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## Divine Mercy Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Acts 2: 42-47**

**1 Peter 1: 3-9**

**John 20: 19-31**

Today's feast of Divine Mercy Sunday ([2nd Sunday of Easter Year A](#)) came into reality when the then Pope, now St. John Paul II declared during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. **Faustina recalls Jesus' words in her diary: I DESIRE THAT THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER BE THE FEAST OF MERCY. +ASK OF MY FAITHFUL SERVANT [FATHER SOPOCKO] THAT, ON THIS DAY, HE TELL THE WHOLE WORLD OF MY GREAT MERCY; THAT WHOEVER APPROACHES THE FOUNT OF LIFE ON THIS DAY WILL BE GRANTED COMPLETE REMISSION OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT. +MANKIND WILL NOT HAVE PEACE UNTIL IT TURNS WITH TRUST TO MY MERCY.** The Apostles received the Holy Spirit to forgive sins. **This is the reason why the Sacrament of Confession: ORDINARY WAY of receiving God's mercy.** Let us love this sacrament by frequenting it in a regular way: for if the body needs daily cleansing, and now, our hands, frequent washing to avoid contracting the Covid virus, our soul as well needs a frequent spiritual washing, through this Sacrament of God's mercy. What would happen and how would you smell if you don't take a bath for a day...for a week...for a month...for a week? What would happen to our soul if we don't go to Confession for a long time or whenever necessary? **God's mercy could convert a sinner into a saint if one humble resorts to His Mercy. No saint without a sinful past. No sinner without a future. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Therefore, let us approach God in his throne of mercy and allow ourselves to be transformed by his love and grace so as to reach the goal to which he calls us: eternal life and happiness through holiness.**

Yours  
Fr. Tomy

| Mass times   | Feast Days   |
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| 6pm: Confessions<br>6.30pm Vigil Mass<br>Maureen Eady RIP  | <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> St Damien De Veuster</b> Born in Belgium in 1840. Worked on family farm. 2 sisters nuns and brother a priest. Joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, same Order as his brother. He wanted to travel abroad as a missionary. Sent to Hawaiian islands and ordained there. Worked for 9 years in the parishes of two islands. Then volunteered to work with lepers on "Devil's Island". For 16 years he ministered to the lepers, replaced shacks with proper houses, built a church, organised the growing of crops, built a reservoir for an irrigation system, constructed roads, dug graves and made coffins, performed funerals, celebrated daily Mass, offered sacraments, built up an active faith community, established leaders in the community, helped in the hospital administering medicine and treating ulcers. He was helped by the local population of the island of Moloka'i who lived outside the leper colony of Kalaupapa. Fr Damien ate with the lepers, shared pipes with them and lived with them as an equal. Became internationally famous in the last few years of his life. Eventually died of leprosy himself aged 49. First buried in Moloka'i and then moved to Belgium. |
| 9.30 am Mass   | <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Divine Mercy Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter</b>  |
| First Communion Training from 16:45 to 17:45<br><br>Mass 6.30pm<br>Thanksgiving for 18 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of David and Shaibi | <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> St Stephen Harding</b> Born about 1050 in Sherborne, Dorset. Pupil at Sherborne Abbey with St Wulsin. Travelling scholar in Scotland and France. Met his French friend Alberic, older than him, and considered a religious life. Both took pilgrimage to Rome and confirmed their vocation. Joined Molesme Abbey in France. Both left with Abbot Robert to form new monastery with stricter austerity under Benedictine Rule, start of the new Cistercian Order. After Abbot Robert left, Alberic was made abbot of Cîteaux. On his death Stephen was elected abbot. Struggled to recruit new monks until arrival of a nobleman, Bernard, with 30 other young noblemen as novices. Order attracted many new recruits and between 1112 and 1119 Abbot Stephen founded 12 new monasteries. Produced "Charter of Charity" with new rules to unite them. Bernard made Abbot of Clairvaux. Order spread beyond France by Stephen's death 1134.  |
| 10 am Mass<br>Anniversary of Thuseama Joseph RIP<br><br>11.30pm: Requiem Mass for Diana Stimson  | <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> St Kateri Tekakwitha</b> Native American Indian born in 1656 in America in New York State near the border with Canada. Daughter of the chief of the Mohawk tribe. Both parents died of smallpox, <i>white man's disease</i> . Tekakwitha recovered but it scared her face and damaged her eyesight. She was adopted by her father's sister who was married to chief of Turtle clan. She lived with them in Caughnawaga, a village by Mohawk River. She was impressed by the Jesuit missionaries. At age 18 asked to be a Catholic. Baptised with name Kateri in 1676 aged 20. Moved to Jesuit mission house and was very devout. Had a close friend at the longhouse. They inspired each other and took part in excessive penances until stopped by a priest as it was damaging their health. Then practised reasonable fasting and penances. Both wanted to be nuns but were not allowed due to their race. Kateri died aged 24.   |

