

Our Lady's and St John Fisher RC Churches – Newsletter

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 7th April 2024.

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5:1-6; St John 20:19-31

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Easter Saturday – 6 th April – Baptism 2 nd Sunday of Easter- Red Boxes Appeal	11:00am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's	Esme Rose Hinchley +David Joseph
Divine Mercy Sunday- Missio Appeal Divine Mercy – Missio Appeal Divine Mercy Sunday-Prayer Service	9:00am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 3:00 pm Our Lady's	+ Tom Mannion, Pat&Bill Rogers Golden Wed All the Holy Souls Divine Mercy Rosary, benediction, confessions
Wednesday 10 th April	10:00 am St John Fisher	+Siew Gek Connolly
Thursday 11 th April	7:30 pm Our Lady's	Meeting
Friday 12 th April St James School	9:15 am Our Lady's	School Prayer Service
3 rd Sunday of Easter 13 th April - Baptism	11:00 am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's	Jack Dolan Son Stephen McNamee
Third Sunday of Easter 14 th April Baptism	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm Our Lady's	Shirley Ingram Intentions +William Alexander Lees (Bill) Courtney Burley Daughter

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 30 Alf Kempson, William O'Leary, Ada Williams, Kieran Jones, Margaret Banting, 31 Dan Mooney, Patricia Waldron, Neil Pattison, April 1 Doris Griffin, James Docherty, Winifred Garfield, 2 Martin Shaughnessy, Hilda Priddey, Harold Priddey, Jim Behan, 3 Alice Doherty, 4 Margaret Forsyth, Peter Turner, Alice Holmes, Martin Fitzgerald, John Williams, John Anderson, 5 Julia Noone, Betty Clossick, Jessie Gallagher, Anne Reilly, Enid Walker

Please Pray for those who are Sick: Margaret Owen, Carol Spooner, Dave McGrath, Mary Smallwood, Margaret Cooper, Trisha Forest, Fr Tony Rohan, Ann Docherty, Nancy Witcomb, Maz Boyce, Lily McKenna, Mary and Victor, Margaret Izon, Carl Brookes, Sheila Cox, Peter Flanagan, Pat Farrell, Jan & Mark Hurley, Peter Rafferty, Jackie Hurley, Helen Ingram, Mary Molloy, Andrea Byrne, Linda Simms, Rita Fitzpatrick, Christina Cooper, Fr Gerry Lennon, Ann Glenn, Mary Markley, Pat Curly.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS)		St John Fisher (SJF)	
Gift Aid £191.00	Total £526.23	Gift Aid £347.00	Total: £543.62
Loose Money £335.23		Loose Money £196.62	
Contactless £0.00		Easter Flowers £59.22	Easter Flowers: £183.72

Deaths: Pray for **Mr Bernard Joseph Walton** (known as BUN) whose Funeral Service will be on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 12:15 pm at Lodge Hill Crematorium. Pray for **Mr William Alexander Lees (Known as Bill)** whose Funeral Service will take place on Friday 26th April 2024 at 2:00 pm in Our Lady's Church – Rednal and followed by committal at Redditch Crematorium. Please pray for Maureen Dolan and

Baptism Dates: The fourth coming Baptism Preparation sessions will be on Saturday 20th April 2024 at 5:30 pm in Our Lady's Church – Rednal and Saturday 11th May at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath.

SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items and Easter treats for our last food parcels for this term. We made and delivered 105 parcels, which will help our families to enjoy the Easter celebrations. OUR FIRST FOOD PARCELS NEXT TERM IS ON THURSDAY 11th APRIL. Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on THURSDAY 11th APRIL between 10:15am and 11:15am Please donate any new/ used carrier bags for the food parcels. (One of our parishioners is happy to take broken bags for life back to supermarkets to exchange for new ones!) It is by working together that we can make a difference. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and happy Easter. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197.

St Paul's School for Girls: RE Teacher to cover a maternity leave, starting as soon as possible. For further details please telephone or download an application form from our website: www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk 0121454089

Administration Support Officer: Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary range: £21,000 to £25,000 fte p.a. plus benefits, hybrid remote working. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced Administration Support Officer for our Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. The post holder will support the work of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust's Safeguarding Team by providing general administrative support including Maintaining the team's computer (confidential case management) and manual filing systems. Manage the initial Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) screening requests process and periodic rescreening. Assist with maintaining the CSSA training record system, including sending out reminders regarding mandatory refresher training. Carry out administrative duties such as general filing, typing, copying, binding, scanning etc. Act as first point of contact for incoming visitors, telephone calls etc. For an informal discussion about this role please call Claire Reay, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6240. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by Monday 8th April 2024. Shortlisting: 9th April 2024 Interviews: w/c 15th April 2024.

Church Giving: We are doing the accounts for 2023 and will present these in due course. Thank-you for supporting the parish. 'Loose money' on the collection has increased. That is good news. But can people who give this way please swap to standing orders? It means no counting, banking and security issues. That way, it can also be gift aided (government adds 25% from taxpayers to increase the donation). If all our loose money was gift aided it would increase our collection by £7,000 per annum at no cost to you. That's a big increase and would cover a loss we made last year. Forms can be found in the church porch.

Big thanks to all of our Parish Family Members for all your wonderful support, help and attendance for our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations in our both Parish Churches. Its really nice to see many families and friends. We had a big number for our Easter Services. Thank you for all your generous donations, offerings, cards, Cakes and presents. God bless you.

Parishes Day Out Thursday 13th June: Barnsdale Gardens (BBC Gardeners World) plus cruise on Rutland Water with cream tea. Estimated total cost per person £48.00. This includes everything except lunch, which can be purchased at Barnsdale for about £12.00. Please book as soon as possible (to secure our cruise slot) with £10.00 pp deposit. Michael Neillis 07944707591.

DIVINE MERCY FOR THE WORLD ...By St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

O GREATLY MERCIFUL GOD, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy - to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You. We implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming - that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. (Diary 1570)

HOW TO OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Receive Sacramental Confession (within eight days before or after the feast)
- Receive Holy Communion (within eight days before or after the feast)
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope: to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)

For the sick or others who are unable to make it to church that day, a plenary indulgence may still be obtained. One must intend to make a confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father as soon as possible, while praying one Our Father and the Nicene Creed before an image of Jesus. In addition, one also must pray "a devout invocation" to Christ such as...

"MERCIFUL JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!"

Thank you everyone for all your support and help. God bless you. Have a lovely weekend.

Saint Faustina

APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus, I trust in You!



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O Jesus, eternal God,

I thank You for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You, O God. Let every drop of my blood circulate for You, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of Your Mercy. I love You, God, for Yourself alone. (Diary, 1794)