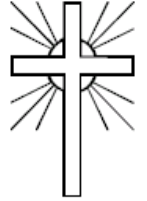


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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

### **Today is Divine Mercy Sunday**

What are we asking for when we ask for God's mercy? Because we use the word during the penitential rite in our Eucharist, we often think of the plea for mercy as a petition for forgiveness, but that's not at all what the Scriptures tell us. Mercy is an action, not an emotion.

If we look to St Luke's human examples, we first see mercy was what the Samaritan did as he risked his life and put his goods at the service of a person in need.

In the father and son story, the father practiced mercy by embracing his son and throwing a party for him.

Mercy is thus a concrete and generous response to another's need.

*This leads us to ask what our recent readings tell us about divine mercy.*

Whether in the garden cemetery or the locked room, Jesus' appearances were not just revelations of the resurrection; they aimed at transforming disciples into apostles.

Jesus expressed his active mercy by breathing into them the Holy Spirit, the vital principle of his own life.

Jesus mentioned nothing of their failure to stand with him, rather, like the father who restored his wayward son as an heir, Jesus gave them his mission: specifically, a mission of forgiveness.

This tells us not only about mercy, but also about forgiveness. Jesus never focused on sin.

For Jesus, acts of mercy restored people, empowering them to live the fullness of their potential. In the long run, that asks much more of people than simply being sorry for sin.

Where does this leave us on Divine Mercy Sunday? Peter seems to summarize it as he tells us, "Rejoice in the God who gives you new birth to living hope."

Pope Francis tells us to abandon fear of mistakes, but instead to fear "remaining shut up within structures ... rules ... habits ... while at our door people are starving" (*Evangeli Gaudium*, 49).

*On this Divine Mercy Sunday, can we be bold enough to ask for and act out divine mercy?*

### **Fr Martin writes,**

This Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Muslims in the UK celebrate the feast of Eid, the joyful end of Ramadan. It's an opportunity for us to convey friendly greetings to our Muslim friends, family, neighbours, and workmates. A simple greeting, by phone or social media, emailed, or posted on a card is enough. The traditional greeting is 'Eid Mubarak', which translates as 'Blessed Eid'. 'Happy Eid' is also perfectly acceptable.

A simple gesture expressing good wishes on our part may go some small way (or even a long way, for someone) in building the peace that should exist among those who, though differing in creed, still believe alike in one God who is compassionate and merciful.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9). You can view the Vatican's message for Ramadan and Eid at: <https://tinyurl.com/vatican-eid>

### **High Peak Together Health and Wellbeing Event**

All High Peak residents are invited to 'spring' along to a free event in Buxton Pavilion Gardens on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, between 10am and 4pm, where they can find out more about what's on offer to them in the High Peak. Residents are invited to learn how to connect with groups, services and support whilst also finding out how to improve their health and wellbeing, and there will be a wide variety of health, wealth and wellbeing information for all ages and opportunities to take part in activities on the day.

The High Peak Together event is about also *recognising and celebrating the incredible resilience of our community during the pandemic and to now bring people together.* Refreshments will be available from our partner at Zink Café. We are High Peak Together – Come and meet us! More information at: [www.highpeaktogether.wordpress.com](http://www.highpeaktogether.wordpress.com)

### **Editor Liz Nash writes:**

I have been asked to thank all who contributed in any way to our Masses and Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Our celebrations were truly prayerful and inspirational.

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMS = St Mary's School)

**Parish Mass Book: This weekend's readings: p.256, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11**

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm,	Saturday within the Octave of Easter <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (All benefactors and family – Ukraine, Turkey and Syria (A&M))
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am, 11.15am,	<b>Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Thanksgiving for 62 years of happy marriage (C&BMc)) <i>Please pray for tonight's meeting of the Glossop Parishes' Events Committee</i>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)) <i>Please pray for today's Divine Renovation Training</i>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 11.00am,	Easter Feria <b>SMC Funeral Mass of Sean Gerard Coomber RIP</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 10.00am,	St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Burns, McLeish, Powner and Martinez families – Easter Blessing (BB))
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.00 – 10.30am, 6.00pm,	Easter Feria <b>SMC Confessions</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (Sean Gerard Coomber RIP (AF))
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9.15am, 11.15am, 2.45pm,	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Anthony and Howard Mellor, and Kevin Fallon, RIP (SM-F)) <b>SMC St George's Day Service</b>

**Dates for your Diary:**  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Joint Parish Summer Garden Party in All Saints church grounds. Put the date in your diary now and start planning your stall!! Further details and planning meetings to follow.

**Cycle of Prayer for Eastertide:** During Eastertide we pray for:  
 New Members of the Church; Human Work; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; and The Church.

**The GLOSSOP ROSARY:**  
 We will continue our Rosary devotion on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April with the Joyful Mysteries.

**A message from Bishop Patrick:** Our vision for the Diocese of Nottingham is to become a more outward-looking missionary Catholic community. We are currently reorganising our parish and deanery structures, and to ensure we are supported in mission-focused initiatives the Diocese has launched a Mission Enabling Programme. We must also develop a financial plan, one that is well informed and meets our needs. Therefore after Easter we are commencing a consultative phase, with professional support, to gather opinions from parishioners about our funding strategies. If you are asked please consider giving your views, through a one-to-one conversation or an at-Mass survey. Please also pray for our mission and for this journey of discernment, that we can share the love and message of Christ more widely. For Bishop Patrick's full message visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/consultation](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/consultation)

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**  
 Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.  
 Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell.