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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 10TH EASTER SATURDAY	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Bridie O'Connor
SUNDAY 11TH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon 3.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Divine Mercy Devotions	Kenneth Wells Richardson & Rebecca Lines Wells Richardson Padraigh McGuire Michael Mullins
MONDAY 12TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Hanrahan
TUESDAY 13TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intentions of Charmaine
WEDNESDAY 14TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick & Bridget Norris
THURSDAY 15TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Mass Reception	Family & Friends of Tony Fagan Maureen Lambert
FRIDAY 16TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Holy Mass Requiem Holy Mass	Thomas Bates Maureen Lambert Michael James Moloney
SATURDAY 17TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	James & Thomas

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 17TH	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Angelo & Ida Lombardi
SUNDAY 18TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Joan & George Todd Pat McGann Frank Gallagher

PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA>

Christ is Risen!

Today is the Octave day of Easter as we continue to rejoice in the splendour of Easter Day and enter into the rest of the Season of Easter which lasts until Pentecost. The encounter between Jesus and Tomas in today's gospel calls us to faith in the Risen Lord. Even in the darkest times we are able to stretch out our hand to the Risen Lord who assures us of his ever powerful and healing presence and the gift of His peace. May you continue to be filled with Easter joy! With our prayers and kindest wishes

Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex

Divine Mercy Sunday - On this Feast of the Divine Mercy we once again contemplate the unmeasurable love of God for the world which gushes forth from the wounded and glorified Lord. As we celebrate this feast we remember that the name of God is mercy and nothing can separate us from His love. The devotions to the Divine Mercy will be held at 3pm in the church. With adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, The 3 o'clock prayer alongside the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Litany and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be an opportunity for confession.

Easter Garden - The beautiful Easter Garden which now adorns our Baptismal Font celebrates the glorious new life into which we have been baptised. Our thanks to everybody who donated plants for the garden. It would be great if you could continue to bring these small plants of yellow and white flowers throughout the Easter Season to keep it all fresh.

Easter Offerings - Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex wish to thank you for your very kind and generous Easter offerings and for the many kindnesses and support that you show us. We are truly grateful and continue to pray for you and your loved ones and the entire parish community.

Parish Admin & Finance Matters

Parish Web-site - Please keep an eye on updates and new resources on our website. www.holysoulschurch.co.uk Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

New Offertory Envelopes for Planned Giving - The new batch of offertory envelopes for planned giving will arrive this week and will be available next weekend for you to collect after Mass. If anybody would like to have envelopes

Gift Aid - At this time of year we appeal to all those who pay tax to consider gift aiding your offerings. This is at not extra expense to yourselves. What it does mean that the parish receives the tax on your contribution and supports our community even more in these challenging days. It requires the completion of a simple form available on our website. If you need more information please contact the parish by phone or e-mail.

Standing Orders - Thanks also for all who are contributing to the parish by standing orders. Again this can be arranged by completing a simple form on our website or contacting the parish by phone or e-mail for more information. Thanks so much for your help.

Finance - A huge thank you for supporting the parish financially at this time. We know this is a challenging time for all but are very grateful to many of you who have made up contributions over the last weeks and months. Our parish finances have taken a significant hit this past year. With large financial outlay in the months ahead, we are grateful for your continued support. Thank you again.

The Parish Tote - The winning numbers are **5, 7, 17, 19**. No Jackpot winner. Eight people had 3 numbers. J.McLoughlin, Oliver Cuddy, Mark Booth, 6 Grand, Eileen Gilmore, Ray Cleaver, Bernadette Norris & Harry Nixon and receives £22.50 each. **Jackpot next week is £2,000 and will be drawn on Thursday 15th April. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it.** Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through Presbytery letterbox.

APF Red Mission Boxes - The amount raised in 2020 from this parish was **£8,000**. A big thank you to all who have contributed. A special thanks also to the promoters for their hard work, dedication and time given to the APF. Well done everyone! Anyone who wishes to take a box or who would like to become a Promoter, please contact Sarah on 707 7735.

CAFOD - Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and hand washing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

Sacramental Life

Baptisms - We are now making tentative arrangements for Baptisms in the hope that restrictions will change in the months ahead. Please contact one of the priests if you need to arrange your child's Baptism.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools - As soon as we are legally able to gather together we will recommence preparation for the children. We look forward to them receiving the Sacraments in the months ahead.

Journey in Faith - Sadly, for the second year running, we have been unable to baptise or receive adult members into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. With restrictions beginning to lift we intend to begin a programme of enquiry and preparation for any one interested in the Catholic Faith and those who may be seeking Baptism or reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. This programme will take us on a journey of faith until next Easter. We hope we can begin in May. Initially, the meetings will begin via Zoom, but as restrictions lift, they will be able to take place in the church. More details to follow. Do you know anyone who has expressed such an interest? Are you interested yourself? Might there be somebody you could approach and welcome? Start thinking and praying!

Thank You - We owe a massive thank you to our stewards and cleaners who do so much to keep us safe in church and have done so since last June. We really appreciate all you do for us. Thank you!

And Finally - We do hope that this Easter week has brought moments of joy and peace to you all. The Season of Easter now stretches ahead of us lasting 50 days. In the days ahead may we find renewed hope through the gift of faith we receive from our Risen Lord. Have a good week.

With our prayers and best wishes.

Fr Jonathan & Fr Alex.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Maureen Lambert, Maureen Cody, HRH Prince Philip.

Anniversaries of Death: Michael O'Keefe, Mary Hayes, Sarah O'Donovan, Patricia Greenan, Maureen Howson, Kathleen Gallaher, Ivor Hall, Angela Boyd, Gertrude Tighe, William Marsh, Marie Mulroy, Daniel Moriarty, Joseph Brady, Bridget Diskin, Theresa O'Reilly, Elizabeth Mulholland, Celine Wilkes, James McGuirk.

Sick & Housebound: Myra Hill, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen & Bernard Fox, Eileen Bloomer, Maureen Evans, Margaret Norris and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.