

## OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S



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#### Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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#### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)-A  
Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Act 2: 42-45

*All who believed were together and had all things in common.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118 (117)

*Give praise to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever.*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

*HE has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

#### Gospel: John 20:19-31

*Eight days later, Jesus came.*

#### Reflection: *Hope Rekindled by Mercy*

There are moments in life when we begin to lose zeal and motivation. The energy to pursue our purpose fades, and the clarity of our calling becomes obscured. In such times, we may feel drawn to revisit old photographs. Images that capture our milestones, our moments of joy, and the promises we once made with conviction. As we turn the pages of that album, something begins to stir within us: a remembrance of purpose and a life we once lived with intention.

This shared human experience has some parallels with the appearances of Jesus to His disciples after the Resurrection. Following the trauma of the crucifixion, the disciples were disheartened and afraid. Their hopes were shattered, and their sense of mission had dissolved. The disciples withdrew. Some went into hiding, others returned to familiar routines, like Peter, who wooed his fellow fishermen back to the river.

Yet it is precisely into this state of discouragement that the Risen Christ comes. His appearances are not merely proofs of His Resurrection but encounters of restoration and mercy. Rather than rebuking them for their lack of zeal or forgetfulness, he meets them in whatever state of mind they were and helps them rise above it. To Mary Magdalene, He calls her by name. To the fearful disciples, He speaks peace. To the doubting Thomas, He offers His wounds as a source of faith. In each encounter, Christ rekindles what had been lost.

This is the very heart of Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Lord reveals that His victory is not only over death, but also over fear and despair. His wounds, still visible after the Resurrection, speak to every human weakness and failure, assuring us that no moment of discouragement is beyond redemption. Like the turning of a photo album, Jesus' appearances remind the disciples of all that had been promised. But they do more than evoke memory. The appearances restore the mission. The disciples are not left in a state of nostalgia. They are sent forth anew, strengthened by the mercy of the Risen Lord

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So too in our own lives, when we find ourselves losing zeal, we are invited not merely to look back, but to encounter the living Christ. The Divine Mercy is a present reality obtained by encountering the Risen Jesus. The Jesus who comes to us in our weakness speaks peace into our confusion and calls us again to the purpose we may have set aside.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not only a remembrance. It is an invitation to trust again and to allow the mercy of the Risen Lord to rekindle in us the fire of our calling.

**We pray the Divine Mercy every weekday morning during Adoration.**

**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!**

#### **Hymns for Sunday**

<b>Entrance:</b> All the nations of the Earth	<b>No. 764</b>
<b>Offertory:</b> Fill my House	<b>No. 256</b>
<b>Communion 1:</b> Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all	<b>No. 397</b>
<b>Communion 2:</b> Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	<b>No. 583</b>
<b>Recession:</b> Thine be the glory	<b>No. 678</b>

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially **Anne Lawler and Pat Walsh.**

**Anniversary: Ann Hart, Vincent Murray, James Stirling**

#### **SCIAF Wee Box Appeal**

Parishioners are kindly reminded to return their SCIAF Wee Boxes as soon as possible. The boxes can be dropped off in the sacristy or to any of the Altar Servers.

#### **MASS FOR VOCATIONS**

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place in St Joseph's Chapel at 7pm on Monday, 13 April 2026. **Please come along and join us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served following Mass.**

**Pro-Life Mass:** This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 15th April. There will be Adoration at 6.15pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Mass will be celebrated by Fr William Crombie. Tea and coffee afterwards. Please come and join us in praying for the cause of life.

**Divine Mercy:** All welcome to a Service of Divine Mercy at St. James the Great Church, Crookston, Glasgow G53 5TE on Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April, at 3:00pm-4pm. Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Confession, Benediction and Veneration.

**Charismatic Renewal:** The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Weekend of Renewal. Come and join us for a time of praise, fellowship and teachings on the topic of 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!' - St John Paul II. Venue: Blessed John Duns Scotus Church Hall, 270 Ballater Street, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0YT. Guest Speaker: Shayne Bennett. Friday 24th April 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Saturday 25th April 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448 786569 Email: [glasgow.service.team@gmail.com](mailto:glasgow.service.team@gmail.com).

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