



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Year B – Sunday 11th April 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

REVISED MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri 10am: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

(Daily Masses and Devotions are live-streamed!)

Saturday 6pm: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

Sunday

9:00am: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

10:30am: LIVE-STREAMED Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

12:00nn Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

In order to attend, you **MUST BOOK** a place
by texting or emailing: **07308 217029**

saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com

BY FRIDAY EVENING

*Mobile number and email above are only for
booking a place at Mass!*

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NEW LOCKDOWN

*Please book a place at the weekend;

*Maintain social distancing at all times;

*Please do not mix bubbles and do not mingle or linger inside
or outside the church;

*Sanitise hands on entry and exit;

*Please do not sing, please do not touch anything;

*At Holy Communion please follow directions;

*Also please keep 2m from the priest, stretch out flat hands
as far as possible, step aside to consume the host with great
care and reverence.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN



On the way of the Cross, blood is mingled with tears – the Blood of Christ, and the tears of the Virgin Mary, of St Mary Magdalene, the women, and St John. With the saints leading us, by faith we know that we ourselves have walked along that way of the Cross.

It is part of the Christian mystery that our own lives are caught up in the life of Christ. Our own passion is absorbed by his compassion. Not a drop of our tears, blood or sweat falls to ground without being touched and transformed by those of Christ. Nothing is wasted by God. His guiding hand draws us through the valley of darkness into the brightness of the empty tomb, where he weaves human thorns into crowns. All of us have been walking a long way of the Cross this year. And we continue to walk it. Suffering brings strong reactions, whether to those of Christ on the Cross, or of my own personal suffering, that of my neighbour or of the whole human family. As was the case with the saints, we can be left incoherent, confused and lonely.

Looking at our wounds, however, we can never forget that Jesus, once suffering and once dead, is now alive and present to us, not only in our sentiments, but in reality – his real, sacramental Presence before us.

At Easter, and every day in the celebration of the Mass and in the Church's whole life of worship, proclamation, and love, we are reminded that the horror of Calvary is not the end of our story.

The mystery of the Resurrection breaks into our confusion with a bright and radiating change for the better. Nothing can ever be the same again. Men and women can never remain exactly the same. The truth and brightness of the Resurrection shattering our prison bars is not a distant theory, but our real, Christian experience of a life of faith in the Risen Lord. Our co-operation with God's guiding hand over time gradually changes the way we act, and how we read the signs of the times within and around us. After tragedy, God re-creates. Wounds remain, but with eyes of faith focussed in hope on God's promises, we may see the vitality of his new creation. We have received the gift of new life through, with, and in Jesus Christ for a particular purpose: to enable us to see his guiding hand in our lives, that no wound is wasted, and that always and everywhere, we may give thanks to him, as we sing, Alleluia!

- Rt Rev Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading – Acts 4:32-35

This reading is about the earliest Christian community. It stresses the unity of the community, and the mutual caring to ensure that no one is in want. This care of those in need, and particularly in financial matters, remains a strong challenge to us today. The care for the needy remains a strong emphasis throughout the Bible, from the earliest part of the Law-codes of Israel till the Letter of James and beyond. As man and woman are made in the image of God, we are to care for one another and for those in need as God cares for us; this is part of the human obligation to foster life and to care for creation.

The gospel of Luke especially stresses the dangers of wealth and the need to use wealth responsibly and generously. This is followed through in the Acts of the Apostles as part of being 'one in heart and mind'. The other feature of their life together is the bold proclamation of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The storyline of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends, as it began with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, showing the purpose and angle of the whole, to show that Jesus is God. It complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows a God who is also man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike.

It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.

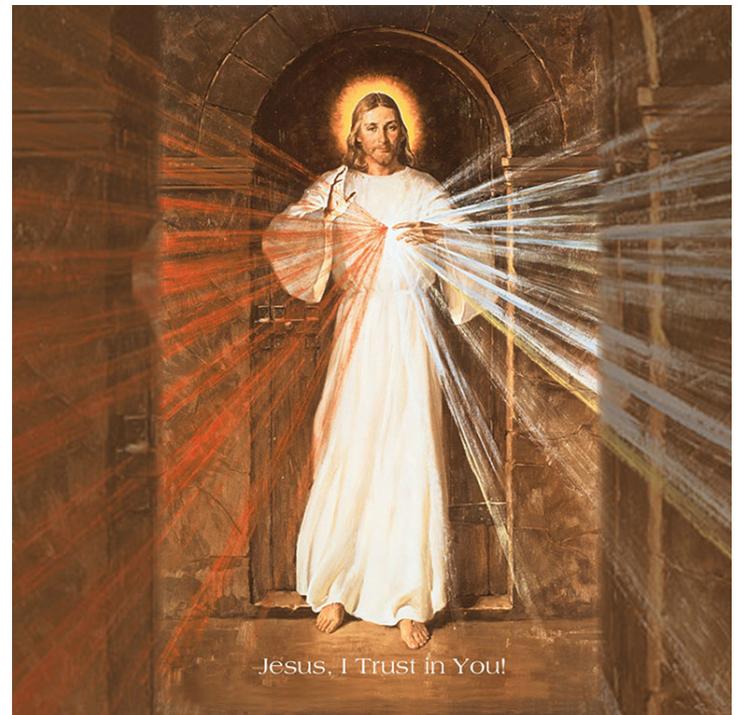
DIVINE MERCY – PLENARY INDULGENCE

The devotions will be held in St. Luke's at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence apply: sacramental confession (according to previously issued norms, within about 20 days before or after); Eucharistic communion (according to previously issued norms, preferably on the day, or the days before or after); prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff (certain prayers are not specified)

The specific conditions for this Indulgence On 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, 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!")

