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Week commencing 14th April 2024 - EASTER WEEK III, Year B

Sat 13 th	St Martin 2 Vigil Masses	9.30am 5.00pm 6:30pm	Mullins family Parishioners Chrissie O'Meara RIP
Sun 14 th	Third Sunday of Easter <u>we are blocked by MCR Marathon</u>	8.30am 6.00pm	James and Elizabeth Beswick RIP SPUC White Flower Appeal
Mon 15 th	Ferial	9.30am	Peter Lambert RIP Angela Duffy RIP (<i>Fr. Tomasz in private</i>)
Tues 16 th	Ferial	7.00pm	Sarah Jagota For Chan family (Kam, Siu and Tin)
Wed 17 th	Ferial	9.30am <i>After Mass</i> 12.30am 7.00pm	John & Diana Hamilton - Golden wedding anniv. <i>Mothers in prayer</i> Requiem Mass for Veronica Boothman <i>Holy Hour & Rosary</i>
Thurs 18 th	Ferial	9.30am	Kitty Dwyer: <i>post-operation recovery</i>
Friday 19 th	Ferial	11.00am 12.00 noon	<i>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament</i> Christine Sheeran
Sat 20 th	Ferial Vigil Mass	9.30am 6:30pm	In gratitude for nursing career on the way to retirement Nikki Winnard RIP
<i>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION on Saturday 11.00am – 12.00noon and 5.15pm – 6pm</i>			
Sun 21 st	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.30am 10.30am	'In memory of the patients I supported' Amer Sholji, Istefan Matloub, Khairiyia Naoom, Mona Istefan

Fr. Tomasz writes: In our Gospel passage today, we hear of the moment when the disciples were gathered in Jerusalem on the day of the Lord's Resurrection witnessed the Risen Lord in person as He appeared to all of them. It was at that time that the Risen Lord reassured them that He has indeed truly risen from the dead and was not merely a spirit or ghost. He showed them His Body and wounds and that He was risen from the dead, Body and Soul. The disciple's reaction to this appearance was a mixture of joy and doubt. However, more was required for them to accept the truth of the resurrection. To convince them, Jesus "opened their minds" to understand the Scripture and to comprehend the purpose God had in allowing his Son and Messiah to die on the cross. So, it was not only the physical experience of Jesus' presence, but the insightful understanding of the Scripture that enabled the disciples to become true witnesses. All these clearly demonstrate how the Scripture serves as the key to unlock God's mysteries and to understand God's ways. The Scripture allows for the correct understanding of Jesus' mission and the purpose of his death. It directs the Christian life, steering it away from any temptation, sin and towards repentance. Through His word, recorded in the Scripture, Jesus fulfils His role as the advocate who walks with His believers as a guide, and who helps them in their journey towards God. And, as the Gospel passage stated, the right understanding of Scripture enables even doubting and frightened individuals to become courageous witnesses and heralds of salvation which God offers through Jesus Christ to all humanity.

Brothers and Sisters, each and every one of us have been given diverse gifts and blessings, abilities and opportunities that are unique to the areas that God has entrusted to us to. Let us all be ever courageous and committed to in serving the Lord in all things and in the best way we can do, so that like the Apostles and disciples of the Lord before us, we may also be inspirational and dedicated in our lives, in our actions to reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters, proclaiming to all of how God works for us every day, so that more may come to believe in our Lord and Saviour, and come to seek the Lord and to be reconciled with Him through sacraments of baptism, confession or reception into the full communion of our Catholic Church. A testimony of our faith given to others through the way we live, speak, work, rest, serve and pray has the power to change anything and anybody. This world is wild and dangerous not because of bad people and their intentions, it is dangerous because good people,

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God's people do nothing! May the Risen Lord continue to bless us all in all of our good efforts and endeavours, and may He continue to guide us through our journey in life, now and forevermore. Amen.

