

# PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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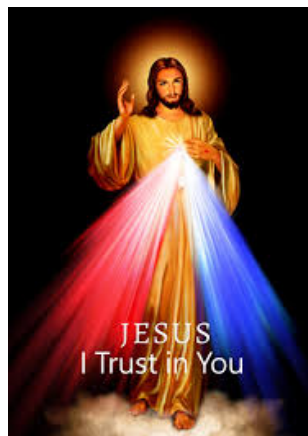
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## THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 6TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass for Sunday	Pat & Mollie Mulrey
SUNDAY 7TH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon 6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Reception	Christopher Norris Alice Mullen Christina O'Shea Maureen Gee
MONDAY 8TH SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION	12.15pm	<u>Requiem</u>	Maureen Gee
TUESDAY 9TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Teresa Caroll
WEDNESDAY 10TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	John, Dorothy & Sheila Murphy
THURSDAY 11TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patricia McGuinness
FRIDAY 12TH EASTER FERIA	6.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Ann Parsons & Dominic Hoey <b>SVP CHARITY NIGHT at 8pm In Holy Souls</b>
SATURDAY 13TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration	Joseph & Mary Gregory

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 13TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Bridget Diskin
SUNDAY 14TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Catherine Turner Anne and Tim Hanly Mary Elizabeth O'Donnovan & Mary O'Donnovan



## CHRIST IS RISEN!

**WHAT A GREAT HOLY WEEK** - There is no doubt that the celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday was incredibly special in our parish. To see so many people participating in the ceremonies and Masses spoke volumes of the faith commitment and the desire for many to draw close to the Lord at this special time. Living our faith throughout the year and especially in these days of Eastertide gives us much strength and help. Let us pray that the great celebrations of this Holy Week and Easter will encourage us to follow the Lord and draw close to Him as a community of faith.

**DONATIONS OF YELLOW AND WHITE SPRING PLANTS** - Thank you to everyone who has brought yellow and white plants for the Easter Garden. Throughout Eastertide they will need to restock the garden with plants. So, any further donations in the weeks ahead are gratefully received.

**CLERGY EASTER OFFERINGS** - Fr Marco & Fr Jonathan wish to thank you for your kind and generous Easter offerings. We are most grateful for the support that you give to us in this way and throughout the year.

### THIS WEEK

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Today we celebrate the Feast of Mercy. The image of the Divine Mercy in our church reminds us of the love outpoured by Our Lord upon the Cross and powerfully revealed in His resurrection. Devotions to the Divine Mercy will be held at St Thomas More Church Sheldon at 3pm today.

**SCHOOLS RETURN** - This Monday our children return to school. Please pray for the work of our parish schools of Holy Souls and Archbishop Ilsley, and those in our local multi academy company. It is a long and important term for all of our children and our prayers help the mission and work of the schools.

**LEISURE CLUB** - We begin meeting again this Tuesday from 12 noon in the Parish Meeting Room.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** - Meets this Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. Anyone who has experienced bereavement at any time is welcome to come. An opportunity to get together, to reflect and for prayer. Please invite anyone you know who might benefit from coming. All very welcome.

**PRAYER GROUP** - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th April after the morning Mass.

**MASS FOR SEAFARERS** - Organised by the Stella Maris Charity at St Chad's Cathedral on Wednesday at 12.5pm.

**SVP CHARITY NIGHT** - Don't forget **THIS FRIDAY** we have a special Charity Night for the SVP from 8pm onwards in the Holy Souls Social Club. Come along for some fun and relaxation and help us raise some money for our SVP who are doing GREAT WORK in our community. Please, please support this event!

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - Please collect your new set of envelopes from the porch for the new financial year. Thank you for your support.

**PARISH TOTE** - The winning numbers are 3, 7, 11, 20. No Jackpot winner 2 people had 3 numbers and receives £90 each. M Farry & Jade Warmington. **Jackpot next week is £2,000** and will be drawn on Thursday 11th April 2024 in the Social Club. 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 no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.

### OTHER PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

**SAFEGUARDING:** The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aldora Johnson. They can be contacted at: [sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 624 or email [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS** - Next year (2025) will mark the centenary of the opening of our church. It is a time of celebration and of renewal in the faith life of this community. It will also be a Holy Year. During the next couple of months we need to begin to make plans for next year. Please start thinking about the different activities and celebrations we might be able to have to mark our anniversary. In a few weeks time we will hold a meeting to begin processing ideas and to make plans.

**CLUSTER GROUP OF PARISHES** - We are now committed to working together with local parishes to strengthen our mission as a Catholic community into the future. Our cluster group includes: The Friary, St Ambrose Barlow, St Thomas More, Corpus Christi, The Rosary, Holy Family and ourselves. In the next few weeks, a small steering group will be established with members from each parish to look at how we can work together into the future. Teams of volunteers will then be invited to look at aspects of our shared mission that we can work on together. Watch this space for more information.

**ROME & ASSISI PILGRIMAGE MAY 2025** - Fr Marco would like to lead us in a pilgrimage next year. At this stage, he would like to see if there are any expressions of interest. Estimated cost of the pilgrimage is £1,400 for 6 nights. Please sign the list by the side door if you might be interested in going on the pilgrimage.

**LORD'S FLOCK** - Thanksgiving Celebration/Praise & Worship Music & Dance, 13April2024/ 2-5PM / 1 Botteville Rd., B27 7YE. For more details:07810436353.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - A new rota is available in the porch of the church.

**ELLEN MCCONVILLE RIP** - Ellen's family express thanks for all who attended her funeral Mass and for Mass cards and messages of sympathy. May she rest in peace.

### REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

**SVP CONFERENCE** - Do you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the SVP or who may be in need? Please contact us through Mike on 07983 160730.

### HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

**Thursday Evening Bingo and Tote draw from 8pm.** It could be your lucky night!

**BOOKING THE CLUB** - Some very positive changes have taken place in developing the Social Club. We invite you to use the facility for your family celebration and also as a venue for meetings to take place. Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 07940 473593 if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Email: [info@holysoulsocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@holysoulsocialclub.co.uk).

### AND FINALLY

At the end of his homily at the Easter Vigil in St Chad's Cathedral, Archbishop Bernard quoted St John Paul II. These words are very appropriate for Divine Mercy Sunday.

"In his resurrection the Son of God experienced in a radical way mercy shown to himself – that is to say, the love of the Father which is more powerful than death. What he received from his Father the risen Lord now freely shares with us."

May the light of the risen and merciful Christ continue to burn brightly within us throughout the fifty days of Eastertide and well beyond – and may we enable Christ to shed his light and dispel the darkness of the world.

**A blessed, peaceful and holy Eastertide to you all.**  
**Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Mulligan, Maureen Gee,

**Anniversaries:** Nicholas Day, Joseph Stanley, Norah Meyers, Joan Murphy, Robert Wilson, John Toner, Mary Carroll, Pat Ryan, Celia Clarke, Winifred Archer, William Hogan, Elizabeth Kennedy, Philomena Lyddy, Jack Cox, Catherine Meredith, Kevin Glover, Doris Last and Joan Aston, Margaret Mumford, Patricia Scott, Thomas Bird, Francis Taylor, Kevin Murray, Thomas Wilson, Margaret Cardon, Anthony Hanrahan, John Hogan, Mary Wadsworth, Luigi Sassano, Kevin Barry, Peter McMahon, Michael Francis Earlis "Fran the Man", Ronald Patrick Grainger. **Sick & Housebound:** David Cross, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Elizabeth Connaughton, Francis Mooney, Greg Boyle, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, David Cahill, Josie Teal, Fergus Hannon.