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SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



Sunday	10:30	Our Parish Family
Monday	10:00	John Canavan RIP
Tuesday	10:00	welfare of Toni Suffolk
Wednesday	10:00	welfare of Olive Moini
Thursday	10:00	Rita Nunan RIP
Friday	10:00	*
Saturday	10:00	*

*Free Mass intention

Baptisms:	Suspended until further notice
Confessions:	Available on request
Weddings:	Suspended until further notice
Confirmation	Suspended until further notice
1st Communion:	Suspended until further notice
Initiation for Adults:	Suspended until further notice
Adoration (online):	Tuesday - Friday 08:30 - 09:30
Rosary (online):	Tuesday - Friday 09:10 - 09:30
Stations (online):	Click here for Daily Meditations
Divine Mercy:	Suspended until further notice

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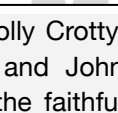
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We pray especially for Rita Nunan and Esme Mackay RIP who died recently. We pray for Molly Crotty, Teresa Morris, John Connolly, Ann Murphy, Brian Poole, Claudius Bramwell, Veronica Pope and John Anderson and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We give thanks for Fr Gerard Balinnya being discharged from hospital. We pray for all those who work in the transportation industry delivering vital supplies to those who need it the most. We remember those who work in mail sorting offices, those who deliver letters and parcels which can be key lifelines for the technologically challenged who need to hear from those they love.

We are all a bit like St Thomas in today’s Gospel, as we look for proof that God is real. In many ways this is a good thing, particularly in our modern culture where the bogus claim abounds that science has replaced God. When Pope Benedict XVI visited the UK in 2010, he succinctly addressed this in his address to public servants: "the natural sciences cannot satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart, they cannot fully explain to us our origin and our destiny, why and for what purpose we exist, nor indeed can they [answer] the question 'Why is there something rather than nothing?'" The theologian Hans Urs Von Balthasar made the point that humanity searches for God but in Christianity God reaches down to us in Jesus. Thomas’ obsessive scientific enquiry failed to bring him to trust that in Christ we find the true meaning and purpose of our existence. Reason is not enough as we need to encounter God personally through faith: believing not in some-thing but in some-one in God-made-flesh: Jesus Christ. Pope Francis describes this as a “love story” and falling in love with someone requires faith and trust. Let us ask for these gifts so that we may fall more in love with the risen Lord each day and be able to believe and trust enough to say ‘My Lord and My God’. **Deacon Dermott**

Parish Offertory

For those who are able to donate:
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Next Sunday’s Readings: 3rd Sun. of Easter

First: Acts 2:14, 22-23
Psalm: Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11
Second: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: John 24:13-35



PARISH NEWS

Fr Gerard Balinnya: Fr Gerard was discharged from hospital last Saturday 11th April. He had recuperated to a sufficient extent to no longer require hospital treatment. He is regaining strength every day and positive; his symptoms have lessened and he is able to have a conversation without it irritating his lungs and stimulating bouts of coughing. We continue to pray for his steady recovery from what was a severe bout of the virus. He is grateful for all of your prayers and best wishes and the news that he is better is an answer to prayer for which we are all truly grateful. Praise God!

The funeral of Esme MacKay RIP will be led by Fr Matthew this coming Monday (20th April) at which it will only be possible for there to be an extremely limited number of mourners. Please continue to pray for Esme and her family for whom the funeral is particularly difficult in light of the restrictions. After restrictions are lifted we will celebrate Mass for Esme as we will for all those who have died during this time and for whom we have been unable to celebrate a public Requiem Mass.

Archbishop John Wilson speaks to us: Our own Archbishop, John Wilson, has been regularly posting updates from his private chapel and the Cathedral via the Archdiocesan Facebook page. It's worth visiting and updating yourselves on the content he has produced. You can get there by clicking [here](#). Archbishop John has been working to strengthen our faith in the risen Lord both by praying with us and educating us about the liturgical celebrations we are sadly unable to share in together in our Church.

LIVE streaming of Mass continues: As we continue to celebrate Eastertide (it's a little longer than Lent: thank God! :-)) a reminder that we haven't left our online homes of YouTube and Facebook and are still streaming our Sunday and Daily Masses. You can click [here](#) to find the links through which you can join us for Mass. We are streaming a Holy Hour (Tuesday to Friday) at 08:30 which includes the Rosary at 09:10. Our daily Mass is 10am.

Helping the needy: We have been working hard to ensure that everyone who is in a vulnerable position; either alone or lacking support from others who can shop for them, are being helped. In doing this I've liaised with Lambeth Council who have great services for the vulnerable. If you know of anyone who requires basic assistance to prevent them leaving the house please get in touch with us and we can either help them directly or sign-post them. There is a helpline specifically for those over 70 years of age run by Lambeth Council which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Telephone support: The clergy and the SVP have been calling those who are isolated and lack the support of friends and family. If you know of anyone who is in need of a call or who needs the sacraments urgently please do not hesitate to get in touch with us so that we can minister to them.

The Food Bank: The Food Bank wrote to the parish over a week ago to thank all of you who have been so generous in donating food items. Its centres are closed for visit (there is one drop-off) point. They still need cash donations (click [here](#)) and also different kinds of food which you can learn about from visiting the link [here](#) to know what is required.

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