd May this year. Her life, marked by intense suffering and great trust in God, helps us see how every prayer and every contribution is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Please visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline and how our support of Missio changes lives for the better.

THANK YOU from Frs Michael and Daniel – Thank you for the many cards with Easter greetings, many with Easter offerings, as well as presents of chocolates and bottles received at the Priests' House. Thank you, too, for the Easter Collection itself which forms a major part of the priests' stipends for 2023. Parishioners have been very generous. *Thank you and Happy Eastertide!*

SENIOR CITIZENS DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA PARTY – Plans are afoot for a celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at **3.00pm Saturday 4th June**. Tickets would be available in May if plans develop but firstly we need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up after the tea party, as well as collect and return to home some guests. If this will work for you over the Diamond Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

5th MAY, LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THE PARISH ROOM – As previously the Parish Room is to be used as a Polling Station on 5th May. We are responsible for public access from 7.00am to 10.00pm and 'on-call' should something arise which needs prompt attention. As Fr Michael can't be on site all 15+ hours are there parishioners who might be available locally at home for a few hours 'on-call'? If so, please email chiswick@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

EASTER COLLECTION – will be counted for next week but the whole amount will be banked as parish rather than priestly income.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22nd – 29th July - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 26th April at 7.00pm. Contact John O'Brien:07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thurs 28th April, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will begin a new course called "*The Resolution for Men*" - a challenge to be better men of faith, better husbands and fathers, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com Affiliated to <https://catholicman.uk/>

A DAY WITH MARY – The next of these opportunities is on Sat Sat 30th April, Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am to 5.30pm.

BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR AT THE BROMPTON ORATORY – The Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School and the St Cecilia Players are performing J S Bach's great masterpieces at **7.00pm Weds 11th May**. Tickets are £25 (£12 concessions) available at the church door or on www.londonoratoryschola.com

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDEN, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX, Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection - Pokrova. Join the praying of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

ST. JOHN'S BEAUMONT OPEN MORNING 6th MAY – Jesuit Prep School for boys 3-13 yrs in Old Windsor with outstanding results and superb estate & facilities. To book: sjb.admissions@sjb.email or 01784 494 053. Generous bursaries to Catholic parishioners.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. Please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS –The Tues tea morning resumes on 26th April in St. Edward's Room after 10.00am Mass and the Fri coffee mornings resumes on Friday 29th April in the Parish Centre.