*From all My wounds like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy
(Diary, 1190)*

-From the diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska



DIVINE MERCY

An excerpt from the sermon given by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000

It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings.

Christ has taught us that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practise mercy towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

*It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness.
All this is mercy!*

FINANCES

Many thanks for your generosity and support through the current circumstances. For standing orders and one-off donations: St. Luke's Catholic Parish - NatWest Bank, Cathedral Square, Peterborough. PE1 1XH. Sort Code: 54-21-38 Acc. Number: 97302198.

MANY THANKS

For your generous Easter Offerings, cards, prayers and good wishes. God bless!

MORE THANKS

To all who have helped in any way to help make our Holy Week & Easter Celebrations so special and our church so beautiful!

ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY & ACTIVITY

Go to www.rpbooks.co.uk/ and look for 'Celebrate' under free resources.

ALTAR SERVERS

It is great to welcome back our altar servers at all Masses, albeit with numbers limited and careful guidance to follow. Please contact Fr Jude to arrange training and to join the rota. New servers are welcome! No age limit!

REPOSITORY RESTOCKED

Our little church shop has been refilled with a great range of inexpensive gifts, rosaries, crucifixes, candles, statues, holy pictures, cards & more. Any profits made go towards St. Luke's funds. One person/bubble at a time & please sanitise hands before & after visiting.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS

All things remaining equal Baptisms may be celebrated with 6 present from 12th April, 30 present from 17th May, or God willing with no restrictions from 21st June. Marriages with 15 present from 12th April, 30 from 17th May & no restrictions from 21st June. Similar guidance applies to other celebrations and events. Please get in touch now to make tentative arrangements. Funerals will be limited to 30 people until restrictions are hopefully lifted on 21st June. During June the government will review the pandemic situation and review this guidance accordingly, along with that concerning social distancing and face-coverings.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES

Delivered to your home, post free, see: www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722. Special offer 3 months: £25; 12 months £99; 12 months digital copy: £55

PROTECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH & FAITH

It will be of no surprise to many that freedom of speech and faith is coming under threat in an increasingly illiberal society where faith based views are especially attacked and less tolerated. See the 'Alliance Defending Freedom' here: www.protectfreespeech.uk

PETERBOROUGH CITY HOSPITAL

For end-of-life care and Last Rites, please call **07934 796221**

IGNITE FESTIVAL ONLINE

All young people aged 13+ are invited to the Ignite Festival Online with members of the Ignite Team for music, inspiring talks, workshops and prayer. Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May 7:00-8:30pm. For more information visit www.ignitefestival.co.uk"

COMING TO MASS

Thank you for complying with the regulations for public worship. Please remember that without our amazing stewards to guide us and clean up after us, we cannot open for Mass. As with most things, as time goes by we can get a little lax or forgetful, so please remember and keep the following guidance:

PLEASE DO: Book places for Sunday Mass; Arrive about 10 minutes before Mass begins; Wear a face mask properly covering both mouth and nose; Maintain social distancing at all times (1m/3feet masked); Use hand sanitiser when you enter and when you leave; Follow the directions of our volunteer Stewards; Receive Holy Communion on your hand & standing 1m from minister; Take everything home with you; Place your offerings in the basket provided.

PLEASE DO NOT: Mix with others before or after Mass inside or outside church; Come late to Mass; Come to church if you are feeling unwell, or vulnerable to serious illness; Move around the church unless guided by stewards; Touch statues, door handles, or pick anything up.

These things are all very important if the church is going to remain open. Thank you for your help.

GIFTAID DECLARATIONS

We need everyone who has a standing order to the parish bank account or who have made donations through the bank and who pay tax to fill in a new Gift Aid form, even if you have done it before. This is a big help to us as a charity, but costs you nothing. We will be claiming in May so don't delay! Many thanks for your help and generosity.

NEWSLETTERS FOR THOSE AT HOME

Every couple of weeks we are now posting newsletters and other interesting items to those at home who we think might appreciate them. We have limited records, so if you know of someone who might appreciate this, please let us know.

PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK

The Foodbank is currently short of the following items: Tinned Meat/Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Toilet Rolls and Men's Toiletries. Please place gifts in the box in the porch & thank you for your support.

CONFESSIONS

Please send an email to the clergy if you would like to book for confession. Thank you.

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, I look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick.

Do not abandon them in the moment of trial but deliver them from all evil.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

THE NEXT BISHOP OF EAST ANGLIA

Our Bishop, Alan, has informed us that the process has begun to select a new Bishop of East Anglia. He asks each of us to pray:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

Saint Felix. pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, pray for us.

THE 3 O'CLOCK PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world. (3 times)

Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in You!



Saturday 10th April: EASTER SATURDAY

6pm – Vigil Mass, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

(pre-booked with congregation) - **Robert Gibson+**

SUNDAY 11th April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Pro Populo**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

Savino Martin Maramag+

12:00nn – Mass (booking required)

Patrick O'Mahoney and Family

3pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
Divine Mercy Devotion (Live-streamed)

Monday 12th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Patricia Blackwood (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday 13th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Catherine Knight (F)

Wednesday 14th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Maury Family

Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 15th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Margaret Mooney

Friday 16th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Ashley Bussoopun

*Followed by Adoration and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 17th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Holy Rosary

6pm – Vigil Mass, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(pre-booked with congregation) - **Robert Gibson+**

SUNDAY 18th April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Julian Bussoopun**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

Ann Creaney+

12:00nn – Mass (booking required) **HRH Prince Philip+**