HOLY HOUR FOR EASTER: *Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!* (1 Corinthians 15:20). You are invited to a Holy Hour for Easter. A time of prayer with worship music and Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament at **Christ Church**, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on **Sunday 14 April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm** followed by refreshments in the hall.

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY: Last year the Neocatechumenal Way Community introduced to our parish renewal of faith based on the Second Vatican Council reform. We went through several catechesis with hope to start 'the Way' within our parish. The response wasn't great, but we never give up. So, we would like to start again this year with initial catechesis and be open for a gust of the Holy Spirit among us. We have invited the catechists of 'the Way' to our parish on Sunday 21st April to speak to us at all the Masses. Over the next 2 months, twice a week (every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm) they will share their own personal experience of God in their lives. So let's give God a chance to speak to us through our guests. Everyone is welcome!

WELCOMING MASS OF CHINESE BROTHERS & SISTERS: We would like to welcome the Chinese Catholic Community in Greater Manchester through 'Welcoming Mass'. This bilingual Mass will take place in our **St Hugh & St John's Church on Sunday 28th April at 2:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to become part of this international God's family, however if you are **newly baptised** or **received this year into the full communion with the Catholic Church** and due to come to this Mass, **please fill the simple booking form available in the porch**. Also, if you can help to organize this Mass, please contact Fr. Tomasz.

RACE NIGHT IN ST HUGH'S: We invite you to come and enjoy a 'Horse Racing Night' on **Saturday 27th April**. **Venue:** Parish hall; **Time:** after 6.30pm Mass. We have had good sponsorship response from several small businesses from our area and already invited a professional MC for this night. Martin (our MC) who has got huge experience in entertaining people said: ***Fantastic fun guaranteed! I never fail!*** If you want to join in please send an email to Rob for more details - rfmcdonald@icloud.com; There is still an opportunity for sponsorship and to advertise your own business.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Last Tuesday Fr. Tomasz held an information evening about Pilgrimage to Fatima, Porto, Lisbon (Portugal), Coimbra, and Santiago de Compostela (Spain). It will take place from **21 to 28 October 2024**. The price is **€1305** (about **£1115**). In the porch you can pick up a leaflet with outline of the pilgrimage and booking form. For more details please speak to Fr. Tomasz.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The closing date for young people aged 16 plus has been extended to 1st May. Flyers giving details with information are available in Church. It is a wonderful experience and as a Parish we are pledging financial support to young people from the Parish offering their service to pilgrims with additional needs. Booking forms for the Pilgrimage in July are available from www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk.

CHURCH'S LOOP SYSTEM: The loop system has been repaired. Please let us know if there are any problems.

CAP TALK: On Tuesday 23rd April, 6.30pm in Holy Angels Parish Hall. A speaker from CAP (Christians Against Poverty) is visiting to talk about the impact of poverty and how, as Christians, we can respond with hope, love and faith. All welcome.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC): is making its annual appeal after all Masses this Sunday. Anything you can spare to help them carry on their work of saving the lives of unborn babies would be so appreciated.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Saturday/Sunday (20th/21st April) after all Masses we will have a monthly collection for charity which is our parish. Recently we exchanged microphones on the altar and pulpit, and we have been advised to think about a new sound system as the current one is very old and can fail unexpectedly at anytime. The price for a new, decent sound system suitable for our church is about **£6500** which we can't afford at the moment. Let us start collecting this amount through our monthly collections beginning next weekend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Hugh F., John R., Bernadette B., Sr. Margaret and Sr. Isabel, Poppy S., Amanda B., William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Matthew, Anna M., Sam H., Gary C., Angie O., Niall O'H., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Gerry B., Hannah H., Denis C., Kitty D., Seema M., and Lisa C.

RECENT DEATHS: Joe Holleran (funeral on 17 April at St Vincent's at 12.15pm), Veronica Boothman.

OFFERINGS: last week totalled **£602.58** (plus standing orders). We collected **£445.62** for CAFOD. We received generous **£50** for the livestream services. **Thank you for your wonderful support!**