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Second Week of Eastertide

Year B, Psalter Week II
(6th to 13th April 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 7th **II SUNDAY OF EASTER -
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9.00 Robert Forrester (+)

11.30 The People

14.00 Confessions, Holy Rosary

15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

15.15 In reconciliation

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Mon the 8th **THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD**

10.00 In honour of Our Lady

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Tue the 9th **Easter Feria**

10.00 Holy Souls

18.00 Scripture Studies

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Wed the 10th **Easter Feria**

10.00 Persecuted Christians

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Thu the 11th **S. Stanislaus**

10.00 J. & J.W. (intentions)

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Fri the 12th **S. Guthlac**

15.00 Divine Mercy chaplet

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Sat the 13th **S. Martin I**

10.00 The Holy Father

10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the
Holy Rosary, Confessions

18.15 The People

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Sun the 14th **III SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00 Holy Souls

11.30 The People

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NOTICES

- **Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
 - Walsingham, Monday 8th April, Feast of the Annunciation. Coach leaves Louth at 7.30 AM and returns at 4 /4.30 PM.
 - Fatima w/ Fr Kevin: 20th to 25th June.

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- **Monthly CAFOD collection:** today Sunday, 7th April .
- The new **Readers' rota** for April/May is on the noticeboard.
- **Siobhan sends her heartfelt thanks** to all who attended the birthday celebrations of her beautiful children, Rhiannon and Alfie, last Sunday and for all the lovely cards and gifts.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Join us on **12th May** in the parish hall after Sunday Mass, for a cream tea and coffee morning with yummy scones and cakes. All proceeds go towards the costs of an upcoming 5-day priest retreat in October 2024 hosted by the Diocese of Nottingham and the Unbound deliverance ministry. There will be a collection after Mass on the day for the same. Please see Ellie for more details.
- We are looking for one more **Ecumenical Representative** to work with other churches and ecclesial communities in Louth and the surrounding districts. See Fr. K for more information.
- **Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- Your **Safeguarding Rep:** Mr Paul Rudd, t: 07513725463, e: <paul.ruddpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.

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- **The next PPC meeting is on Tuesday, 9th April after the 10 AM Mass.** If you are interested in being elected to the parish council and contribute to the functioning of the parish, you are welcome to attend and state your interest.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The feast of **S. Joseph the Worker, 1st May.** Mass at 18.00 followed by a celebratory supper. If you are able to help with the feast, please see Trudy.
- **S. Joseph's repository:** Please visit us after the Sunday Mass and browse our collection of greeting cards and holy items.
- **Teas and coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

Fr. Kevin would like to wish all of you and your families a very happy Easter; "May the Risen One draw you ever closer to Himself and bring you peace in every circumstance."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Kerry Ashby, Patricia Kerr, Peter Endean, Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary Norburn, Judith Brook, Sally Shillington, Catherine Keeley, Pam Stephens, Diane Benton, Patricia & Spencer Harvey. **S. Joseph's:** Larry Walsh, Joseph Wilson, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson, Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently (++)

Fr. Anthony Dolan, Fr. John Daley IC;
S. Mary's: Jim Ellison, Thomas Gallagher, Rev Dom Adrian Convery OSB, Stephen Curley, Richard Crean, Roger Norburn, Ann Selby, Anthony Stanford Taylor, Fredrick Weir, Michael Leary, Roger Dygas. **S. Joseph's:** John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Denis Peter Darker, Helen Griffin, Maria Oakes, Hannah Rainey, James Joseph Loftus, Patrick Sullivan, Patrick McNulty, Patrick Pettinger, George Foster, Margarita Baskether, Ruby Gladys McCormack.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ dwells within the Church | His power in her Sacraments | Thus she grows and prospers

He has truly risen?!

“It is wonderful that they did not think Him a phantom. But Mary [of Magdala] had provided against this, by the faith she had wrought in them. And He Himself too showed Himself so openly, and strengthened their wavering minds by His voice. And says to them, 'Peace be to you,' i.e. Be not disturbed. Wherein too He reminds them of what He had said before His crucifixion: My peace I give to you, and again, In Me you shall have peace.” - S. John Chrysostom

Apostolic authority to forgive

“We must understand that those who first received the Holy Ghost, for innocence of life in themselves, and preaching to a few others, received it openly after the Resurrection, that they might profit not a few only, but many. ... Lo, not only have they salvation for themselves, but are admitted to the powers of the supreme Judgment-seat...” - Holy Father S. Gregory

Absent for our sakes

“It was not an accident that [Thomas] was not present. The Divine mercy ordained that a doubting disciple should, by feeling in his Master the wounds of the flesh, heal in us the wounds of unbelief.” - Holy Father S. Gregory



The Church in effect

The grand theme of our readings this weekend is the rapid growth of the Church in the wake of the Passion and the Resurrection of the Lord. Already at the foot of the Cross, S. John had noted with horror the opening of Christ's side with a spear, and the bursting forth of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Eucharist in the water and blood. In our gospel reading this weekend, he notes with astonishment the birth of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation, as the risen Christ gives authority to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name. The blessing of the Sacraments of the Church is given to those who believe in Christ and trust in His promises. As He Himself says at the end of this reading, the gift of faith extends down the generations, to you and me, who do not see and yet believe. From this faith and the streams of grace it brings, as S. John says in the second reading, the Church built. Through baptism, we are adopted sons and daughters of the Holy One and begotten by Him. Begotten of Him, we should love Him and demonstrate that love by following His commandments, as handed down to us in every generation by the teaching authority of His Church - in this way we shall conquer and overcome the spirit of this world - the spirit of domination and possession and desire and power. The resulting freedom of the children of God is described powerfully by S. Luke in his Acts of the Apostles, which provides our first reading today. And we can summarise the marks of the Church thus presented, the Apostolic formula, from the first reading: humility, brotherly charity, respect for the hierarchical priesthood. From the second reading: seeking after faith and understanding. From the gospel reading: desiring forgiveness and the holiness that only Christ brings.

“Thine be the glory, o risen and conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou over death hast won...”