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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 27th April 2025

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Acts of the Apostles 5: 12 -16

Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel John 20: 19-31

In the first reading the apostles are performing miracles, even Peter's shadow, when many are brought to them for healing. It highlights the power of the risen Jesus working through the apostles who act with courage and faith trusting in the Holy Spirit. The second reading records John's vision of Jesus, the eternal and resurrected, showing His victory over sin and death. The Gospel reading highlights the value of community. The disciples gathered in the Upper Room and experienced the risen Lord together. This shows the strength we can find in being part of a community of believers. On Divine Mercy Sunday Jesus fulfils Daniel's prophecy of the "Son of Man" as an everlasting king and high priest. He appears to the apostles in a risen, life-giving body and breathes the Holy Spirit onto them, empowering them to forgive sins and perform miracles. The apostles received a new life and the mission to share His blessings with all and His divine breath unites the Church, enabling it to bring new life to the world. We are called to support and encourage one another in our faith to find peace trusting in His mercy.

Mass times

Feast Days

6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 26th Blessed Robert Anderton and Blessed William Marsden Catholic friends from childhood in Lancashire. Both went to Oxford University. Then went to France to train as priests at Douai College in Rheims. In 1586 aged 26 they set sail for England to serve the recusant Catholic community on the English Mission. Caught in a storm and came ashore on the Isle of Wight. Arrested as they were seen praying for safety. Found guilty of treason at Winchester as they were priests trained abroad and returned to England. Sent to London for Queen’s pardon but refused to reject their faith. Returned to the Isle of Wight and executed on a hill above Cowes on 25 th April 1586. There is a memorial plaque created in 2003 in the garden of St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Cowes. Every Isle of Wight Catholic church has a picture of them and a scroll exists describing their martyrdom.	
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 27th April	Second Sunday of Easter
6.30pm Mass	Monday 28th St Louis-Marie de Monfort Born in 1673 in Monfort, France. At school was inspired to be a missionary to foreign lands. Developed a strong devotion to the Virgin Mary, the Rosary and Guardian Angels. In school holidays helped the poor. Walked 236 miles to Paris living as a beggar to a seminary to train for priesthood aged 20. Ordained at the famous Saint Sulpice seminary in Paris aged 27. Wanted to be a missionary to Canada. Told he had to be a priest In France. As a hospital chaplain tried to reform hospital care of the sick and staff. Became a strong and inspiring preacher. Attracted large crowds. Opposed the heresy of Jansenism. Founded two Orders, <i>Monfort Missionary Priests</i> and nuns called originally <i>Daughters of Divine Wisdom</i> .	
10am Mass	Tuesday 29th St Catherine of Siena Born in 1347 in Italy to a large fairly rich family. Gave away family’s food and clothing without permission. A member of a lay Dominican Third Order. Still lived at home and refused to marry. Cut off all her hair and used other means to make herself unattractive. Mother then treated her like a household servant rather than a daughter. By age 21 was a mystic who experienced visions. Suffered stigmata. Tried to reform the Church that had become corrupt and decadence, bribery and faithlessness thrived. Encouraged Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon. Attempted to solve the papal <i>Great Schism</i> with an anti-pope. Died aged 33 after a stroke caused by excessive fasting on 29 th April 1380. Canonised in 1461 by Pope Pius II.	
6.30pm Mass` Thanksgiving Mass for Jean-Michel and Jean RIP	Wednesday 30TH St Joseph Cottolengo Born in 1786 in Italy to a poor large family. Devout parents who taught him devotion to Our Lady, importance of deeds of charity and care for poor and sick. Ordained a priest. At Turin University obtained a degree in theology. Great admirer of St Vincent de Paul. Adopted motto “ <i>Caritas Christi urget nos</i> ” (The love of Christ urges us forward). Founded the <i>Little House of Divine Providence</i> to take in people rejected by all other places. Turned into a small town which catered for terminally sick, mentally ill, abandoned children, the poor and vulnerable. Built hospitals, schools and workshops for them Founded Order of priests for their spiritual needs, one of lay brothers for manual work and Orders of nuns for caring for the vulnerable, nursing and education.	
10am Mass K C Varghese RIP	Thursday 1ST May St Joseph the Worker While Mary had a visit of the Angel Gabriel to explain the virgin birth of Jesus, Joseph had a divine revelation in a dream. The teenager responded to care for Mary who was aged only 13 or 14. Despite Mary being close to giving birth the two teenagers travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus is born. Joseph is again told in a dream to travel to Egypt to avoid the massacre of the “ <i>Holy Innocents</i> ” by King Herod, a really dangerous journey for the teenage couple. Back in Nazareth Joseph became famous as he was more an artisan, a skilled craftsman in wood and stone, than just a carpenter. Jesus worked with His father learning his skills in the workshop. Joseph died before Jesus started to gather his disciples. Joseph is the patron saint of workers and many organisations. Many religious Orders use his name.	

