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WEEK COMMENCING 11 APRIL 2021– YEAR B	DIVINE OFFICE Week 2
SECOND SUNDAY EASTER (LOW SUNDAY)	DIVINE MERCY / DOUBTING THOMAS SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This Feast Day originated from the diary message of a young Polish nun. The message is nothing new, but it is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that **God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness**. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the **writings of St Faustina** (St Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament OLM, born Helena Kowalska; 1905–1938), an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with complete trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.

The earliest element of the devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St Faustina was **the Image**. Jesus appeared to her with hand raised in a blessing, and rays radiating from His heart and said, *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"* (Diary 47-48) ***"The two rays denote Blood and Water. the pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father."*** (Diary 299)



During the course of the revelations to St Faustina, Jesus asked that a Feast Day dedicated to the Divine Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday following Easter, when the Image of Divine Mercy be **solemnly venerated**. The liturgical texts are already suited to this request. The Feast Day was incorporated into the Church calendar by St Pope John Paul II in 2000, during the Canonisation of St Faustina. The Church encourages celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this Day by offering a **Plenary Indulgence**. For those, who have been wondering, whether it is still possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday, this answer is yes. In the original Vatican decree of 2002 that establishing the plenary indulgence, and has perpetual force, there is a special provision *"For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill"*. It clearly states that *"all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes ... may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday"*. This does not remove the 3 conditions which must be fulfilled to receive the plenary indulgence: a sacramental confession, a Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff. The decree clearly states that these must be done *"as soon as possible"*. The decree reads as follows: *"if totally detesting any sin ... and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (eg. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you)."* The decree has many other special provisions, including *"the sick and those who nurse them"*. For the complete official decree go to: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html. Additionally, on 20 March 2020, the Vatican Penitentiary announced special indulgences for all afflicted with the COVID-19 virus, medical personnel who care for them, those in quarantine, and all those praying for them.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org>

"If my people, who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn from their wicked ways, I myself will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land...." (2Chronicles7:14)

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

Saturday Vigil	10	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	11	9.30am	St Joseph's	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY For Mass intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	12		NO MASS	
Tuesday	13	12 noon	St Edward's	St Martin I
Wednesday	14	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	15	10am	St Joseph's	
Friday	16	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

MALAYALAM MASS normally 3rd Sunday, monthly

CONFESSIONS 10.30am to 11am Saturdays at St Peter's Sundays at **St Josephs** 9am -9.20am. and by request

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass in each church

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> click link at right of screen

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Code Links are available on our website & in church porches

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is open daily (*gate closed but unlocked - down steps, follow sign on wall*)

POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: *for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

† **ANNIVS:** Gary Ledden, Jacqui Gilleard, Andrew Little, Marie Carr (*b'day*), Brian Lambert, Canon Donal O'Byrne, Joe Doody

† **RECENTLY DEAD:** Betty Sissons, Dennis Moon, Dr Isabella Pitts, Phyllis O'Brien, Lawrence O'Toole (*Cloughton*), Fr Ross Thompson, Prince Philip **MASSES RECEIVED FROM:** see printed copy

MASS ATTENDANCE Holy Thursday: St Edward's **54**; St Joseph's **62**; St Peter's **65**; **Good Friday:** Indian (St Edward's) **60**; St Joseph's **62**; St Peter's **80**; **Holy Saturday:** St Joseph's **71**; St Peter's **55**; **Vigil Total 126**; **Easter Sunday:** St Edward's 8.30am **35**; St Joseph's 9.30am **82**; St Joseph's 11am **33**; Polish (St Peter's) **184** St Peter's 11.30am **121**; **Easter Sunday Total 455**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£427**; Gift Aid envelopes **£137**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,242**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office

 **JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES - APRIL** *Joseph, Lover of Poverty: Joseph could count on nothing in this world to be his stay. Neither his trade nor property were employed in his first years as father of the Divine child. He had to abandon all that was his and provide for them in whatever way was possible as they were on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to Egypt, and finally to Nazareth.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION FOR THOSE SHIELDING AT HOME

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Dennis Moon: 10am Tuesday 13 April at St Peter's Church. Space for parishioners, as family live away.

FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2021 begins **Fri 16 April** in school **1.30pm to 2.30pm**. **PARENTS & CATECHISTS MEETING** in St Peter's Church **7pm on Tuesday 13 April**. Children in Non-Catholic Schools who wish to be prepared, get in touch before the end of March. **Year 4+ eligible**. 28 children have signed up so far.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON FACEBOOK 4-minute video for children and parents: **Sunday weekly** - visit our parish Facebook page.

EASTER IS NOT JUST A DAY – it is a season of 50 days lasting up until Pentecost, during which we continue to celebrate.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY is today Sunday 11 April – usual Sunday Masses. Divine Mercy Service **6pm** at St Peter's (*not 2.30pm, as advertised*), with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL at St Peter's – we have left some Miraculous Medals & leaflets at the shrine for visitors to take. 2021 is 190th anniversary of the Miraculous Medal & Our lady appearing to St Catherine Laboure.

CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS Free **Zoom** event by Ryedale Christian Council. **9.15am to 4.15pm on Saturday 24 April**. Go to www.rccconf.org to book a place & choose your workshops. An ecumenical Christian response to the call to care for our common home.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Names now being taken to add to the book - £10 donation. *Give Date of Birth and Date of Death.*

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER Rachel D'Souza (*aged 15yrs*), student at St Augustine's walked 10,000 steps each day for the 40 days of Lent. *Excellent* – well done Rachel. So far, Rachel has raised over £1,600. Wow!

THANK YOU to all who helped during Lent, Holy Week and Easter in our 3 churches, especially those who decorated our churches, our stewards and readers. Fr Gubbins would also like to thank you all for the Easter collection which forms part of his income.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE on Good Friday raised £70. Thank you. This supports the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land, who rely heavily on this world-wide collection.

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION £65 was raised for fresh flowers for our churches this easter. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2020 will be made available soon.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES begin this week. **Please collect yours. If you cannot find it, please contact the Parish Office.** If you would like to sign up for envelopes and/or Gift Aid, please contact Gift Aid co-ordinator at the Parish Office. **Gift Aid claims form a substantial part of the parish income** - do consider it. To qualify, you need to pay sufficient tax to cover the amount of Gift Aid claimable (we can claim 25p for every £1 you donate). It is completely confidential, and we do not get to know anything about your earnings. **If you Gift Aid your offerings (by envelope or by standing order) and have changed your address or phone number in the last year, it is important to update us. If you no longer pay sufficient tax, it is also essential you let us know.**

SUNDAY SMILE: *Q. What kind of books do Rabbits like to read? A. Ones with HOPPY endings*