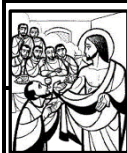




*St. Joseph's, Warndon &  
Holy Redeemer, Pershore*  
**Parish Newsletter - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Sat.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
	Vigil	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Private Intention
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Liz Stanyer. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Private Intention

**8<sup>th</sup> April - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Sheela Harding. R.I.P.
Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Jone Davenport. R.I.P.
Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Jessi Embling. R.I.P.
Thur. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Private Mass		
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration
	10:00 am		Michael & Manonmani. R.I.P.
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration
	6:15 pm		Aleyamma. R.I.P. By Jose Divine Mercy Chaplet

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (JUBILATE SUNDAY)**



13 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Sat.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our parishes.
	Vigil	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	D Michael Pillai. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Aleyamma. R.I.P. By Jose

<b>TODAY'S MASS (B)</b>		Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
Divine Mercy	259	7	11/12	74	24	56

**Confessions -Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's:** Confessions are being heard before Holy Mass on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound** on the First Friday of the month. Please contact Fr Amal or Deacon Kevin.

**A Prayer For Those Affected By Conflict:** God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in areas suffering conflict and war. Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.

God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action. Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair. **Amen**

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## PARISH NOTICES

### This Weekend We Celebrate the Feast of The Divine Mercy.

This is a public feast day formally established by St John Paul 11 in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known and to invoke God's mercy for sinners.



Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

For information on the Divine Mercy and to pray the Chaplet visit: [\*\*The Divine Mercy\*\*](#)

**Christ is Risen!** - My thanks to all who participated in the Easter Triduum and for your gifts, cards, and prayers. May the Risen Christ bless you all and your families – Rev. Fr. Amal.

**Holy Redeemer Garden “Tidy Up” THIS Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024** on or around 10.30am. Please, if you are able, come and help for an hour or so [**Weather Permitting**] to help tidy and prune the church borders. There is a lot to be done including some work in the school garden. Please bring your own tools.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** The new rota is now available. If you cannot manage the date allocated to you, please arrange for someone to cover, but make sure that you change the details on the sheet at the back of church.

**New Gift Aid envelopes** are available at the back of church. Please take your box. If you would like to donate this way please see Fr Amal.

**Missio Red Boxes:** If you, would like to have a red box to support Missio, please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 (Holy Redeemer) or Fr Amal (St Joseph's). There are some copies of the quarterly magazine at the back of church - please help yourself.

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**Criminal Justice Bill** : Please contact your MP to vote against Diana Johnson's (New Clause 1) Criminal Justice Bill. This inhuman bill will destroy a baby in the womb up to birth for any reason. We need floods of letters to stop this barbaric amendment. Contact Harriett Baldwin MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.

**Pershore Food Bank is short of the following items**: The food bank continues to look for donations of all types of non-perishable foodstuffs, especially basic canned goods. Please, if you're clearing out a food cupboard and find those tins and packets of food you know you'll never use, it's all very welcome at the food bank provided it is "in date". Thank you for your support.

**The Loop System**: If you have a hearing aid with a "T" button, you can access the church loop system by switching this on. The system is working. However please note that newer hearing aids, including new NHS hearing aids, do not have this facility. If you can't find a "T" button on your hearing aid then the loop function may not be available on it.

**Confirmation**: Some of our Holy Redeemer, Pershore children are going to be confirmed by our area bishop Rt. Rev. David Evans on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Baptism**: **Ethan Jayden** is to be Baptised on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and **Stefan Hortolomei** is to be baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at St Joseph, Warndon. We welcome them to our Parish Community. Please keep them in your prayers.



**Condolences**: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Ann Marie Devine** who passed away this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Newsletter Items**: To help the production of our newsletter can you please try to ensure that any items are sent to me by 5pm on the Thursday prior to publication? Thank you.

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### The Word this Week

Eastertide ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection, with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

### Spiritual Matters

In today's Gospel we hear how Thomas, who was absent when Jesus appeared to some of the disciples, refused to believe the Lord's resurrection. It is easy to understand Thomas's doubts, as it must have sounded too good to be true! The Lord had risen from the dead and forgiven His disciples, so, who could blame his disbelief? We all know the Easter story well, and we are full of the Holy Spirit, yet we too are sometimes guilty of doubting the Lord. Occasionally we also may feel that God's promises sound too wonderful to be believed, and we may question whether our sins are truly forgiven. Doubts like these can interfere with our relationship with Jesus, and sometimes, we need to take a breath and simply pray. So today let us ask the Lord to help us always seek Him, then let's humbly give our troubles to Jesus, and pray we will be faithful followers forever. **(Louise Bowen)**

### For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Mark Baker, Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter O'Shea, Lynda Horne, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, and Siobhan Stillwell.** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

**If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.**

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."* - **St. Pope John Paul II**

### Parish Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are **Rev. M Kevin Gowdy - 01905 731639, Mr. Sinoj Sebastian 07882 754832 & Ann Marie Wallbank 01684 294040.** She can also be contacted at: [Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*