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24 APRIL 2022 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER) YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. Rv.1: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse: 1:9-13. 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

Gospel: John: 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Sat 23rd | 6.30pm | Lucia Di Maio, RIP |
| Sun 24th | 8.00am | Pa Francis Lokosu, RIP |
| Sun 24th | 10.00am | Elzbieta Niewiadomska (Wedding) |
| Sun 24th | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 25th | 10.00am | Mary Lennard, RIP |
| Tues 26th | 10.00am | James & Margaret Murtagh, RIP |
| Wed 27th | 10.00am | Colleen, Noel & unborn baby |
| Thurs 28th | 10.00am | Thanksgiving |
| Fri 29th | 10.00am | Margaret Dunne, RIP |
| Sat 30th | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sun 1st | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 1st | 10.00am | Mr Baladasan, RIP |
| Sun 1st | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |

*Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).*

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

That’s at all Masses this weekend (the 23rd and 24th). It will be for the maintenance of St George’s Cathedral at Southwark.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR | |
| Sat 23rd | Easter Saturday |
| Sun 24th | Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd of Easter) |
| Mon 25th | St Mark, Evangelist |
| Tues 26th | [St George, Martyr, Patron of England](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/OT2Solemnities.shtml#George); |
| Wed 27th | Weekday of Easter |
| Thurs 28th | Weekday of Easter, or St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest |
| Fri 29th | St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe |
| Sat 30th | Weekday of Easter, or St Pius V, Pope, Religious |
| Sun 1st | 3rd Sunday of Easter |

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Martin Ford, Chris Jones, Julie Vincent, Clifford Flynn, Albert Khayyat, Vera de Souza, Michael Edwards, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, Leslie Jeyadeva, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four residential homes visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID BOX

New ones with envelopes for 2022-23 are available for collection in the lady chapel. Don’t take one if you haven’t previously signed a Gift Aid declaration – speak to organizer, Mervyn Ramos (or email him on [mervynm.ramos@gmail.com](mailto:mervynm.ramos@gmail.com)) if you have any queries or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Grateful thanks to all those who have donated so far. A further Coloma Aid run is planned and the following items are needed: shower gel/soap; shoes (children’s/women’s/men’s); razors; rucksacks; chargers; nappies; incontinence pads; yoga/camping mats; men’s socks (sizes 9-12); t-shirts (M–XL); dog collars.

UCM MASS & CHARITY FAYRE

The Union of Catholic Mothers’ monthly Mass will be next Sunday (the 1st) at 10am followed by the UCM charity fayre. We still need lots of donations of bottles, jewellery, books, bric’a’brac, cosmetics, raffle prizes and, on the day, plants and cakes. No jumble or DVDs. Use the box in the porch for items donated.

EASYFUNDRAISING – FREE MONEY!

So far 30 parishioners have signed up and, simply by shopping online at any one of 6,000 retail outlets and at no cost to them, St Columba’s has benefitted to the tune of more than £200. To find out more logon to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

HELP THE VINE FOOD BANK

Most urgently needed are tuna, baked beans, tinned ham, corned beef, sugar, coffee, toilet rolls, washing- up liquid, shower gel and nappies size 3, 6, & 6+. Also needed are tinned veg, cereal, biscuits, jam, juice (cordial or long-life cartons), Fray Bentos pies, pasta sauces, ketchup, mayonnaise, household cleaners, bleach and bathroom/kitchen cleaner. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch of the church. See the church noticeboard or parish website for a rota of deliveries to the food bank.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Join Bp Paul Hendricks and Anglican Bp Jonathan Clarke on a pilgrimage taking in the famous Passion Play as well as sightseeing in Austria. Dates: May 27-June 3. More details: [toni.suffolk@btinternet.com](mailto:toni.suffolk@btinternet.com) or phone 020 8654 9035.

QUESTION A MAYOR FOR CROYDON

There are elections on May 5 for a mayor for Croydon who will hopefully make a big difference in the way Croydon is run. The main candidates are coming to a Q & A session at St Francis’ church, Monks Hill, on Tuesday (the 26th) at 7pm to answer your questions. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYING TOGETHER

The CWPR (it includes the Union of Catholic Mothers among members), is having its annual Mass at 11am on Thursday (the 28th). Venue: The Immaculate Conception, Farm St, London W1. The choir of the John Fisher School, Purley, will sing. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE ONLINE

Two evening scripture workshops are being organised by the Society of St Gregory: from 7.30-9pm on Wednesday (the 27th) and May 11. More details: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/wednesday-workshops-2022/>

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence:

Gill Tomei (E: [selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) T:07787 824 592)

Claire Tucker (E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) T:07774 659 966)

Richard Mills (E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@saegurdrcaos.org.uk) T:07956 531 540). All are safeguarding coordinators.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

You are invited (with your parents) to a rally at Aylesford Priory on the May 2 Bank Holiday. There will be a Mass, presided over by our Abp John and St Columba’s has been invited to provide altar servers. Bring a picnic and enjoy some sports in the Priory’s lovely grounds. More details from MC John Fennell.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Palm Sunday: total £701.14 of which £280.06 was gift aided. Good Friday Holy Places collection: £356.34. gift aid £5. Easter offering; £2,511.18 of which £1,098 was gift aided.

YOUR FAVOURITE PRIEST?

To mark Vocations Sunday on May 8, parishioners across the country are asked to send a one-minute video (eg from their phones) with a message about any priest who has been an inspiration in their lives. They will then be publicized on a website. More details from: [james@ukvocation.org](mailto:james@ukvocation.org)

RESTORED LIVES

Restored Lives is a charity that helps people recover from relationship breakdown, for example divorce. They are organising an online course for anyone so affected. It starts on May 9. For more details email: [helen.bradley@restoredlives.org](https://restoredlives.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=35750137bc0c9f6ae7ba7cba8&id=bec46bc8fa&e=ae8becfcfb)

40 YEARS LATER…

On May 28 Abp John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, to mark the 40th anniversary of the visit of Pope St John Paul II to the Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. An exhibition relating to the visit will be open from May 16-30 at the Cathedral. More details: [admin@stgeorges.org.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorges.org.uk)

2.2 MILLION FED BY MARY’S MEALS

That’s the total number of needy children fed by the charity Mary’s Meals every school day in poverty-stricken countries across the world. That takes money. If you are willing to help by giving some, visit the website www.marysmeals.org.uk

COURSES AND JOBS

The London Jesuit Centre runs various courses on the Catholic faith. It also has job opportunities for a facilities manager and a housekeeping assistant. Visit: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org) for more details.