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**11th April 2021**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 10 Apr	5.30 pm	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Sun 11 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Margaret Ellis RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	William & Isobel Gregory RIP and deceased of the family
	6.00 pm	St George's	Larry Kenny RIP
Mon 12 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Michael Drenic RIP
Tue 13 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP
Wed 14 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Phil Purcell for recovery from Covid
Thu 15 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Kathleen & Gregory Thornton RIP
Fri 16 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Marko Tominac RIP and Diana Dutton RIP
Sat 17 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's Intention, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	St George's	Nellie Lenihan RIP
Sun 18 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Ivanka Krajsek RIP, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Peter & Ellen Mullarkey RIP and the Deceased of the family
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish & priests

**CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.**



The Alpha Course, Helping people encounter Jesus. The Alpha Course is a highly successful way for people and parishes to help others encounter Jesus. The Diocese of Nottingham has partnered with the Alpha in a Catholic Context team to deliver training on how to run Alpha to empower you to help others encounter (or reencounter) Jesus. Please let Fr Alan or Karan know you would like to attend with a view for helping with RCIA in the Parish. Visit: [https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01\\_commission-adult-formation](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation) to register for the training dates on 13th & 20th April.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**



Today we hear how Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy

Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Thomas, the doubting disciple, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

As we prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to remember the meaning and historical significance of the day. Divine Mercy Sunday is the observance of the Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation. It is based on the vision of St Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



**BEING A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE:**

Following on from Bishop Patrick's recent Lenten Talks on



Discipleship, the Formation for Mission Team are offering two talks on Zoom in May on 'being a Missionary Disciple'. The first talk 'The Ascension & the Great Commission' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas on Thursday 13th May at 7pm.

This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live Jesus' final instructions to us. The second talk 'Pentecost & Mission' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary) on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our everyday lives. To register visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**GRAPEVINE**

The essential bulletin for missionary disciples. Whilst we can't all meet we are still the Church. For the latest edition detailing upcoming online events, please visit the Diocesan website - [dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk) and the bulletin can be found under the heading 'What's On'.

**Death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh  
1921 - 2021**

We were saddened to hear of the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on Friday. We offer our thoughts and prayers to HRH Queen Elizabeth and the Royal family. May he rest in peace.