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**28 APRIL 2019 ~ SECOND (LOW) SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**"Thomas replied, MY LORD AND MY GOD."**

**Times of Mass This Week**

<b>27 Apr. Saturday</b>	+ Peter & Dorothy van Heuven, req. niece, Dolores Don	<b>6:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>28 Apr. Sunday</b>	+ William J. Doherty, req. Bill	<b>8:00 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>28 Apr. Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>10:45 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>29 Apr. Monday</b>	<b>POSSIBLE MASS</b>	<b>9:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin, Doctor, Patroness of Europe (Feast)</b>
<b>30 Apr. Tuesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9:00 AM St. George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>
<b>1 May Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9:00 AM St. Joseph the Worker</b>
<b>2 May Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>XXXXX St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</b>
<b>3 May Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>XXXXX Ss. Philip &amp; James, Apostles, Martyrs (Feast)</b>
<b>4 May Saturday</b>	<b>NO MASS AT 9:00 AM</b>	<b>XXXXX The English Martyrs (Feast)</b>
<b>4 May Saturday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>6:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>5 May Sunday</b>	+ Elsie Palmer, req. Bill Doherty	<b>8:00 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>5 May Sunday</b>	FMA or Priest's Intention	<b>10:45 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>

Collections: 21 April, Easter Collection: £  
 [Does not include direct deposit donations]  
 Thank you very much!

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:** Marcella Duckworth, Veronica Pragnell, Ann Hamilton, Geoff Brown, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel, and the people of France as they suffer from the destruction of Notre Dame Cathedral and 10 other Catholic Churches, and Mass intentions this week.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY:** members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and Mass intentions this week.

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**Scripture discussion meets this Monday, 29 April 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Rye Social Club. Acts 5:27-41; Psalm 29; Revelation (Apocalypse) 5:11-14; John 21: 1-14. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet this week, Friday, 3 May at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or [teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com](mailto:teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com)**

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**PREPARING FOR PARISH CONSECRATION:**

**June:** Fr. Stephen Ortiger, OSB, who has said Mass here in the past, most recently during my holiday at the Hotel Conquest, will be here on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12 Noon** to speak to us about Benedictine devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Rev. Francis Kemsley, O. Carm.,** the prior at Aylesford Priory will be here on **Thursday, 11 July 2019** to speak to us about Carmelite devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Place and time to be determined.

**Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham/Consecration of England:** Our Lady of Walsingham Statue is making a tour of the dioceses and their cathedrals in England in preparation of the consecration of England to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She will be in our cathedral in Arundel from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to organize a trip to the cathedral on one of those days.

**14 Sept:** Fr. Matt recites a prayer for his personal consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 6:00 PM Mass.

**13-14 Oct:** Individual parishioners who want to consecrate themselves at Mass may do so at the Mass that they attend that weekend.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** We are organizing a parish trip to Walsingham as part of our preparation for parish consecration in December. Our dates are **8, 9, and 10 October**. One of our parishioners has generously offered to pay for a mini-bus for us so expenses for all of us are reduced. **PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH!**

**Parish Consecration:** On the weekend of **7-8<sup>th</sup> December** at all the Masses.

There are a few other events that I am planning for our consecration.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT LEAST ONE EXTRA PRAYER EACH DAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR PARISH CONSECRATION.**

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**HOLIDAY TIME IN THE USA:** I will be in America from 25 April until 18 May. I will be visiting family, friars and friends most of whom I have not seen since the Spring of 2016 or even since I arrived here in September 2015. Sunday Masses will be covered by other friars. There will probably not be very many weekday Masses, so check the newsletters and the web site. Perhaps there can be a car procession to Hastings.

While I am away the weekends will be covered by:

Fr. Giles Zakowicz, OFM Conv. on the weekend of 27-28 April;

Fr. Gerard Mary Toman, OFM Conv. on the weekend of 4-5 May and

Fr. Aidan Walsh, OFM Conv. on the weekend of 11-12 May.

They have all been here before (Fr. Aidan for 8 years!) so they are somewhat familiar to you and you to them.

Fr. Gerard Mary will be here until 7 May so he will have a weekday Mass on Monday, 6 May and Tuesday, 7 May.

Fr. Aidan will arrive here sometime on Tuesday, 7 May and stay until Monday, 20 May. This is his annual pilgrimage to St. Anthony of Padua Church. I think that he will have daily Mass while he is here. Check the newsletters and web site (<https://stanthonrye.com>) to see on which days Mass will be offered.

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**March for Life UK - Saturday 11 May 2019, London:** The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called LifeFest19 which takes place this year over two venues: Venue 1 is The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham St, Westminster, London, SW1P 3DW. Venue 2 is Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ. These will comprise of workshops, children's activities, education stalls, speakers and prayer. Because there is limited space at these venues and a lot of proliferators, you will need to book your place beforehand. It only costs £3 per adult (2 for £5), youth £1 (6-17yrs), children (under 6yrs) FREE. Your ticket will enable you to attend either venue on a first come first served basis. The March itself will run from 2pm - 4.30pm starting from the back entrance of Westminster Church House 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London

SW1P 3BN. It will end with Christian prayer and keynote speeches. For more information and to book your tickets for the morning events, please visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk).

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**Annual Justice & Peace Conference:** This year this will take place on 19—21 July 2019 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The theme is 'Forgotten People, Forgotten Places: Being Church on the Margins'. You can find more information on the [National Justice & Peace website](#).

**Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Chilworth Abbey from 1.45-4.30 pm on April 28th, 2019. In collaboration with St Joseph's Deanery, the relic of St Faustina will be venerated, the Image of the Divine Mercy blessed, followed by a procession through the grounds and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev Deacon J. Michael Phillips will preach on the Message of Divine Mercy from Saint Faustina. Please bring a friend who may be searching for God's mercy. [jas4430@aol.com](mailto:jas4430@aol.com)**

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**Our Lady, the First Witness**

It is not only a pious opinion that the Risen Savior first appeared to His Mother Mary on Easter Sunday. No less than six Doctors of the Church, including SS. Ambrose, Anselm and Albert the Great held that Our Lady was the first witness of the Resurrection. Pope Benedict XIV declared that this fact is "based on the tradition proclaimed by ancient architectural and liturgical monuments, starting from Jerusalem itself."

Therefore, it is not surprising that St. Ignatius of Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises simply assumes that Jesus "appeared in body and soul to His Blessed Mother" immediately after rising from the dead. In fact, Ignatius makes this Marian mystery the first of fourteen meditations on the risen life of Christ. It is also the key meditation which introduces the capstone of the Spiritual Exercises, the "Contemplation for Obtaining Divine Love." We are to learn from Mary that "love ought to be found in deeds rather than words," and that "love consists in mutual interchange on either side."

### **The Resurrection Fulfills the Annunciation**

Over the centuries, the Church's masters of the spiritual life have explained why Christ opened His forty days on earth after the Resurrection by appearing to His Mother. It is because the Resurrection was the fulfillment of the Annunciation.

- At the Annunciation, Mary submitted her will by faith to the word of God. At the Resurrection, her faith was rewarded by actually seeing and speaking with her glorified Son.

- At the Annunciation, Mary represented the human race still needing to be redeemed. At the Resurrection, she represented the human race already redeemed.

### **Mary's Motherhood**

- At the Annunciation, Mary became Mother of the Redeemer by giving Him the human nature with which He offered Himself on the cross. At the Resurrection, she received Him in her arms, after having received from Him on Calvary the Motherhood of the Church.

- At the Annunciation, Mary accepted her vocation to suffer with her Son in His mission of redeeming the world from sin. On Easter Sunday, she shared with Him in the joy of His glorious Resurrection.

### **Mediatrice**

- At the Annunciation, Mary became the link between Christ's humanity and our own. She provided Him with the body He needed to sacrifice to His Father for our salvation.

At the Resurrection, Mary completed this link by cooperating with Him as the mediatrix of the graces He began to dispense to a human family restored to merciful friendship with God.

Thus, in Jerusalem Mary's role in the Resurrection of Christ was the completion of her mission at the Annunciation in Nazareth. The Mother of Sorrows became the Cause of Our Joy twice over:

- Once because the joy she experienced on being reunited with her Risen Son is the promise of the joy we should experience on earth in knowing that we have done the will of God.

- Once again because the joy she experienced on Easter Sunday is the prelude to the perfect joy we shall experience on seeing Christ, in soul when He calls us into eternity, and in body and soul after the final resurrection on the last day.

But all of this depends on our faith. We will be blessed, provided like Mary we too have believed that the things promised us by the Lord will be fulfilled.

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**Mary, Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, send us the  
graces we need  
to become more like YOUR SON.**