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**7th April 2024:
 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Yr B)**

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 6th April	Vigil 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Moira O'Rourke (Int)
Sunday 7th April	2nd Sunday Of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T) 3pm(St T)	Edward Tudor RIP Frank McHale RIP Fr Dominic McKenna RIP Exposition/Benediction
Monday 8th April	The Annunciation	9.15am (St T)	Helen Gilligan RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ann Halpin RIP
Wednesday 10th April	<i>No Mass</i>		
Thursday 11th April	St Stanislaus	9.15am (St T)	Attracta Connaughton Int
Friday 12th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Bernie Glen RIP
Saturday 13th April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dylan Bosah Thanksgiving Bday Int

Liturgy of the Word - Second Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

Next Sunday Reads: Acts 3:13-15,17-19, Psalm 4:2,4,7,9 *rsp.v7*, 1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

Fr Jude writes: PEACE AND MERCY

You will have noticed that the appearances of the Risen Christ to his disciples have been inundated with: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19,26; Luke 24:36). Peace (Irene in Greek) is used 92 times in the New Testament. Peace means: "prosperity"; "being One" or simply "one"; to be "one again"; "to be reconciled"; "to put something that was scattered together again." Peace is so important for our individual and corporate existence. It is the seed ground of holiness (James 3:16); it is given freely to all people of goodwill (Luke 2:14), and Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5; Micah 5:4) offers us this gift persistently (John 14:27).

Yet what do we experience in our world if not apparent war and strife? We live in a world dominated by violence and lack of inner freedom. Who can withstand the barrage of negative events that assault us all on daily basis? Doubt and fear tend to tear us apart, and rightly so. Given our everyday experiences these days, who would not slide into self-doubt?

But thanks be to God for the resurrection of the Christ. By this glorious event, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in His GREAT MERCY has enabled us to be born anew to a living hope through the death and resurrection of Christ (1 Peter 1:3). By this wonderful act of God's love, we who were once outside God's mercy have now received mercy (1 Peter 2:10) which is being effected through the resurrection power of the Christ. No situation can bar the power of the resurrection. In this vein, no circumstance should therefore, stifle our inner peace. Even though the scars of our daily battle may remain and the wounds from our daily struggle may appear to persist, the Life of God in us transcends them all because we are the children of the resurrection, moving by faith and not by the senses (2 Corinthians 5:7). This was the realization of Thomas when he put His hands into the pierced side of the Christ: "My Lord and My God", was his response as he encountered and experienced the resurrection power. We too have been given the opportunity to have access to the mercy and peace of God mediated through the sacraments, like Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, symbolized by the "water and blood" "flowing from the pierced side of Christ (John 19:30, 34); the sacrament of reconciliation and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit at work in these holy mysteries.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today, let us be encouraged by the ready availability of the spiritual arsenal at our disposal and put our trust in the Lord who is at work in our very lives. O blood and water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, we trust in you. Happy Solemnity of Divine Mercy.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £691

Envelopes £583

Contactless £620

Total for weekends 17th & 24th March £1,894

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Next meeting will be at **Thursday 18th April at St Teresa's School**. We will be using the same "slot" system and timings as before. Parents please stay with your children rather than drop off & return.



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's. You can also pay for Rich Man, Poor Man tickets, or repository via the QR code here, just select the option you want.



BAPTISMS: We welcome **Kiran** who is being baptised **this weekend**. Our baptisms usually take place on a Saturday afternoon, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments). **You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course, this are held on the first Saturday of every month at St Teresa's Church;** -please register with the Parish Office beforehand. **Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



This year's **Rich Man Poor Man meal** which will be on **Saturday 20th April**, the Confirmation children will be talking at Mass about this, along with selling tickets and taking donations. Please show them your support and in doing so you will be helping the Sisters of Mercy in their Addo Project.



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Sue by **Monday 8th April** with the following details husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

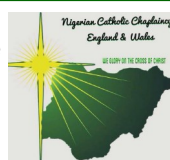


The new year's planned giving envelopes are in the Sacristy of the appropriate church. Please collect or if you would prefer we have standing order mandates in both churches.

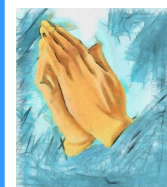


Would your child like to be an Altar Server? They must have made their First Holy Communion and be committed to serve at Mass each week. Full training will be given. Please complete a form on behalf of our child and hand in to the Parish office. Further details will be announced shortly.

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the **4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm**. VENUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J



The St Patrick's Day Party raised a net figure of £1043.91. Add this to the Burns Night profit of £765.93 and so far this year we have just over £1800 raised towards our Centenary. The focus is on Rich Man Poor Man this month. These terrific sums are down to your support & the Fund Raising team who give up their time and effort to ensure these events are a success. **Why not come and help? Its good fun and we are longing to hear any ideas that you may have.**



PRAYER BEFORE DISMISSAL

Go now, to our sisters and brothers unable to be with us for reasons of sickness and infirmity. Take to them from our celebration the word of God and Holy Communion, that they might share with us these signs of the Lord's goodness

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

EASTER PEOPLE

"We are the Easter people and "Alleluia", is our song. Let us sing "Alleluia" here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety"
St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.)



Fr Michael Daley RIP: Former PP of Borehamwood. Fr Michael's mortal remains will be brought into Holy Cross church, Ashington Road, **Parsons Green on Wednesday 24 April at 6pm, followed by Requiem Mass. The Funeral Mass will be at Holy Cross church on Thursday 25 April at 12noon.** Burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green will follow the Funeral Mass. May he rest in peace &

St Teresa's church is monitored by CCTV cameras 24 hours a day. Live streaming of all services takes place at St Teresa's and SS John Fisher & Thomas More. These can be viewed at www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood or through the link on our website

FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.