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### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**First reading** - Acts 4:32-35 - **The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul**

**Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24 - ***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.***

**Second reading** - 1 John 5:1-6 - **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the**

**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 - **Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them**

### **DIVINE MERCY**

The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. If there was ever a person to be in need of divine mercy, it must be Thomas in today's gospel. History has not been kind to Thomas, by labeling him as "doubting Thomas". If anything, all he was asking for was the same experience that the other apostles received in seeing Jesus when he appeared to them. One thing that surprises us all, is about the where about of Thomas when Jesus first appeared to the Apostles. Where on earth did, he go? When all others were in a locked room out of fear? But one thing is for sure, all the Apostles receive all Jesus had to give from his pierced heart: the gift of divine mercy that we celebrate today.

This Sunday we are all called to reflect on how divine mercy sums up the whole mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Notice how Jesus immediately greets the Apostles with peace and shares his bountiful mercy. He does not chastise them for running away from him, denying him, and or misunderstanding him. It is the deepest truth God has shared about himself: He Is mercy, he loves us even when we do not deserve it.

God's mercy does not only cleanse us from our past. It gives us a way forward. When in the gospel today Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" the church has long understood this as the scriptural foundation for the development of the sacrament of reconciliation.

However, the power to forgive or not, also resides with us individually. When we allow and accept divine mercy into our hearts, it manifests in our works of mercy for others. Jesus pours out his mercy on us so that we can our out his mercy on others. If our praying of the Divine Mercy chaplet and other devotions of Divine Mercy has no effect on our own willingness to extend mercy to those who hurt, disappoint or offend us, then one really has not accepted God's divine mercy in their heart, as you can only give what you have received. The peace and mercy Jesus gives to the Apostles comes with a command to go and share it: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you". These men who had been hiding in a locked room then became such powerful witnesses to the Resurrection that they established a community unequalled in solidarity and generosity in all of human history.

**May the Divine Mercy of be on us all. Fr. Henry**

## Sacraments

### Confessions

Saturdays 10 to 11am or anytime by appointment.

### Baptism of children

On Sundays with prior arrangements.

Parents must attend two sessions.

Parents must be registered members of the parish. At least one godparent must be a baptised catholic with a baptism certificate and confirmed.

### Marriage

Those to have their marriage blessed should notify the Priest-in-charge at least six months before the proposed date.

### First Holy Communion

This is usually done once a year in conjunction with the school. Other cases will be dealt with on individual bases.

### Confirmation

This is usually done once a year. Announcements are done in the parish newsletter and on the website

### RCIA

#### *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult*

Those who would like to be received in the Catholic church should see the priest-in-charge any time and make arrangements to start the course.

All are welcome.

### N.B

You need to be a registered member of our parish. Have faithful attendance at mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Fill out our registration form.

*Fr Henry*

## Palmer Partnership News

Our parish is part of the Palmer Partnership comprising the parishes of Ss Peter & Paul, St John the Baptist, St Cedd, St Teresa and St Bede.

We had our first joint council meeting this week and decided to have a gathering of catechists, readers and eucharistic ministers from the parishes. If you are involved in one of these ministries, you are invited to St Cedd's hall on Saturday 22nd June from 14.00 - 16.00. More details to follow nearer the time.

*With kind regards,*

*Rev. Canon Andrew Headon*

## Easter Flowers

Thank you for your generosity towards the Easter Flowers, we collected a total of £768.60, this includes a single donation of £500 from one Parishioner.

Thank you also to Liberty Flowers for the loan of the Altar stands. We will use some of the money to purchase our own Altar stands.

## The Ursuline Academy

Ilford is looking to recruit a Teacher of Science (Chemistry) working traditional school hours Starting September 2024

Please see our website for further details [www.uai.org.uk](http://www.uai.org.uk)

# Maryona Corcoran RIP

The funeral of

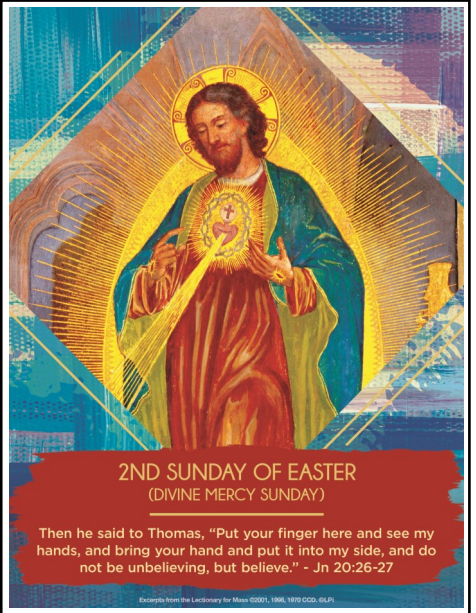
Maryona Corcoran

will be held at St Bede's Church on  
Thursday 11th April at 12pm

Her burial will take place at

Forest Park

*May she rest in the peace of Christ  
and rise to eternal glory*



## CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY

**27 APRIL** | **10 - 2:30** | **ROMFORD**  
SATURDAY | AM PM | ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH

Connect with others in the Diocese who are passionate about social justice. Join us for a day of idea-sharing and learning about available resources and charities in your chosen area of focus.



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## CARITAS

You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford.

If you are interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, the Cost of Living Crisis, mental health and well-being, welcoming refugees and migrants or the causes and effects of climate change, then this is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available.

Details and free registration are at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

## Donations

30th & 31st March

**Envelopes: £1184.40**

**Loose Plate: £896.82**

*Fr Henry would like to thank you all*

# Mass Intentions

6th April to 14th April

<b>Saturday 6th</b>	10 - 11am	Confessions ( <b>or anytime by appointment</b> )
	6.00pm	Pope Francis' Intentions
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	9.00am	Pope Francis' Intentions
	11.00am	For parishioners
<b>Monday 8th</b>	9.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	9.00am	Michael O'Riordan (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	9.00am	Ann-Marie O'Riordan (RIP)
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	9.00am	Mary and Jerry Enright (RIP)
	12.00pm	Funeral Mass for Maryona Corcoran (RIP)
<b>Friday 12th</b>	9.00am	William O'Riordan (RIP)
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	10 - 11am	Confessions ( <b>or anytime by appointment</b> )
	6.00pm	Ifeoma Okeke Family Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	9.00am	James and Bridget O'Shaughnessy (RIP)
	11.00am	For the sick

***May the souls of the departed Rest in Peace***

***In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill***

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Annie Childs  
Bruce May, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Rachel Antonella Rizzo, Micky Bennett  
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden  
Joe Travasso, Rizzo Enzo, Emily Pougnet, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel



## Anniversaries

Chris Welham, George Ridley, Cornelius O'Neill, Jim Boyle  
Lily Oates, Ethel Patterson, Karl Okuoka, Marlene Lang  
SR Placid, Reg Wiltshire, Ron Marshall, Godwin Rougier  
Alf Stroman, Patrick Carolan, Oliver Collins, Rita Amoordon, Alice Chesterton  
Margaret Maguire, Matthew Spooner, Albert Lane, Harry Horner  
Jai Ramcharan, Vera Lovery, Ann James, Grace Marshall

***May they rest in Peace***