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Fr Phillip writes...

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY

Firstly, a very big thank you to everyone at St Francis of Assisi who helped make the celebration of the Easter Triduum so wonderful and the church so beautiful! Thank you also for the many personal cards and gifts.

This Sunday – the Second Sunday of Easter – is also Divine Mercy Sunday which Pope St John Paul II instituted at the beginning of the new millennium.

We are called to love – firstly to love God but this inevitably leads us also to love others and therefore to express this love in real ways. As St John Paul II said, "It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!"

In the Gospel today (John 20:19-31) Jesus gives the disciples their mission: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you..." In our First Reading (Acts 4:32-35) we hear how this calling and the joy of Christ's resurrection changed the lives of the Apostles as they spread the good news and how they shared all that they possessed. In the Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6), St John reminds us that our faith in Jesus means that we are called to love others because we are all God's children.

Let us live our lives as people transformed by God's redeeming, merciful love for us in Jesus, loving God and reaching out to others in mercy and love.

*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✦ Saturday 6th April, 5.30 pm: Second Sunday of Easter (Michael Maloney)
- ✦ Sunday 7th April, Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy:
8.30 am (People of the Parish)
10 am (Deceased members of the Berkeley family R.I.P)
- ✦ Monday 8th April: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✦ Tuesday 9th April, 6.30 pm: Second Week of Easter (Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Intentions)
- ✦ Wednesday 10th April, 10 am: Second Week of Easter (Canon Bosco McDonald)
- ✦ Thursday 11th April, 6.30 pm: St Stanislaus
- ✦ Friday 12th April, 10 am: Second Week of Easter
- ✦ Saturday 13th April, 10 am: Second Week of Easter
- ✦ Saturday 13th April, 5.30 pm: Third Sunday of Easter (Tomlin Family, in thanksgiving)
- ✦ Sunday 14th April, Third Sunday of Easter
8.30 am (People of the Parish)
10 am (Dezzie Glennon R.I.P)

*Confessions after 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:



MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, GERALD GRIFFITHS & MAGORZATA CORDOBA.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"



- Dom Helder Camara
Brazilian Archbishop

Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

Toddler group will be back on **April 16th**. During term time, every **Tuesday** from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word Will resume on April, 21st.

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email **Sue Roche** on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

Enjoy refreshments after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 am Mass!



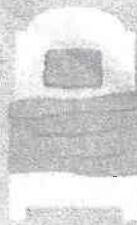
Save the Date: Youth Event Sat, 27th April - St Edward's Church, Windsor

Event for young people aged 13-30, led by the One Hope Project. It will be a day of worship & workshops and fun finding your faith. It starts at 11.30am until 5pm. Check out the One Hope Project!



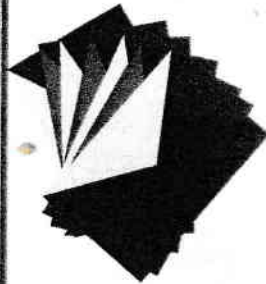
Single Bed & Mattress Donation

A single bed, white wooden colour, being donated. Collection from Sunningdale, it'll need assembling. If you are interested, contact the Parish Office.



Accommodation Plea

One of our new parishioners - a nurse from Heatherwood Hospital - is looking for accommodation (a studio flat or a bedroom in a house share). Her budget is £600-700 pcm. If you know someone who could help her with this, kindly contact the Parish Office. Many thanks!



GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Numbered envelopes for the 2024/25 tax year are available for collection from the church porch at masses in April. If you normally donate by weekly envelope, please take the box marked with your name. If you have any queries, or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Chris Sowinski on giftaid.asc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Marriage Care Volunteers Needed

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Celebrations at St Andrews Church

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations at St Andrews Shared Church, Washington Drive, SL1 5RE on **7 April 2024 at 2 pm**. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Holy Mass, Time of Mercy with Merciful Jesus, Benediction with Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on **07957594646** for more information.



Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot Sunday 19th May - Friday 24th May 2024

A Week of Accompanied Prayer may be the special retreat time just for you!

✓Do you find yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship

with Jesus?

✓Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?

✓Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?

Who is this week for?

For YOU. It is a like a "mini retreat in daily life" just 5 days, led by professionally trained Retreat Guides.

The week at a glance:

✓Sunday 19 May at 5pm a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting

✓Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you

✓Friday 24 May at 6.30pm a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.



ST FRANCIS
FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 8th April - Fri 12th April 2024
ZOOM ID : 733 3070 6466
PASSWORD : rosary



Sponsored by the KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER
London North - Hanwell - Edmonton - Palmers Green - Sudbury - Harrow - St Albans - Northfields - Uxbridge - Willesden Green - Mill Hill
High Wycombe - Wood Green - Chiswick - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead - Letchworth - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square
Yeading - Whitton Wembley - Thames Valley