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| <b>6.30 Mass</b>  | <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> St Alphege of Canterbury</b> Born about 953 near Bath. Became a monk, then a walled hermit. Reputation for piety and austerity. Was elected Abbot of Bath Abbey monastery. Made Bishop of Winchester. Converted Viking leader to stop raids. Archbishop of Canterbury. Captured by Danish raiders. Stopped a ransom being paid for his release. Martyred with axe by the Danes   |
| <b>10 am Mass</b>   | <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Beatified English Martyrs 1584 – 1602</b> We commemorate those who died for their faith in England and Wales on various dates in the year, many being martyred in the reign of Elizabeth 1. The following are not included in the "Forty Martyrs of England and Wales" whose feast day is 25 <sup>th</sup> October, as they have not been canonised, but beatified as martyrs for the Catholic Faith. Blessed James Bell, Blessed John Finch, Blessed Richard Sergeant, Blessed William Thompson, Blessed Antony Page, Blessed Robert Watkinson, Blessed Francis Page and Blessed James Duckett |
| <b>No Mass</b>  | <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> St Anselm of Canterbury</b> Born in 1033 in Italy. Benedictine monk in Normandy. Prior and then Abbot of Bec monastery. Made it centre of learning and attracted many students. Archbishop of Canterbury under King William Rufus. Sent into exile in France. Returned with King Henry I. Exiled in dispute over king's right to make Church appointments. Returned three years later after king relented. Died in 1109 and was a cult  |
| <b>11am: Wedding of Tommaso Morelli &amp; Lora Tchistova</b><br><b>6pm: Confessions</b><br><b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> | <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Adalbert of Prague</b> Born in 956 in Bohemia, now Czech Republic. Youngest son of Duke Slavonic of Libice. Appointed Bishop of Prague in 982 when only 26 years old.. Conflict between his family and the powerful Duke Boleslaus II who wanted to start a war with Poland.. Had problems over opposition to his reforms and authority. Left Prague to consult the pope in Rome. The opposition to him in Bohemia continued so he went to Poland.. Mission to convert pagan Prussians near what is now Gdansk in Poland. Murdered at instigation of a pagan priest                          |
| <b>9.30 am Mass</b>   | <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter Thanksgiving Mass for 13<sup>th</sup> birthday of Emmanuel</b>   |

**PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION**

| Your prayers are needed for the following people |            |             |            |  |  |
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| Sue Chandler                                     | Hazel Sale | Joe Heatley | Kay Duggan |  |  |

## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

### Personal Easter gift for Fr Tomy amounted to £778.62 including £75 gift aid

Fr Tomy wishes to thank all those parishioners who contributed towards his Easter Gift.



### Requiem Mass for Diana Stimson is at 11.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at SVP.

It is hoped that as many as possible parishioners are able to attend the Requiem Mass, celebrated by Fr Benjamin Theobald from Holy Family, for Diana who in the past was an active member of the parish. The burial is at the Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground, Wyndham Road, Hinton, Christchurch BH23 7EJ. The Wake is being held at the White Buck, Bisterne Close, Burley BH24 4AZ at 4 pm. The family would like everyone to wear bright colours. Any donations to Countess Mountbatten in memory of Diana.

### Wedding of Tommaso Morelli and Lora Tchistova is at 11am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Congratulations to Tom and Lora who are relatively new to our parish but who have quickly made friends in the parish and are a great asset to our faith community in many ways.

### Stella Marist Seafarers Easter Egg Appeal from ship visitors Charles Stuart and Gregory Hogan.

Very many thanks from Stuart and Gregory to those who donated Easter Eggs to their appeal.

### Red Boxes for the Mill Hill Missionaries

Many thanks to those parishioners who contributed £490.19 in 2022 for the Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio in their work for the propagation of the faith. (APF) If you would like a Red Box or to have your box emptied, please see Graham Churchill who is the parish representative and the local secretary

### 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

### Parish collection for last weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April

| Parish collection for last weekend 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> April |          |                         |                                      |          |                                 |                 | SPECIAL COLLECTION<br>Holy Places |                | TOTAL of all money |
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| Envelopes<br>Easter Gift<br>Parish   | Gift Aid | Easter<br>Gift<br>Loose | Direct debits,<br>standing<br>orders | Gift Aid | Totals<br>Easter Gift<br>Parish | Candle<br>Money | Envelopes                         | Loose<br>plate |                    |
| £300   | £75      | £403.62                 | ---                                  | ---      | £778.62                         | ---             | ---                               | ---            | £1,221.22          |
| £54  | £13.50   | ---                     | £242.54                              | £51.98   | £362.02                         | £215.30         | £53.30                            | £106.50        |                    |

Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the porch for donations for the next financial year.