



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A, 16 APRIL 2023

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

#### Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

#### Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

#### Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

On this Sunday every year the readings vary little, with the big variation being in the second readings. 1 Peter (see page 42) is this year’s chosen text. It can be read as addressed to the newly baptized - see how many times *you* and *yours* are heard today, especially in the ecstatic last sentence beginning *You did not see him, yet you love him* and leading to *you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls*. Faith is there in the first reading too, with the whole community ‘remaining faithful’ and later on being described as *the faithful*. And the Gospel revolves around the word *believe*: four uses of the word and one *believing*. We need to recognise what an extraordinary situation this is. Jesus has died and is risen and speaks to the apostles as he did before his death. We think of the good fortune of the people who surrounded Jesus in his lifetime, but they did not see him as we do: they did not know of his future glory although they had received many hints of it. But even we do not *see* Jesus as the disciples (possibly including women) in the room did. We hope to be one of those of whom Jesus says ‘Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Will we be like Thomas before Jesus confronted him? Note that it was Jesus who made the approach; he did not accuse Thomas of unbelief, or reproach him. It is faith that will make us say: My Lord and my God. *Liturgy Planner*

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

#### Gospel acclamation

Jesus said: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”

Jezus przychodzi do apostołów ogarniętych strachem przed prześladowaniem wieczorem w dniu zmartwychwstania, przekazuje im pokój pochodzący od Ojca i posyła ich, przekazując im misję przynoszenia przebaczenia grzechów. Apostoł Tomasz, który ma być jednym ze świadków Zmartwychwstałego, dochodzi do wiary w bóstwo Jezusa przez bezpośrednie doświadczenie Jezusa zmartwychwstałego. Jego wiara powinna być jego własną wiarą, a nie wiarą opartą na widzeniu innych. Ciało Zmartwychwstałego, noszące na sobie ślady śmierci, jest doprowadzeniem kondycji ludzkiej do formy szczytowej, która zawiera całą swą poprzednią historię. Słowa Tomasza „Pan mój i Bóg mój” stanowią kluczowe wyznanie wiary w czwartej Ewangelii. W zakończeniu Jezus wskazuje zaś na tych, którzy nie będą mieli już takiej możliwości, podkreślając wagę dojścia do wiary bez pośrednictwa zmysłów. Zawarty tu makaryzm nie stanowi więc przeciwstawienia wobec postawy Tomasza, ale jej przedłużenie. Wiara Kościoła opiera się na świadectwie tych, którzy widzieli.

*Mateusz.pl*

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 17th April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

Tuesday 18th April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

Wednesday 19th April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

Thursday 20th April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

Friday 21st April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

Saturday 22nd April  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

**PRAYERS**

Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls,  
O Lord. May they  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY**

**16 APRIL 2023**

**DIVINE MERCY**

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.

*DIARY 699*

**SCIAF**

Thank you all so much for  
your support of the SCIAF  
WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

Lenten appeal.

Please return your WEE  
BOXES

on Sunday 16 April  
(Divine Mercy Sunday).

From 16 April to 5  
May 2023 Fr Piotr  
will be away for his  
holiday break.  
**Sunday Mass only on  
23 and 30 April at  
12.00.**

In emergency, please  
contact Fr Colin  
Stewart from Elgin  
01343 542280

**GIFT AID**

If you are a UK taxpayer,  
ensure all your contributions  
to the OLMC Banff are Gift-  
Aided by registering for the  
OLMC Banff Gift Aid  
scheme. This means we can  
claim an additional 25% on  
top of all contributions you  
make in whatever form,  
without it costing you a  
penny more!!

To complete GIFT AID  
DECLARATION FORM  
please contact Parish Office

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection  
9 April 2023  
Cash - £629.00  
Gift Aid - £40.00

*Thank you for your donations*

**MARCH FINANCES**

Income: £6990.81  
Expenses: £8853.08  
**Balance: - £1862.27**

Bank account: £5502.83

**TEA AND COFFE**

**After Sunday Mass  
everyone is invited for  
tea and coffe in Parish  
Parlour.**