



St. John Henry Newman Parish

Four Churches - One Faith Family



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Saturday 7th April till Saturday 21st April 2024

Dear Parishioners, Many thanks to **everyone** who made our Holy Week and start of Easter so special. We had over 1000 folks through the doors for Easter Masses - wouldn't it be wonderful if that was every week (we are currently 650 average). Thank you also for the kind Easter Offering and present etc received. Very much appreciated. Looking at the diary overleaf for the next two weeks we continue apace. God bless, Father Craig.

DIVINE MERCY
Sunday

Divine Mercy Devotions
Sunday 7th April at 3.00pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church,
Cannock Road, Wolves. WV10 8PG

- ✦ Reading from St Faustina's Diary
- ✦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ Reciting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ✦ Confessions

"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy.
I want this image, which you will paint with a brush,
to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter;
that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (Diary, 49).

Gavin Multi Award Winning Vocalist

St. Joseph's Catholic Club
Willenhall Road, Wolves

Friday 12th April - 7.00pm
Tickets £3.00 adults
£2.00 (Under 16's)
In aid of the Holy Trinity Ceiling Fund.

Entry to club that night will be by ticket only.



We are pleased to be able to report that no Easter Bunny came to any harm during our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Confused? Speak to an Altar Server and also take the opportunity to thank them for their amazing ministry!

First Holy Communion classes continue this Monday at 6.00pm till 7.15pm at St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton.
Confirmation Classes begin on Monday 20th May again at 6.00pm till 7.15pm at St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton

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Sat 6th April 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	SJD SMW	4.00pm 5.30pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	Fran Avis RIP Kathleen Pedley RIP
Sun 7th April	SJD HTB SJW OLOPS	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 3.00pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Divine Mercy Devotions	Graham Morris RIP Frank Warrilow RIP
Mon 8 th The Annunciation	SJD SJD SMW	10.30am 1.00pm 7.00pm	Mass followed by Crumpets Forget me Not Café Parish S.V.P.	Margaret Moran RIP
Tues 9 th	SJD	10.00am	Mass followed by coffee	Fred Cooper RIP
Wed 10 th	HTB SJW SJW SJW	7.15am 12.00pm 1.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Over 50's Club Leadership Team	Fr. George RIP Carol Whittaker
Thurs 11 th	HTB HTB SJD HTB HTB	10.00am 10.30am 12.00pm 1.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession Mass followed by Coffee Rosary Funeral Service Craft Club	Fr. Goodman's Int Edith Maud Butler RIP
Fri 12 th	HTB SMW SJW	9.15am 10.00am 7.00pm	Trinity Tots Mass followed by Coffee Gavin in the Club	Private Intention D Family
Sat 13th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	HTB SJD SMW	11.00am 4.00pm 5.30pm	Rosary Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	David Matthews RIP Alice Russon RIP
Sun 14th April	SJD HTB SJW	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	The Parish Bill Allcock RIP Eileen Sheridan Health



Servers' Overnight Retreat

Fri 19th April 6.00pm - Sat 20th April 9.00am

We would like to invite all our Servers from across the parish to an Overnight Retreat in Holy Trinity hall. Including Film & Games




Please return consent forms ASAP



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Mon 15 th 	SJW HTB	10.30am 11.30am	Mass followed by Crumpets Bereavement Cafe	Good Health EB
Tues 16 th 	SJD	10.00am	Mass followed by coffee	David Matthews RIP
Wed 17 th	HTB SJW SJW SJW	7.15am 2.00noon 1.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Over 50's Club Management Meeting	Jose and Nora Rebeiro RIP Peter, B'day
Thurs 18 th 	HTB HTB SJD HTB SJW	10.00am 10.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration & Confession Mass followed by Coffee Rosary Reception into Church #HeartSong Rehearsal	Mary Turner RIP Elizabeth Stanyer RIP
Fri 19 th	HTB SMW HTB	9.15am 11.00am 6.00pm	Trinity Tots Funeral Mass Servers' Retreat	Elizabeth Stanyer RIP
Sat 20th April 4th Sunday of Easter Sun 21st April	HTB SJD SMW SJD HTB SJW SJD	11.00am 4.00pm 5.30pm 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 1.30pm	Rosary Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Baptism Service	Deceased Smith Family RIP Health sw Sarah Cotgrave RIP Kath Kiely RIP Pat McNally RIP

2nd Coll:
Building

Future Dates...