NO MASS	Friday 2nd St Richard Pampuri Born Erminio Pampuri in 1897 in Italy the tenth of eleven children. His mother died when he was 3 years old. Adopted by his uncle and aunt. Aged 10 his father died. Sister became a nun. Erminio wanted to become a priest and work in the missions and became involved in <i>Catholic Action</i> from a young age. Due to delicate health a doctor uncle persuaded him to study medicine in Pavia in 1915. Studies were interrupted by World War I in 1917. Worked in field hospitals. In 1920 resumed studies and qualified as a doctor in Milan in 1923 aged 26. Was a general practitioner in Pavia. Very generous to the poor. Called the “holy doctor”. Became involved in helping his parish priest with Catholic Action Youth Club. Then joined the Hospitallers of St John of God in Milan as Brother Richard. He was appointed Director of dental clinic in Brescia, east of Milan. As a religious was a model of virtue and charity to those in the Order, his patients, the other doctors, the paramedics, the nurses and all who came in contact with him. Died 1930 aged 33.				
	Saturday 3rd St Philip and St James In the 6 th century the bodies of St Philip and St James were brought to home from the East and laid to rest in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles. St Philip, fluent in Greek and Aramaic, was one of the first of the 12 apostles called by Jesus the day after He called his first apostles Peter and Andrew. His brother was St Thaddaeus (St Jude). Philip was a married man with children who had been a follower of John the Baptist. He invited his friend Nathanael, also a disciple of John the Baptist, to join them. His reply was “ <i>Nazareth, can anything good come from there?</i> ” Philip and Nathanael evangelised in Greece and Syria and were both crucified upside down and Philip preached from the cross. After an earthquake Nathanael escaped but Philip stayed and died as a martyr for Christ. St James the Less was a cousin of Jesus as his mother, Mary Cleophas, was the sister of the Virgin Mary. She is called <i>Mary of Clopas</i> in John’s Gospel as one of the women at the foot of the cross. James had a similar appearance to Jesus and it is claimed that Mary sometimes had difficulty telling them apart. This is the reason that Judas kissed Jesus to identify him from James when He was arrested before His Passion and crucifixion. James became Bishop of Jerusalem and was in the Church’s First Council. Stoned to death as a martyr.				
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass					
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 4th May		Third Sunday of Easter		
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Mary Light	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Thomas sends his thanks to all the parishioners who contributed to his Easter offering from the parish. The total collected last weekend, including £137.50 gift aid, came to £821.71. If you have been away over Easter, it is not too late to donate but please put it in an envelope clearly indicating it is for an Easter offering to Fr Thomas.

We have just heard the sad news of the death of Edna Spiteri, devoted wife of the late Fred Spiteri
Edna died on Maundy Thursday 17th April, beloved mother of sons Dino and Mario. Pat Pennal’s daughter in contact

Special “Thank You” from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Red Box donations

Last year in 2024 the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul raised £582.26 through their Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The donors in St Vincent de Paul are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. The continual support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glen MHM, working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the life of the whole community.

Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more. Anyone wanting a Red Box please contact Graham Churchill.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 7th May – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Postponing appeal for donations towards buying more new Mass books

We have now collected over £1,225 towards the new Mass books of which over £725 has come from the raffle. Sometime after Easter we will resume the appeal to buy the other four books in a slightly different way

50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28th September this year at 9.30am Mass.

We wish to share 50 years of memories of the parish beginning with a celebration Mass followed by a breakfast buffet. All parishioners past and present are invited to attend. For the event we hope to put together a booklet of quotes and memories. Please email any memory to lizchalland@btinternet.com. Just a couple of sentences for each memory please. More details of the event and Mass to follow in Spring.

Parish collection for last weekend 19th and 20th April

							Easter Offering to Fr Thomas		TOTAL of all money
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Holy Places	Gift Aid	Loose	
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