

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## Newsletter for Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Octave	12 noon	David Allen Ints
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Divine Mercy Sunday Livestream	12 noon	Those who have died...
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Week 2	12 noon	Ken RIP
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Week 2	12 noon	George Lees RIP
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Week 2	12 noon	Sarah Matthews RIP
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George	12 noon	NHS Staff Ints
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Week 2	12 noon	Ken Lovatt RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	St Mark	12 noon	Thanksgiving for recoveries
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Livestream	12 noon	Mary Hehir RIP

## ALL PUBLIC LITURGIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

**Mass is still being offered in our church daily for all your intentions even though the church remains locked for now.**

There are many Masses livestreamed on Facebook and on the internet. See the Diocesan Website for the list of websites including St Chad's Cathedral. I Hope to livestream Sunday Masses from St John's on the Parish Facebook page Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist, Alton.

**Bounty Club winners** are £35 Asher Heritage £25 John Carrington £15 Margaret Whiston

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**Divine Mercy Sunday** (also known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave Day of Easter. The feast day is observed by Roman Catholics as well as some Anglicans. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.



Divine Mercy is based upon a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699: **“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”**