



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is celebrated today, on the Sunday after Easter, the last day of the Easter Octave. It is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible. Divine Mercy Sunday is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: It is important then 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". The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is

recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles. This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas, in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds. This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. Divine Mercy devotions and prayers will take place at St Mary's Leyland this afternoon. See leaflets at back of church. All welcome.

**URGENT: GIFT AID DECLARATION FORMS** If you are a gift aider and have not renewed/returned your Gift Aid Declaration (addressed to you personally) please could you return via Offertory basket or through Priory letter box, asap? Many thanks.

**RED BOX 2021: THANK YOU!** In 2021 Red boxes were not collected but our parish raised £362 through direct donations and on line. Our community at Our Lady and All Saints is part of a worldwide network supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified in May this year. Thank you for being part of Pauline's legacy. Missio has sent money to support Ukrainian refugees in bordering countries. The latest parish Red box collection has raised £331.42 for 2022.

**CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS** There are some free copies of Bible Alive and of Love One Another, at the back of Church. You are welcome to take one.

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, PATRON SAINT OF UKRAINE** Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and you O Prince of heavenly host by the power of God cast down into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Please take this newsletter home with you*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Celebration of Holy Mass

24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10:30 am	Pro populo
25 <sup>th</sup> Monday	ST MARK, EVANGELIST	7:00 pm	Lancashire Infirm Clergy
26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	7:00 pm	Gillian Goddard
27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Feria	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr	11:30 am	Mavis Golden (JT)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10:30 am	Pro populo

**PLEASE NOTE** There is no Mass this Friday, for this week only.

**CONFESSIONS** All welcome to celebrate this important Sacrament before Mass on Monday and Tuesday evening.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Clare Crossan, Sheila Jennings, Fr Cassian, Michael Smith.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Catherine Bennett, John James West, Fr Sigebert Cody OSB (PP 1933-1934)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Totals will be recorded in next week's newsletter.

**MEETING THIS WEEK** Douglas Valley Outreach will meet at 7:40pm on Monday, in the Priory.

**MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION** will take place next Sunday for Priests' Training Fund.