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### **Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B) – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 4:32-35

Psalm – Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel – John 20:19-31

Today on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter the Church celebrates the Divine Mercy. We have been praying the novena in preparation for this great day and I will be entrusting the whole parish to the Divine Mercy today, and hope that you are able to join the friars online this Sunday at 3pm or at least in spirit. “Doubt no longer but believe” says Jesus to Thomas in today’s Gospel. Our Lord assures us through St. Faustina, the great apostle of the Divine Mercy, that He is ready to give us many blessings and graces, ready to forgive all our sins and take their burden away. The only thing that prevents Him is our lack of trust and confidence in Him.

Throughout the Church’s history God sends us messengers to draw us closer to Himself, to help us understand certain of His truths more clearly. In these last times, the Lord is revealing to us His Divine Mercy. The key aspect of the devotion is not just the veneration of the image, or the praying of the chaplet, but ensuring that we become merciful ourselves and show to others the God of mercy. Our first reading presents us with such image of mercy in action when the community shares their riches with the apostles who ensure that the poorer among them are looked after. Mercy has to be practical, and if nothing else, we can always pray for others and their intentions which will go a long way to opening our hearts to the needs of others.

Part of our journey in becoming more merciful is showing mercy to ourselves for our past sins. God is ready and waiting to forgive, but so often we hold ourselves in prison by not showing mercy to ourselves. Mercy is a free gift remember, we cannot earn it. It is not given when we become better, it is given so that we can become free and grow in holiness. We often pray for others, but maybe today we can spend some time praying for ourselves. Let us present to the Lord what we find difficult to accept within our past and ask His mercy to heal us. It may be that today is just a first step in a long journey, but it is worthwhile to make it. We can rejoice today that God loves us so much and chooses not to call to mind our sins – let us practice doing the same in relation to ourselves and others.

### **Our faithful departed**

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Corcoran. Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### **YouChat Quiz Night**

Following a successful evening during Lent for our younger parishioners we will be holding another quiz night this coming Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm via Zoom. Details of how to join will be sent out via email. If you would like your child to participate please get in touch with me at the parish office.

### **Café Programme – Joy of Hope**



**Don't miss: 'The Joy of Hope'**. This informal video-based discussion programme will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings via Zoom (**Starting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 7.30pm.**). Each session features a short video followed by discussion in small groups and closes with a prayer. The sessions explore the virtue of Christian hope and what it means for us today. Sessions start at 7.30pm and each runs for just over an hour, finishing around 8.30pm. You are very welcome to attend any session.

**To receive further information please e-mail John Kirwan**

**[johnkirwan1a@gmail.com](mailto:johnkirwan1a@gmail.com)**

**Zoom Link: Meeting ID 828 0652 7052 Passcode 744625**

### **Headteacher vacancy**

The governing body of St Aloysius Primary School would like to appoint a new headteacher to lead our parish's thriving school. The candidate should be a practising and committed Catholic who has proven leadership skills within primary education. We wish to appoint an inspiring individual who will lead our school to greater academic excellence, develop our thriving Catholic ethos and help all our pupils and staff grow in the virtues as we live out our school motto, '*Be ambitious for the higher gifts*'. More information and an application pack is available from the school office:

[office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk), on 01865311056 or at [bdes.org.uk/vacancies](http://bdes.org.uk/vacancies). If you know of any Catholic primary teacher who aspires to leadership, please share this advertisement with them!

**Parish donations** – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

### **Diocesan Newsletter**

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

### **Important information for EU Citizens**

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

[https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus\\_4%20Aug%202020.pdf](https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf)

**NB** The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

### **Mass Times and Intentions**

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)**

9.00am

In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.00am

Br. Lucjan's Parents

5.30pm

Parishioners

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Terrance Windsor R.I.P.

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Br. Charles' Intentions

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Lucia Gomes R.I.P.

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Pam Hookey R.I.P.

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00am

Lucia Gomes R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.