

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

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Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Mich		
Sat 6 Apr		Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday
17.45	SM	Confessions
18.00	SM	Mass (The McLaughlin Family)
Sun 7 Apr 24		Divine Mercy Sunday
09.15	SG	Confessions
09.30	SG	Mass (Margaret Robinson)
10.30	OLSM	Mass (Stanley Lawson)
12.00	OLSM	Baptism: Jacob Dowse &
		David Henderson
14.30	OLSM	Divine Mercy Prayers
18.00	OLSM	Mass (Christians of the Holy Land)
Mon 8 Apr		The Annunciation of the Lord
10.00	OLSM	Mass (The Small Family)
18.00	OLSM	Evening Prayer
Tues 9 Apr		Tuesday of 2nd week of Easter
09.30	SM	Adoration
10.00	SM	Mass (Lambos Demitriou)
18.00	OLSM	Evening Prayer
Wed 10 Apr		Wednesday of 2nd week of Easter
11.30	SG	Lectio Divina
12.00	SG	Mass (Emma Jones)
18.00	OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30	OLSM	Mass (Elizabeth Heskett)
Thur 11 Apr		St Stanislaus
10.00	SM	Mass (Dot Keenan)
18.00	OLSM	Evening Prayer
Fri 12 Apr		Friday of 2nd week of Easter
11.30	SG	Adoration
12.00	SG	Mass (George Hodgson)
18.00	OLSM	Evening Prayer
19.00	OLSM	Latin Mass
Sat 13 Apr		St Martin I
10.00	OLSM	Mass (Iris Burns)
10.30	OLSM	Confession, Adoration & Rosary
Sat 13 Apr		Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter
17.45	SM	Confessions
18.00	SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
Sun 14 Apr 24		3rd Sunday of Easter
09.15	SG	Confessions
09.30	SG	Mass (Tom Carter - 100th Birthday)
10.30	OLSM	Mass (Pauline McGee)
11.00	SM	Baptism: Bodhi Murray
12.00	OLSM	Baptism: Ella Rose Shilton
18.00	OLSM	Mass (Pauline Parker)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 07.04.24) **OLSM:** In Loving Memory of David Holt **SG**: People of the Parish **SM**: Holy Souls Sacred Heart: The Sick & Housebound. Lady Altar: Christians of the Holy Land

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Michael Davidson, Funeral Service Monday 15 April, 11.15am, St Gregory's church.

The sick & housebound: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Tobya Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey, Joan Ainsworth and Frank Younghusband.

Milligan, Betty Roe, Anthea Cross, Francis Gilmore, Church at 6pm on Saturday 13 April McGee and Patrick Devlin.

Finance

Offertory income for February £6810.43; WSMP donations for February £120; White Fathers £1376.09. Online banking details: Account - LRCDTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/c No. 91752146

Thank you! The priests of the parish would like to hael, thank everyone for their cards, gifts, prayers and best wishes for Easter. The Holy Week celebrations were a beautiful moment in the life of our parish and so many people were involved in preparing the churches and the rehearing of the services. Thank you for all your efforts, it was appreciated by everyone and much commented upon by visitors. We continue to rejoice with Bob Gibson who was received into Full Communion with the Church, and MiHwa Kim and Barry McCall who

Come, Holy Spirit! Give us the grace today to rise up, to open wide the doors. to go out of ourselves so as to draw others to Christ, to be disciples and to make disciples, that we may walk in your ways joyfully and build up Your Church across West Cumbria. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

received the Sacrament of Baptism. Thank you for the donations for the Easter Flowers. If anyone else would like to make a donation it will help to defray the costs.

Divine Mercy Sunday, a special day set aside to celebrate the gift of God's mercy. The feast day was instituted by St John Paul II when he was Pope and, following revelations of the Risen Lord to St Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. This Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be chaplet, adoration, confessions and veneration of the image from 2.30pm in Our Lady's & St Michael's church.

Prayers for the Christians in the Holy Land. With the war in Gaza, unrest in the Middle East, and the rise of extremism, the Palestinian Christian community is facing existential threat. Many Palestinian Christians are involved in supporting pilgrims and often make an income through the sale of goods and services to these pilgrims, but the number of pilgrims has all but dried up with the war. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is one of the Catholic charities in this part of the world which is supporting the Christian peoples across the Latin patriarchate of Jerusalem. To find out more about their work visit www.eohsj.org.uk

Spring Summit on Saturday 4 May, a parish away-day at Hyning Hall, a Cistercian monastery near Carnforth, with bus leaving Our Lady & St Michael's church at 8am and returning by 6pm. We still have several places available if you would like to join us. There will be time for prayer and peace, some time for creativity and community building, lots of laughter and making of new friends, and some talks and sharing designed to help us to listen to how the Lord is calling us to a deeper discipleship in these times and what that might mean. If you would like to come, please email or phone the parish office in the next week: first-come-first-served.

Next weekend there will be coffee after the 10.30am Mass.

A big thank you to the Cumbria Community Foundation who have been supporting the Warm Spaces venues over the winter months. The parish was awarded £1440 from the Foundation to run Open Door, refreshments and a warm welcome to the wider community. Thank you to our volunteers who hosted these weekly events. Also, the parish acknowledges with gratitude a grant from the National Churches Trust of £1400 to assist with the hire of a crane to help to clear the gutters, repair the roof and bell of Our Lady & St Michael's church. See www.nationalchurchestrust.org. Contact Ann Diamond if you would like to be part of the project to restore our beautiful churches.

The White Fathers Appeal. Fr Hugh Seenan writes that he is very thankful for the £1381.09 raised in our parish for the recent appeal. As a token of his gratitude he will be offering up Mass for the parish.

Parish Craft Workshops. Learning new skills and sharing your skills with others – initial meeting Wednesday 17 April 1-3pm in Stella Maris room. Please see poster in each church for more details or contact Ann Leigh or Ann Diamond.

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will soon be submitted to HMRC for the tax year 06.04.23 to 05.04.24. Please notify Sharon (parish office) of the following: 1. If you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2023/24 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities in any one tax Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica year (at the current basic rate of tax 20%, for every £1 net donated charities can reclaim 25p. It is the responsibility of the donor to pay any shortfall). 2. If you want to cancel your declaration. 3. Change of name or home address. 4. If you are now in a position to Gift Aid your donations please complete a Gift Aid declaration available from the back of church or contact Sharon.

Other News and Events

And those whose anniversaries occur around this Men's Breakfast at the Carnegie at 9.30am on Saturday 13 April

time: Pat Irving, Mary Driver, Gerard Donat, Austin Jill Crossland Piano Concert with music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin at St John's

Bernard Brown, David Holt, Vincenzina Risino, Pauline Diocesan Pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth', the National Shrine at Walsingham (Norfolk) with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 2-6 September 2024. Coach leaving from Workington, cost no more than £425 to £500 all inclusive, contact Deacon Charlie to book place: charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk Tel: 07895 742 732.