



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022

Unfathomable Mercy

Jesus comes again to stand in our midst as he did with his disciples

Last Sunday, the church began to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord with a call to bear witness to what God has done in Christ. Today's readings also explore what it means to be a witness.

In Acts, Luke shows early followers giving testimony to Jesus by imitating him. Acting in the power of the Holy Spirit given through the risen Christ (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4), his disciples offer God's healing to those who suffer physical or spiritual illness.

The New Testament Greek word for "witness" is *martyr*. As early Christians encountered resistance and even persecution, the word took on new meaning: witness to Christ could cost imprisonment or even life itself. The author of Revelation writes from Patmos, a Roman penal colony where he is held captive because of his "testimony to Jesus" (1:2). Still, the triumphant Christ, crucified but raised by God, assures the imprisoned writer of his ever-living presence and aid.

In the Gospel, John explains how the risen Christ appears to his disciples, who are taking refuge behind locked doors. He sends them forth to proclaim the Good News despite their fear, assuring them that they will be supported in their witness. "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22).

In this resurrection account, Jesus fulfils a promise he made to his disciples at his final supper with them. After his death, Jesus assured them, the Paraclete would testify to Jesus and empower his followers to do the same (Jn 15:26-27). Only John names the Holy Spirit as *parakletos*, a legal term meaning "one called to the side of" another. Even fearful disciples can give testimony to Jesus' resurrection, for the Holy Spirit remains always at their side.



Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of the Divine Mercy
Sunday 24th April 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 24 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (C) (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)
Monday 25 th April	Saint Mark, Evangelist – Feast
Tuesday 26 th April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England – National Solemnity
Friday 29 th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church European Feast
Sunday 1 st May	Third Sunday of Easter (C) (St Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 24 th April	10.00 am	Mark Duffy – RIP (donor – Maria Harris) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	
Monday 25 th April	9.00 am	
Tuesday 26 th April	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 27 th April	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 28 th April	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 29 th April	9.00 am	
Saturday 30 th April	9.00 am	
Sunday 1 st May	10.00 am	Helen Ging For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

Parish Notice Board

Warm Welcome:

We wish to warmly welcome Fr Jean-Laurent Marie to our parish community for the supply ministry during the sabbatical leave of Fr Britto.

Comboni Missionaries

“We Comboni Missionaries have recently received from your Parish community a donation of £. 52.00.

We are indeed grateful: every donation means a lot for our missionary work.

We wish you personally and to your whole Parish community a true and joyful Easter experience.”

Gift Aid

Many thanks to those who are in the Gift Aid Scheme. For those parishioners who have continued to use the Gift Aid envelopes throughout the pandemic, new boxes of envelopes are at the back of the church for collection. Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to recommence using Gift Aid envelopes, if your numbered box is not there, please use one of the unnumbered boxes and put your Gift Aid number on the envelopes so that any future donation can be linked to your account.

For those in the Gift Aid Scheme who would like written confirmation of the total amount of donations they have made for the tax year ending 5 April 2022, to confirm that they will be paying a sufficient amount of tax for the Parish to reclaim or for their own tax return, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Gift Aid Declaration and Bank Mandate Forms will also be at the back of the church for those who would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme or would like to switch to online transfers.

Once again, thank you for joining the Gift Aid Scheme, which brings in extra revenue for the Parish at no extra cost to the donor.”

Parish Finance:

10.04.22 - Gift Aid: £97 Loose Plate: £152.30 Total: £249.30

Second collection (Holy Places) - Gift Aid: £103 Loose Plate: £41.50 Total: £144.50

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D’Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Tommy Higgins, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

The Acts of the Apostles

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on [‘The Acts of the Apostles’](#) and [‘Paul in Acts’](#), for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to ‘Acts in Easter’. Thank you.

Caritas Brentwood

“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from April 22nd to May 2nd, to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels. This is to raise awareness and money to help to settle an Afghan refugee family. If you would be interested in considering such a project, then please contact caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org. To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>”

The Passage

‘The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign ‘It takes more than a house to make a home’ focuses on the services we

provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

Praying The Hours

Three short videos are now available on www.whatgoodnews.org introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, scroll down on the home page and click on 'Praying the Hours'. Thank you for your interest.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14th May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

Deputy Headteacher

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is a popular, friendly school which primarily serves the Catholic communities of Billericay and Wickford. Each and every child is cherished and expected to achieve their very best. We deliver our mission statement by enabling our pupils and the wider community to love and learn, together with Jesus and develop a love of learning in the process. The Christus Catholic Trust and the Governors of St Peter's School invite applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to join our Trust and the leadership team at St Peter's to continue to build on our successes.

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