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### EASTER 2

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Ray Moore Simon & Fiona Silver wedding
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Thanksgiving for Sr. Vivian & family
Monday St. Catherine of Sienna		9.30 am	Margaret Murphy
Tuesday Solemnity of St. George	10.00 am		Anne Collins
Wednesday (school) with May procession		9.30 am	Francis Charnock Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday			No Mass
Friday St. Philip & St. James Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Poor sinners Eucharistic Service

### EASTER 3

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday English Martyrs	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Angela Domain People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Thanksgiving (Shirleyni)

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh, Joe Thewlis, Michael Brennan, Mary Seery, Alex McClure.

We shall have our April **Fiver a month** this Sunday

This week there are one Solemnity and three Feasts! Try to get to Mass on as many of them as possible.

**THE NEXT FIRST FRIDAY OF FAITH is this week** at 7.30 pm in the undercroft. We have been praying that we may become a missionary parish. We shall watch a Bishop Barron talk in which he makes various suggestions and then have a discussion and a time of prayer.

**THE MARCH FOR LIFE** this year is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in London. Coaches will be going from Birmingham and we need to be booking our places on them asap. It is a wonderful day on which we are able to stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands of others proclaiming the LIFE is from conception. Please put your name and email address on list at the back of the church if you think you might like to take part and we shall email details when we have them. See [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** also on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Would anyone, especially servers like to go on this pilgrimage? Coaches going from Birmingham. Need to book soon. See Francis Prom or Fr. Stephen if interested.

We need people who could run the **Children's Liturgy**. Please see Fr. Stephen or Sheila McKernan if you think you could help.

**BRIGHTLIGHTS** for people aged 16-30 is 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June at Alton Castle. It will be giving something of the experience of World Youth Day, but nearer home. Go to [wydathome.weebly.com](http://wydathome.weebly.com) for further information or to book or contact Sr. Catherine.

**THE BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT** in Witton Road are running a men's programme:

Weekly activities:

Monday: Men's DIY discussion group 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Monday: Men's Tai Chi 2pm – 3pm

Tuesday: Men's Boxercise 11am – 12pm

Tuesday: Men's Meet up 1.30pm – 3pm

Wednesday: Men's Social running 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thursday: Men's Chess and dominoes 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Friday: Men's walking club 10am – 11.30am

**THE BRIDGETTINE SISTERS PRESENT** the singing Friar (Fr. Francis Maple) at the Maryvale Institute on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. Tickets £7 on the door.

**PARISH CENSUS** Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form last week, I hope you have remembered to bring it back. If you didn't get one, please make sure you take one. This is important. Thanks.

**ENGLISH PRAYER TIME** You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

**DAILY EXPOSITION** There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

**THE KINGDOM WARRIORS** meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This is a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

**CLICK TO PRAY** is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray. Also get **Catholic Mega App** It is a gateway to lots of Catholic resources on the internet. Have you signed up to **Churchpop.com** yet? Short easily accessible articles about Catholic things, some more of a fun nature, some very serious.

**HAPPY EASTER** to our Eritrean Orthodox friends who are celebration Easter Day this Sunday.

**First reading**

**Acts 5:12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

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

*or*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

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

*or*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

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

*or*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

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

*or*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## Second reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn20:29

*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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.