Divine Mercy Devotions
Sunday 7th April at 3.00pm
Venue OLOPS

A Night of Song with Gavin
Friday 12th April
St. Joseph's Club

Servers Overnight Retreat
Friday 19th April at HTB

Focolare Family Afternoon
Sunday 28th April
St. Joseph's, Darlaston

May Devotions
Sunday 5th May
St. Mary's, Willenhall

Skittle Night
Friday 10th May
St. Joseph's Club

Spring Craft & Coffee Morning
Saturday 11th May
Holy Trinity Church Hall

First Holy Communion
Sunday 12th May HTB

Summer BBQ & Stalls
Saturday 18th May
St. Joseph's, Darlaston

First Holy Communion
Sunday 19th May SJW

Krakow Pilgrimage
Mon 27th May - Sat 1st June
Poland

Parish Walk
Sunday 9th June

Focolare Family Afternoon
Sunday 16th June
St. Joseph's, Darlaston

SVP Service & Afternoon Teas
Sunday 23rd June
St. Mary's, Willenhall

Confirmation Mass
Wednesday 3rd July
St. Joseph's, Wolves

Summer Fair
Saturday 13th July
St. Joseph's, Wolves

The Funeral Service of the Late Margaret Moran takes place at Bushbury Crematorium on Monday 22nd April at 2.15pm. May she rest in peace



Newman Corner

As we continue this Easter season, we look to one of St Newman's Easter sermons (*Parochial and Plain Sermons: Sermon 22 Witnesses to the Resurrection*) where he explores the question "Why did not our Saviour show Himself after His resurrection

to all the people? Why only to witnesses chosen before of God?"

Before we turn directly to St Newman's answer to this question (and we only have space to explore one of many answers he gives in his sermon), it's useful to recall briefly the appearances of Jesus on the first Easter Sunday, of which there are five main appearances. The first two appearances are to lay women (First Mary Magdalene on her own (John 20:16) and then the other women who went to the tomb (Matthew 28:9)) followed by an appearance to two other laity (Jesus' uncle and perhaps St Luke or his aunt) to lead a three-hour Bible study on the Old Testament (Luke 24:13-30).

He finally gets round to his newly ordained Bishops and appears to St Peter on his own (Luke 24:34, 1 Corinthians 15:5 before finally appearing to ten Apostles plus the two disciples from Emmaus (Luke 24:36, John 20:19 (sometimes split into two separate appearances.

With this in mind, we turn to St Newman:

"It might have been expected, that, on our Saviour's rising again from the dead, He would have shown Himself to very great numbers of people, and especially to those who crucified Him ... This seems at first sight strange. We are apt to fancy the resurrection of Christ as some striking visible display of His glory, such as God vouchsafed from time to time to the Israelites in Moses' day; and considering it in the light of a public triumph, we are led to imagine the confusion and terror which would have overwhelmed His murderers, had He presented Himself alive before them. Now, thus to reason, is to conceive Christ's kingdom of this world, which it is not; and to suppose that then Christ came to judge the world, whereas that judgment will not be till the last day, when in very deed those wicked men shall "look on Him whom they have pierced."

"Now consider what would have been the probable effect of a public exhibition of His resurrection. Let us suppose that our Saviour had shown Himself as openly as before He suffered; preaching in the Temple and in the streets of the city; traversing the land with His Apostles, and with multitudes following to see the miracles which He did. What would have been the effect of this? Of course, what it had already been. His former miracles had not effectually moved the body of the people; and, doubtless, this miracle too would have left them as it found them, or worse than before. They might have been more startled at the time; but why should this amazement last? When the man taken with a palsy was suddenly restored at His word, the multitude were all amazed, and glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today." [Luke v. 2] What could they have said and felt more than this, when "one rose from the dead"? In truth, this is the way of the mass of mankind in all ages, to be influenced by sudden fears, sudden contrition, sudden earnestness, sudden resolves, which disappear as suddenly. Nothing is done effectually through untrained human nature; and such is ever the condition of the multitude. Unstable as water, it cannot excel. One day it cried Hosanna; the next, Crucify Him. And, had our Lord appeared to them after they had crucified Him, of course they would have shouted Hosanna once more; and when He had ascended out of sight, then again they would have persecuted His followers."

Here St Newman provides an insight into both the first people who encountered our Lord and us today. We can be fickle and quick to dismiss both the miracle of Easter and when we encounter the risen Lord in our own lives.

As we journey through this Easter season, let's remember the grace that we continue to experience that was made possible by Jesus' life, death and resurrection and seek to grow closer to God as we unite our joys, sufferings and, indeed our whole lives with His.