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2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

7th April 2024

"We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song"

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April for the role of women - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sun 7th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	B Alvares Thanks; S Wong Int D D'Souza Int; Anon Thanks M Henry Int; J Braganca R.I.P.	No Sunday Evening Mass
Mon 8th	The Annunciation of the Lord	B Cantillon R.I.P.; J Moynagh Int	
Tues 9th	Easter Feria	T Townsend R.I.P.	
Wed 10th	Easter Feria	J & V Fernandes Int; L McMahon R.I.P. C Fernandes Int	
Thurs 11th	St Stanislaus	A Walsh R.I.P.; Sick & Housebound	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 12th	Easter Feria	P Dorrian R.I.P.	
Sat 13th	Easter Feria	D Dias Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Growing in Faith

Our church community faces many big questions about the place of women, our views on sexuality, the need for consultation and for dialogue. We need to know what all of us believe, not just our leaders. We need to know how people find it to live their faith, in these areas of sexuality, justice, migration, ministry and other realities today. Recent Synods and letters of the Pope have tried to narrow connect theory and lived faith.

There is a need to be able to grapple with the demands of today and the message of the gospel; To be able to discern our path in the peace and joy of the Easter message, knowing we don't all have to agree with each other to say to say 'my Lord and my God'.

We are the people who are happy to believe; to show we are a community of faith and of joy, and we want to spread this faith that lives for justice and compassion.

We will never get it fully right. But we can get it better and better if we unite with the Lord and hear each other with respect. That is our challenge at Easter. May the Lord bring the best out of our faith in bad days, and help us live with and enjoy the best of our faith in the good times. We want to make alive what is best in our Christianity.

- **EASTER OFFERINGS:** Many thanks for your kindness, generosity, cards & gifts. May God bless and reward you all. Fr Albert

- **Sacrament of Baptism for April** will be on Sunday 17th after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation session on Wednesday after evening mass.

REGINA COELI

V: O Queen of heaven, rejoice,

R: alleluia

V: For he, whom you were worthy to bear,

R: alleluia!

V: Has risen, as he said,

R: alleluia!

V: Pray for us to God,

R: alleluia!

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

R: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

- **Tea and coffee available in the hall after 11 a.m. Mass. Please come and join us. If you would like to help prepare please, put your name on rota in hall.**

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

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 soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £662

Loose Plate: £605

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New Planned Giving Envelopes available this week. Your box number remains the same. Standing Order & Gift Aid forms also available.

- **Brighton Marathon is this Sunday.** Martin's Marathon Number is 22869. Forms available in the porch to sponsor Martin Wright. To donate online <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark>

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- **This afternoon Novena** concludes with Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Devotion, and veneration of Divine Mercy picture & relic of St Faustina beginning at 2.40 p.m. Live streamed



- **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body & Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world.**

- **Parking at Weekend Masses:** Please be considerate when parking behind the church. We had to interrupt the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night to announce car numbers that were blocking our neighbour's driveway.

- **Holy Places:** A huge thank you for your very generous donations on Good Friday. Holy Places collection came to £2132.

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk