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THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER 7th – 13th April 2024

SUNDAY	SECOND OF EASTER		
7 th Apr.	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass	(St. Patrick's)
	6pm	Holy Mass	
Monday	THE ANNUNCIATION	(transferred from 25 th March)	
8 th Apr.		<i>No public Mass</i>	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
9 th Apr.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Canon Raab, RIP</i>
Wednesday	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
10 th Apr.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Bridget Woods, RIP</i>
Thursday	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
11 th Apr.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Fanny Gorton, RIP</i>
Friday	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
12 th Apr.	8.30am	Holy Mass	(Hendred House Chapel)
	3pm-4pm	Adoration	(Hendred House Chapel)
Saturday	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
13 th Apr.	9am	Holy Mass	
	10-11am	Adoration & Confessions	
	5-6pm	Adoration & Confessions	

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY – PLENARY INDULGENCE

This Sunday, the first after Easter, is known as '*Dominica in Albis*', short for '*Domica in Albis Deponendis*', or 'the Sunday for putting off of white [garments]' being the Sunday when Catechumens, baptised at Easter, would cease to wear their white baptismal garments ('albs'). It is also known, from its Introit, as '*Quasimodo Sunday*'. It is also known as '**Low Sunday**', perhaps in contrast to the joys of Easter the week before.

Recently this Sunday has become known as the Sunday '**of Divine Mercy**', on account of the Gospel reading, which centres on the wound in Jesus' side, whence flowed Blood and Water for the forgiveness of the sins of the world, and Our Lord's gift to His disciples of the power to forgive sins ("If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained").

In order to encourage the faithful (that's us!) to be thankful for and to implore God's mercy, this day has been, as we used to say, 'enriched with an indulgence', in this case a Plenary Indulgence.

What's an Indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven," (Paul VI, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 1967, 1). Some things to note here:

1. Indulgences do not, and do not claim to, remit the guilt of sins. Only sorrow and repentance (and, for mortal sins in the ordinary way, Sacramental Confession) can do that;
2. The punishment remitted is not the eternal punishment due to our sins – again, only repentance can secure that. Rather the 'temporal' punishment remitted by an indulgence is the consequence of our sin for us in terms of suffering in this life – a debt which must be paid in Purgatory if left unpaid in this life. A 'Plenary' indulgence remits all such punishment; a 'Partial' indulgence only some.
3. An indulgence is an act of the Church, which is "before God": that is, by virtue of the 'power of the keys' entrusted to S. Peter and the Apostles, the Church's act is ratified by, and acceptable to, God. It is not just 'man's law': it is upheld in heaven.

“...which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under *certain prescribed conditions* through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.”

The prescribed conditions for *all* indulgences:

1. You must go to Confession & Communion within “several days” (either side) of the act which is ‘indulged’;
2. You must pray for the Intentions of the Pope (*not* for the Pope himself). You do not need to know what those intentions are to pray for them. One Our Father and one Hail Mary are enough;
3. You must, to gain a *Plenary* indulgence, be free from attachment to all sin (even venial). This means the *intention* to refrain from sinning in any way, even venially. If this condition is not met, the indulgence is partial instead.

What do I have to do for the Divine Mercy Indulgence?

On the Sunday after Easter Sunday, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in addition to the above, “take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (*e.g.* **Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!**).” Other prayers suffice, too!

When is my next chance to gain a Plenary Indulgence?

Good news! You can gain a Plenary Indulgence once (and only once) per day by:

- ❖ adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half an hour;
- ❖ devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures for at least one half an hour;
- ❖ the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross;
- ❖ the recitation of the Marian Rosary in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious Community or pious Association.

You can also gain a Plenary Indulgence at **Pentecost**, by reciting publicly the *Veni Creator*; and on **Corpus Christi**, by reciting the *Tantum Ergo*, responses and prayer. Finally, on the Feast of the **Sacred Heart**, by reciting a particular act of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

NOTICES

STANDING

- ✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting.
- ✠ **CONFESSION:** heard in S. Mary's on Saturdays, 10-11am, 5-6pm. Confessions can be heard at S. Patrick's after the Sunday Mass.
- ✠ Spend some time with the Lord in **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in S. Mary's on Saturdays 10-11am, 5-6pm, concluding with **BENEDICTION**.
- ✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are wanted for refreshments after Mass: a great way to get to know your brothers and sisters a bit better through a small act of service.
- ✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for Children's Liturgy. Speak to Veronica or Libby if you can help.
- ✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are also needed for the Flower Rota – no experience necessary – please speak to Jacqui if you can help.
- ✠ **Diocesan VACANCIES:**
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>
- ✠ **GIVING TO THE PARISH** by standing order or online:
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NEWS

- ✠ **MANY THANKS** for your generous Easter Offering. It's very much appreciated. God bless you all! ~ *Fr Matthew*
- ✠ **EASTER** lasts for 50 days, until the end of Pentecost: make the most of it!
- ✠ **THIS SUNDAY**, sometimes called the Sunday of Divine Mercy, there is an opportunity to gain a Plenary Indulgence. Details inside this bulletin.
- ✠ **RED 'MISSIO' BOXES** can still be returned to the sacristy, or directly to Margaret Maytham.
- ✠ **THE VESTMENT DRIVE** continues apace! 5 of 8 sets have been spoken for. Many thanks to the sponsors thus far!
- ✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Roy Kemp, Agnes Hickey, Rose Millet.
- ✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Isaac Castle, William Rivers, Lewis Northcote, Canon Raab, William Anns, Jack Linton, Winifred Mary Sykes, Frances Castle, Michael Watts. **R·I·P·**