

# The Catholic Parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley

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## Week commencing 7th April 2024 - EASTER WEEK II, Year B

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday of the Easter Octave	9.45am 10.00am 6:30pm	Novena Prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet Denis Robson RIP Anne & Patrick Mooney RIP
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY FEAST</b>	8.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 3.30pm	The Banville Family Elizabeth Halliday 70 <sup>th</sup> B'day <i>Reconciliation followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <b>Mass of the Feast</b> (int. Parishioners)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	9.30am	Kitty Dwyer - recovery from operation
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Eastertide	7.00pm	Neil Riley RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Eastertide	9.30am After Mass 7.00pm	Sam - for successful operation <i>Mothers in prayer</i> <i>Holy Hour &amp; Rosary</i>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Stanislaus	9.30am 7.00pm	Lilian Marquis RIP <i>Youth group (in parish hall)</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Eastertide	11.00am 12.00 noon	Exposition of the Holy Sacrament Geoff Cornes RIP
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin <b>2 Vigil Masses</b>	9.30am 5.00pm 6:30pm	Mullins family Parishioners Chrissie O'Meara RIP
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION on Saturday 11.00 – 12.00</b>			
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <u><i>we are blocked by MCR Marathon</i></u>	8.30am 6.00pm	James and Elizabeth Beswick RIP SPUC White Flower Appeal

**Fr. Pat writes:** Today is known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday - Feast of Mercy'. It is celebrated throughout the Catholic world on the Second Sunday of Easter since the canonisation of St. Faustyna Kowalska, 30th April 2000, a Polish nun who died in 1938 about a year before the outbreak of World War II. In the words of St. John Paul II: *mercy is love's second name*. It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. Pope Francis gives that lovely analogy of a father picking up a child learning to walk when it falls down after taking a few steps. The hand that picks us up to put us back on our feet again is Mercy. God never tires of picking us up when we fall down.

It's our privilege to host the Divine Mercy celebrations this year for the 3 parishes comprising our Local Missionary Area: St. Vincent's, Holy Angels and ourselves. An occasion such as this is deserving of your presence in offering hospitality and witnessing to a world so in need of God's mercy and love. You will find details of the afternoon's programme in the newsletter.

The image of the Divine Mercy is what Jesus told St. Faustyna to paint as He looked when He appeared to her. You can see from the picture in our Church Jesus's right hand is raised in blessing, also He is taking a step towards us. Two rays of light issue from his heart: a red ray and a pale ray, representing the blood and water that gushed forth from His pierced side as He hung from the Cross. At the bottom of the image, Jesus wanted a prayer to be written: *Jesus, I trust in You*.

You will find copies of the Novena and chaplet prayers in the Church. You are encouraged to pray it should you not be accustomed to. Personally, I started praying it daily some years ago. I find these words in the conclusion prayer very reassuring: *in difficult moments not to become despondent or to lose hope*.

**CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY:** Today our church will be open from 1.30pm with Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm followed by the Holy Mass celebrated at 3.30pm. After Mass everyone is welcome for refreshments and film (*Johnny*) in the parish hall. **For more information, please check poster in the porch.**

**MANCHESTER MARATHON:** Please note that times for Masses next Saturday and Sunday are changed as we will be blocked by Manchester Marathon. We have 2 Vigil Masses on Saturday, and on Sunday there are morning and evening Masses. **There is no 10.30am Mass.**

**WELCOMING MASS OF CHINESE BROTHERS & SISTERS:** We would like to welcome the Chinese Catholic Community in Greater Manchester. Over the last 2 years many new Chinese families have started their lives in the Manchester area (especially Salford, Sale, Altrincham and Timperley). We invite you to pray together at a bilingual Mass with the Cantonese speaking Brothers and Sisters who became Catholics. Our parish has the privilege and honour to hold this 'Welcoming Mass' on Sunday 28th April at 2:30pm. The main celebrant will be Bishop Mark. We are looking for **English/Cantonese speaking volunteers** to help us organise this Mass and refreshments afterwards. If you can help, please contact Fr. Tomasz.

**YOUTH GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th April in the Parish Hall 7.00pm – 8.30pm. All young people in the parish in **Years 7 – Year 11 are very welcome.**

**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. How can you join in? Well, you can Sponsor a Race - £10; You can become a horse owner - £2.50; You can be the jockey - £2.50; You can come on the night, bet on the Tote and be a winner. Stake - £1. Win on the Tote. We will be available after the weekend Masses for you to sign up. A very good opportunity to have fun and raise money for Parish Funds. **There is also an opportunity to advertise your own business through sponsorship.** Please contact Fr. Tomasz or Rob: [rfmcdonald@icloud.com](mailto:rfmcdonald@icloud.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** Pilgrimage to Fatima, Porto, Lisbon (Portugal), Coimbra, and Santiago de Compostela (Spain) will take place from **21 to 28 October 2024**. The price is **€1305** (about **£1115**). Come for an **information evening on Tuesday, 9th April at St. Hugh's church 7.45pm after Mass (WA14 5HL).**

**VACANCY FOR LAY CHAPLAIN:** Loreto Grammar School has a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain working full time. For further information please visit Vacancies at [www.loretogrammar.co.uk](http://www.loretogrammar.co.uk) **Closing date for applications is Tuesday 9th April.**

**LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTER:** Let us return to the old and good tradition in our parish when we printed several copies of our newsletter in large print to help those of us who have vision difficulties. This tradition disappeared during COVID, but it was a very good initiative and from today we want to return to it. If you need a large printed newsletter - grab one from the porch of our church or ask the welcoming volunteers.

**PROBLEM WITH CHURCH'S LOOP SYSTEM:** We are having a temporary problem with the loop system in our church. We know this may be inconvenient, but we are waiting for the engineer and ask you to be patient.

**WORDS OF GRATITUDE:** Dear Brothers & Sisters, Fathers: Tomasz, Pat and John, want to express their heartfelt gratitude for all your help in organising the special Holy-Three-Days (Triduum Sacrum), which led us to the Easter Celebration. The list of helpers and volunteers is so long and many of you do not want to be mentioned by name. Well done, you did very well and your dedication means everything to us! **PS:** We also take this opportunity to THANK YOU, for all the Easter cards, donations, and gifts we have received because of your generosity and love. All we can say is – You are the Best Parishioners ever! **With love and prayers – Fathers. Tomasz, Pat and John.**

**CAFOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** This weekend, after all Masses, we are holding a collection for CAFOD. Please gift aid if possible, using the envelopes provided or the cash machine-by selecting 'CAFOD'. Thank you for your continued generous support.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC):** will be making its annual appeal on 13th/14th April. Anything you can spare to help them carry on their work of saving the lives of unborn babies would be so appreciated.

**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, Chloe L., Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Matthew, Anna M., Sam H., Gary C., Angie O., Niall O'H., Anna and Jozef M., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Gerry Brennan, Hannah H., Denis C., Veronica B, Kitty D., Seema M., and Lisa C.

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

**OFFERINGS:** last week totalled **£1,141.88** (plus standing orders). We collected **£365.89** for the Holy Land collection. We received generous **£75** for the livestream services. **Thank you for your wonderful support!**