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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 23rd April 2017**

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Year A.

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER: 23rd – 29th April 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

<p><u>Saturday 22nd April:</u> <u>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:30 am: Baptisms; Sienna & James McLaughlin</p>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
<p><u>Saturday 22nd April:</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Private Intention (Findlay)</p>	15 th / 16 th April 2017
<p><u>Sunday 23rd April:</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intention of Fr G Dakin (Birthday)</p>	<p>Envelopes: Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 24th April:</u> <u>St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
<p><u>Tuesday 25th April:</u> <u>St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass Holy Souls</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 26th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<u>SECOND COLLECTION</u> NEXT WEEKEND'S Second Collection will be for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.
<p><u>Thursday 27th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<i>A big "Thank You" to all who generously gave of their time to help prepare the Church for the Easter Services and all who contributed in any way to the beautiful Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. All your efforts and help were very much appreciated. Thank you.</i>
<p><u>Friday 28th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Audrey McCoy RIP (Rosary Group)</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 29th April:</u> <u>St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, David Fox, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.</p>
<p><u>Saturday 29th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter Year A</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Anne Philomena Monaghan RIP</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 30th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter Year A</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP</p>	

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S O'Brien
Next Week:	M Sully	N Wilson
Offertory:	M Brown & S Mills	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	M & G Sawicki	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week: M Calladine & L Wittam
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Ann & Kath	Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret J
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Rev Fr John Abbott*, who died on *18th April 2017*. Funeral arrangements will be posted when available. May he rest in peace.

FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The classes for First Holy Communion begin for both parents and children *THIS Sunday, 23rd April 2017*. The classes will be in the Parish Hall after Mass and Coffee and will last about ½ an hour each.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their grateful thanks for the donations received from our Parish and they pray for our Parish every day. The next visit will be coming *Monday, 24th April 2017*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend, any profits made from the sale of fairly traded goods goes to Mary's Meals which is a charity supporting Third World schoolchildren. Further details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. The next sale will be *NEXT WEEKEND 29th/30th April 2017*. (Mary's Meals website: www.marysmeals.org.uk.) – *Diane Wilson*.

EASTER CHOCOLATE HAMPERS: Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Chocolate Easter Raffle the amount raised was **£ 224. 00** and the winners were Jane Powell, Charlie Bethel and Sue Findlay. Please see Diane Wilson or Father for collection. Many thanks – *The Bazaar Committee*.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB: *THIS Thursday 27th April 2017 at 1:00 pm*. For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY): The Ultimate Revelation of God's Mercy.

Why is today Divine Mercy Sunday? On 30th April 2000, Pope John Paul II Canonized the Polish nun who had received from Christ the amazing revelations of the Divine Mercy in the early years of the twentieth century, Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska. During that ceremony, the Pope fulfilled one of the requests that Christ had made through those revelations: that the entire Church reserve the Second Sunday of the Easter Season to honour and commemorate God's infinite mercy. Where do we see this mercy revealed in today's Readings? First of all, we see it in the reaction Christ shows to those men, His chosen Apostles, who had abandoned Him just two nights before. They had abandoned Jesus in His most difficult hour, but Jesus wasn't going to abandon them. He passes through the locked doors, passes through their fears, regret, and guilt, and appears to them. He hasn't given up on them. He brings them His peace. And He reaffirms His confidence in them by reaffirming their mission: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We also see God's mercy in Christ's reaction to the men who had crucified Him. Does He crush them in revenge? No. Instead, He sends out His Apostles to tell them – and to tell the whole sinful world, the world that had crucified its God – that they can be redeemed, that God has not condemned them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And then, just to make sure that the Church is fully armed to communicate this message, Jesus gives the ultimate revelation of God's mercy – He delegates to His Apostles His divine power to forgive sins: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." This is the explicit institution of the Sacrament of Confession, the Sacrament in which the limitless ocean of God's mercy overwhelms our misery. It was the ultimate revelation of the Divine Mercy. We are all children of this God whose mercy, goodness, and power are boundless, persistent, and untiring. We have had the grace to experience God's mercy – through the Sacraments, through prayer, through being taught the Good News about Jesus Christ. But there are many people around us who haven't had that grace, or have forgotten about it. I can think of nothing that would please God more than if we all made the commitment to spread that mercy this week, even just a little bit. We all have relationships that are not exactly marked by mercy. We all know of relationships that marred by indifference and envy and resentment. This week, why not take the first step towards reconciliation, with prayer, words, or actions? Why not follow in the footsteps of Christ, not waiting for others to take the first step, but doing so ourselves, just like Christ, showing them by our courage and humility the face of Christ, our merciful Lord? In His conversations with St Faustina, Jesus promised to unleash on the world a flood of mercy. He has been doing so, and He wants to continue to so. That flood hasn't yet reached every heart. This week, let us be conscious channels for that mercy to refresh someone's shrivelled and dried up heart.

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