

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 110421

Second Sunday of Easter B (or of Divine Mercy)

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Entrance Antiphon: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First Reading; A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
United, heart and soul.

Response: Psalm 117: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: The reading from the first letter of St John 5: 1-6
Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said; 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31.
Eight days later, Jesus came.

Mass times and Intentions LS = Live Stream

Saturday 10th at SH 5pm People of the Parishes LS

Sunday 11th at SH 9.30am Sheila Tessier RIP

Sunday 11th at EM 11am Sheila England RIP LS

Monday and Tuesday no Mass this week

Wednesday 14th SH at 7pm Public Mass (In Thanksgiving) LS

Thursday 15th EM 11 am Public Mass (Holy Souls)

Friday 16th SH LS

Saturday 17th at SH 5pm Fred Ross RIP LS

Sunday 18th at SH 9.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 18th at EM 11 am Eddie Comerford RIP LS

BREAKING NEWS: Archbishop Bernard has appointed Fr Gerry to the Cathedral Chapter and the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese. His installation has been done in private because of the restrictions but there will be a public ceremony later in the year when the three new Canons will be formally installed and welcomed. Fr Gerry was rather surprised by this but is really quite chuffed. It also recognises the important work for justice and peace in the diocese which Fr Gerry has been involved with over many years.

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES are now available for Collection. Please collect yours today. If anyone else would like a set of envelopes for their regular giving to the Parish, please let us know. Also you are welcomed and encouraged to give by Standing Order and Gift Aid please contact us for more information.

Please collect **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ENVELOPES** too if you haven't done so. The same applies re Standing Orders.

Thanks to everyone for their generous financial support of the Parishes. Thank you too for your generous Easter Offerings to the Clergy.

CAFOD says Thanks.

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the Risen Christ. It is the Spirit that heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another. At the same time restores the joy of the Father's love and fraternal unity. It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Christ has taught us that 'we not only receive and experience the mercy of God, but are also called to practice mercy towards others. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.' (Mt 5 :7) From a homily of St John Paul 11.

