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Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

19th April 2020

Year A

Psalter Week 2

Divine Mercy

From the Canonisation homily of Pope St. John Paul II on April 30th 2000:

“Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: “My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,” Jesus will ask Sr. Faustina (Diary, 1074). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love’s “second name” (*cf. Dives in Misericordia, n. 7*), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

... Jesus told Sr. Faustina: “Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy” (*Diary, 300*). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

... It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings”.

Stay at home

Protect the
NHS

Save Lives

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

All services will be broadcast live via Facebook Live from the Oratory of Our Lady of Penrhys at Clergy House.

Sunday <i>2nd of Easter</i>	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:30pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday <i>St. Beuno</i>	09:30am	Mass: Edward Murphy, <i>RIP</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Tuesday <i>St. Anselm of Canterbury</i>	09:30am	Mass: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Wednesday		
Thursday <i>St. George</i>	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	6:00pm	Mass: Good Health of Dominic & Lillian Cunliffe
Friday	09:30am	Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Saturday <i>St. Mark</i>	09:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Sunday <i>Fourth of Lent</i>	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:30pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction

INFORMATION

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Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that **God loves us – all of us**. And, He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Come and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, broadcast from the Oratory of Our Lady of Penrhys at Clergy House.

Bring along your own images of the Divine Mercy, and I will bless them so that they can be enthroned in the heart of your homes.

The Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will include:

- the blessing of the image of the Divine Mercy
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet and Litany of Divine Mercy
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

I will make a booklet available on the Cathedral website and Facebook so that you can follow at home.

Global Rosary Rally

The Dominicans are arranging a global rosary rally to take place on Wednesday, 29th April 2020. The Dominicans have written:

*“On Wednesday 29 April 2020, let's gather in our communities and homes to pray the five Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, at **9:00pm** in your local time. Across the world, on the feast of St Catherine, all Dominicans and their friends shall unite in praying the Rosary against this pandemic: We pray for the sick; for the healthcare services; for the families of the sick; for those who suffer economically, socially, and psychologically; for protection and healing. After each decade, please pray the prayer given by Our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima: ‘O my Jesus...’*”

The Holy Rosary will be broadcast via Facebook Live, beginning at 9:00pm.

Vocations Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always designated as the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. This year, it falls on

Sunday, 3rd May 2020. In particular, we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life within our own Archdiocese. Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI said in a talk that “*where people pray, vocations blossom*”. On Vocations Sunday we pray particularly for Elliot and Dale, who are in formation for the Priesthood for the Archdiocese, and for those who are discerning their vocation.

On Vocation Sunday, we will have the opportunity to pray together for Vocations. There will be a special Holy Hour broadcast live for Vocations, **beginning at 3:00pm.**

The Holy Father’s message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations can be found by clicking the link here - http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html.

Finance Matters

During these difficult days we are all experiencing, I hope that many of you have benefitted from the Live Streaming of Mass from St. David’s Cathedral. We intend to continue this in order to keep the community of faith together in prayer and worship.

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have continued to support the Cathedral financially in these difficult days, not least through Standing Orders. Needless to say, like so many other charities and businesses, the Cathedral has suffered a major drop in

its income during this time of closure and social isolation. Nevertheless, high expenditure continues on maintenance, insurance, security and much else.

If you would like to continue supporting the Cathedral and its ministry in the future, please consider donating to its life and work in either of the following ways:

Firstly, by visiting the Cathedral's *Virgin Money Giving Page* at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CardiffCathedral>, where you will be able to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral.

Secondly, please consider establishing a regular Standing Order to the Cathedral. This can be set-up easily via your internet banking apps, or, alternatively, by completing the Standing Order form available on the Cathedral website (www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/finance). A Standing Order can be set up if you Gift Aid your donations via the offering envelopes. For Gift-aiders, please consider making this change to Standing Order.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Social Media

You can find us at these locations:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cardiffcathedral/>

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Please note that you can also view the live-streaming from the homepage of the Cathedral website.