



**ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE**  
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**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – YEAR B**  
**Mass Intention: Jack and Mary Ormerod RIP**

**Hymns:**

**Entrance Hymn: 268**  
**Offertory Hymn: 953**  
**Communion Hymn: 959**  
**Recessional Hymn: 285**

**Mass Settings:**

**Kyrie: M13**  
**Gloria: M14**  
**Sanctus: M49**

**Acclamation: M50**  
**Great Amen: M53**  
**Agnus Dei: M20**

**WELCOME**

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

There will be a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

**COLLECTIONS**

The plate collection for our Easter Masses was **£534.07** and the Special Collection for the Holy Places was **£253.96**.

**MINISTRIES TODAY**

**Readers:** Mr B McMahon; Mrs N Francis-Crerar  
**Extraordinary Minister** Mrs M Casey; Mrs J Hall;  
Col A Gillham; Mrs C Pritchard  
**Welcome Team:** Mr D Beal; Mrs E Bakomora  
**Children's Liturgy:** Mrs Y Spreadborough

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr:** ***The Annunciation of the Lord***  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Ryan Evans RIP*  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Apr:** ***St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr***  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Regina Coeli  
1200hrs – Holy Mass  
*Judy and Jessica Brooks RIP*

**MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

**Readers:** Mrs J White; Maj N Fitzsimmons  
**Extraordinary Minister** Mr D Beal; Mrs S Cole;  
Mrs G Edwards; Mr J Thompson  
**Welcome Team:** Mrs K Booth; Mrs P Brooks  
**Children's Liturgy:** Mrs P Rossiter

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

**DIARY DATES**

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June:** First Holy Communions  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Parish Lunch  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** Nuneaton Choir to sing at Mass  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July:** RASC/RCT Corps Day  
**Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Parish Retreat – Worth Abbey  
**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Parish Quiz Night

**TODAY'S CELEBRATION**

Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, the feast was extended throughout the world to the whole of the Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on the day that he canonized Saint Faustina, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000. Christ's Divine Mercy is the love that he has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from him. The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after his Resurrection, revealed himself to his disciples, but Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands, earning him the name 'Doubting Thomas'. A week after Christ rose from the dead, he appeared once again to his disciples, and this time Thomas was present. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed his belief in Christ. Some nineteen centuries later, St Faustina's visions were to take place over almost eight years.

**SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The next Alton Day of Renewal will be on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April (note change of date) from 1100hrs-1600hrs in Alton School, Anstey Lane. GU34 2NG. The day is free to attend and the theme will be 'Setting the Downtrodden Free'. Further details may be found at: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Many thanks to all who coordinate, and to those who volunteer for, the activities that assist us to be a more vibrant community. Each of us is encouraged to do something for the good of all, so please make direct contact with those named below if you would like to engage in any of the ministries listed:  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Mrs Yvonne Spreadborough  
**CHOIR MEMBERSHIP** – Mrs Louise Morgan-Jones  
**FLOWER ARRANGING** – Mrs June Hall  
**READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – Col Paul Thomas  
**ALTAR SERVERS** – Col David Morgan-Jones  
**WELCOME/CHARITY EVENTS** – Mrs Mary Casey  
**ALTAR LINEN/IRONING** – Mr Tony Hyman

**AND FINALLY ...**

... when you do something beautiful and nobody notices, do not be sad. For the sun every morning is a beautiful spectacle and yet most of the audience still sleeps.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*