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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 27th April 2025 2nd Sunday of Eastertide (Divine Mercy Sunday)	8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Kevin Murphy, Private Intention (P P) John McCann, RIP Anniversary (N E) O/L Lamp: Joseph Brown, Birthday RIP on 24 April
Monday 28 th <i>2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Janice & Allan Jones, Thanksgiving (P H)
Tuesday 29 th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe (Feast)	9.30am	For the unity of the Church of Christ
Wednesday 30 th <i>St Pius V, Pope</i>	9.30am 10.00	For the eternal repose and reward of Pope Francis Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st May 2025 <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	7.00pm	Genio & Mima DiMarco, RIP Anniversary (S & T M)
Friday 2 nd <i>St Athanasius, Bp and Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am	Kathleen Archer, RIP Anniversary (E T)
Saturday 3 rd Sts Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)	10.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday 4th May 2025 3rd Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Intention of the donor Parish Community Family Thanksgiving

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.:

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Elias Jones, Mary Hughes, Ann Lane.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Envelopes for use from Sunday 4th May are now available for collection in the Porch. Please only take one if your name is on it. Thank you.

GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY: Jislinde Macpherson Garden open for charity on 3rd & 4th May; please see notice in porch for details. Please come & bring your friends.

FUNERAL OF MARY BREARLEY: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brearley. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea at 10.30am on 9th May.

PARISH LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting on **Wednesday 7th May** when we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Please bring a plate of food to share.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 29th April at 7pm.** All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 28th April at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 12. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 7th May at 6pm.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th May** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: The Sacraments.**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Taylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide we are invited to pray for Survivors of Abuse; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the use of the new technologies. **FOR MAY:** For working conditions.

<u>HOLY PLACES OF THE HOLY LAND: £244</u>		<u>EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:</u> Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation			
<p style="text-align: center;">From the Parish Events Planning Team UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (May 2025)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Friday 30 May 7pm</td><td>ITALIAN EVENING (DINNER)</td><td>More information nearer the time</td></tr> </table>			Friday 30 May 7pm	ITALIAN EVENING (DINNER)	More information nearer the time
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On Divine Mercy

Pope Francis

Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father’s love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by this imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness. Even at the last moment of his earthly life, as he was being nailed to the cross, Jesus spoke words of forgiveness: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (*Lk 23:34*).

Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God’s mercy can be excluded from the embrace of his forgiveness. For this reason, none of us has the right to make forgiveness conditional...

In a culture often dominated by technology, sadness and loneliness appear to be on the rise, not least among young people. The future seems prey to an uncertainty that does not make for stability. This often gives rise to depression, sadness and boredom, which can gradually lead to despair. We need witnesses to hope and true joy if we are to dispel the illusions that promise quick and easy happiness through artificial paradises. The profound sense of emptiness felt by so many people can be overcome by the hope we bear in our hearts and by the joy that it gives. We need to acknowledge the joy that rises up in a heart touched by mercy. Let us keep in mind, then, the words of the Apostle: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (*Phil 4:4*; cf. *1 Thess 5:16*)

Taken from: Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, at the Conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, 20 November 2016

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Eternal God, in whom Mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible. Look kindly upon us and increase your Mercy in us, so that in difficult moments, we may not despair nor become despondent but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Prayer for the eternal repose of Pope Francis

Lord of life and hope, receive Pope Francis into your peace, faithful servant of the Gospel and shepherd of your Church. You called him on Easter Monday, as we celebrated the resurrection. Give him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his example of humility, mercy, and love for the poorest of the poor continue to inspire your people. Amen.