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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

(April 7, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon:	Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.
Response to the Psalm:	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Gospel Acclamation:	Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.
Communion Antiphon:	Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Violante Monteiro (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Nyla Britto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Epiphania Siqueira (Intentions) Idalina Menezes (Anniversary)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Sophia Silveira (Intentions) Rona Carvalho (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Deceased of 2 Marsland Road
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Filomena Albina Monteiro (RIP)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Sheldon and Jane Pereira (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (APRIL 14, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Francisco Xavier Pereira (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Reginald and Treza Britto (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Giuseppe Gugliotta (RIP)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

THANK YOU: With many thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church (and the garden) for Holy Week and Easter and for those who put up the marquees which took days of work. Many thanks.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Riella Gomes and Maverick Fernandes who have been baptised this weekend here in St Marys.

RESIGNATION OF BISHOP DECLAN AND APPOINTMENT OF CANON BOSCO

After 23 years as Bishop, Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Declan on health grounds. We hold Bishop Declan in prayer at this time.

Pope Francis has also appointed Canon Bosco McDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton, succeeding Bishop Declan. We offer our prayers and our congratulations to him, praying that God will watch over him as he prepares for ordination, and as he prepares to lead us, his diocesan community, ever closer towards the Lord.

FR MICHAEL: With many thanks for the very generous Easter offering.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for Anna Sammarco and Robert Gamble who has died recently.

Anna's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 17th April 10.30am.

Robert Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 18th April 11.30am.

Please also pray for their families.

CAFOD has written to thank us for the collection we made during the lent fast day, which came to £979.85. They have thanked the parishioners for their generosity and kindness.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to North Swindon Parish Council, who donated the marquee for use during the Holy Week. We also thank Councillor Ana Fernandes, and all those who have helped to transport and set it up.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

First reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

or

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading

John 5:1-6

A reading from the second letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.