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24th April 2022 Psalter Week 2	<i>Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 <i>United, heart and soul.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.		
Second Reading	1 St John 5:1-6 <i>Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 20: 19-31 <i>Eight days later, Jesus came.</i>		
Saturday 23rd April +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 24th April +	10.30am	Mass – (Kam Bousaki RIP)	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer & Divine Mercy Devotion	
Monday 25th April ST MARK – Evangelist - feast	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Michael Tarrant RIP	
	7.00pm	Mass – (John Pichowicz RIP)	
Tuesday 26th April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England - Solemnity	10.00am	Mass - (Charlie Rogers RIP)	
Wednesday 27th April <i>Feria</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 28th April St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr – op memoria	9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Mass – (Fr Anthony Roberts RIP)	
Friday – 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, Virgin & Doctor Patron of Europe - feast	9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Mass – (Michael Tarrant RIP)	
Saturday – 30th April Pope St Pius V	10.00am	Mass (Bernie Wogan RIP)	
	10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday – 30th April+	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday – 1st May+	10.30am	Mass – (Michael Tarrant RIP)	

We welcome the return of **Fr Eugene Terngohol Lugh**, Director Mission Development of the MSP (Missionary Society of St Paul), who gave an Appeal for the work of his Society in February. He will be staying with us in the parish from Monday and will be celebrating the Masses for the rest of the week while Fr David will be catching up with his work elsewhere. We hope Fr Eugene enjoys his stay here and gets some time to rest as well.

A very warm welcome to Sam Jess who at the Easter Vigil was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Of course, Sam is already a very familiar member of our parish community – we wish Sam every grace & blessing as she continues her journey of faith. Congratulations Sam!



Requiescant In Pace

The Requiem Mass for Michael Tarrant will be held here at Our Lady's on **Monday 25th April at 11am**. We pray for the repose of his soul and we pray especially for Veronica and all of the family that God will comfort & console them all. May he rest in peace.

The requiem Mass for Sr Teresa Buckley, DHS will be held at Our Lady's on **Thursday 19th May at 11.00am**. We pray for the repose her soul and pray also for her family, friends and the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, especially here at St Joseph's and Burlington Hall.

PARISH LENTEN APPEAL 2022 CHANGE FOR FOOD - CAFOD AFGHANISTAN



A gentle reminder to all who took seeds & a water bottle as part of the parish CAFOD Lenten Appeal – can you please return you water bottles no later than 1st May

Thank you for your generosity - **CAFOD Parish Group**



Mass for the Sick & Housebound

On **Saturday 30th April at 3pm** at the Cathedral, Bishop David will celebrate a special Mass for the Sick & housebound. All are welcome to attend or to join in via the Cathedral livestream vis the diocesan website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/>

There will be a downloadable Mass sheet nearer the time so that everyone can join in.

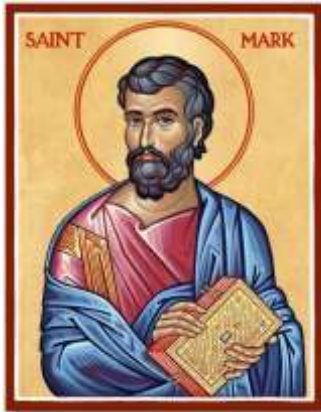


A healing garden is being created within the grounds of the Northampton Cathedral. This is a new initiative for our Diocese and Bishop David invites us to support this new development and the **Open Day on the 15th May at 3pm** and will start with a service which the Bishop will be part of. This will be followed by refreshments, time for gathering and sharing and provide an opportunity for 8 charities and organisations to promote the good work that they do in supporting those who have been

harmed by abuse, both related to the church and external. Further information is available on: <https://northamptondiocese.org/healing-garden/>

Job Opportunity – Warden & Clerk – St Scholastica's Retreat

Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this alms house charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Closing date: Monday 9th May – for more details of the role and how to apply, please go to: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy



St Mark - Evangelist

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot. Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D.

When the group reached Cyprus, Christian tradition holds that Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, possibly because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident may have caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. This created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor.



St Peter Chanel

Born in the town of Cuet in France in the year 1803. He entered the ranks of the clergy and for a few years did pastoral work. He then entered the Marist Society and went to Oceania to preach the Gospel. In spite of many difficulties he did manage to convert a number to the true faith. In hatred of the faith, he was clubbed to death on the island of Fortuna in the year 1841.



St. Catherine of Siena

Catherine was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer. At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance.

Her parents attempted to resist this move, to avoid marriage, but they were unsuccessful. Her fasting and her devotion to her family, convinced them to relent and allow her to live as she pleased. Catherine once explained that she regarded her father as a representation of Jesus and her mother as Our Lady, and her brothers as the apostles, which helped her to serve them with humility. Despite Catherine's religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent and instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home.

Alpha Course in Olney will begin this Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm. It is being held in The Swan on High Street South. If you or anyone you know wants to learn more about Christian faith, why not go along this Wednesday. Grab yourself a drink from the bar and head to the room on the right. You'll get a warm welcome, watch a great film designed to prompt discussion and be given the space to ask those really important questions.

Divine Mercy Sunday



In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times) - O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and then The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Say the "Eternal Father" on the single dividing bead Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. and then

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following ten beads. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude by saying three times Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, St Mark, St George, St Peter Chanel, St Catherine of Sienna, St Pius V, pray for us all as we bask in the joys of Easter.

With our love and prayers, Fr David and Deacon Peter