Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 19th April 2020

Lockdown and coronavirus will of course be something that will be talked about and studied in schools for ages to come. But the more important event in the history of the world, is of course, the saving work of Jesus. When Our Lord appeared in the ‘Upper Room’ to the apostles that Easter night pointing out His wounds, He was showing them the means of his Death and the Crucifixion, and to show He had resurrected from the dead, proving He was God. He then bestowed on the apostles the power to forgive sins, which was in effect Divine Mercy coming into the world. It was the beginning of the Church on earth. The Church is a hospital of mercy and a refuge for sinners. Most people claim that people in Church aren’t great as human beings, but surely that is the point we hope to be aware that we are sinners.

In 1931 He appeared in another room, the room of a young nun, again showing His wounds, emphasising the power of those wounds as rays from a font of reconciliation and renewal, rays of love and mercy. This was Divine Mercy, His victory on the Cross, His Resurrection, coming into to a very sinful world once again. A world that was about to plunge man into the depths of depravity in a horrific world war.

He asked her to teach the world again of why He died on the Cross to give sinners another chance of obtaining God’s Divine Mercy, and pardon their sins if they returned to living by God’s commandments. He was also reminding man that by His death on the Cross, Divine Mercy was for all mankind. The commandments of God are built into every human born, in the form of a conscience that was given them at birth, it is the spirit of God within them. If you deny your conscience, you deny God.

The image that appeared to the apostles was the resurrected Christ. The Resurrection was the start of the Christian Church. The image that appeared to Saint Faustina was the same image that started the Christian Church. His appearance to Saint Faustina was the same image to renew the Church, to renew belief in the Cross, in the Resurrection, in our salvation.

Jesus said “I have not come to call the righteous, but to call sinners to repentance”. (Luke 5:32) For the same reason He appeared again on earth to Saint Faustina, to save sinners from eternal damnation. His message of Divine Mercy is a warning to mankind to exercise their conscience, come back to God and live by the Commandments.

Who are the sinners? – sinners are those who offend human nature, God’s creation, and the dignity of man. Knowing you are a sinner is the best way to embrace the love and mercy of God. Join us for a virtual service to celebrate Divine Mercy at 3.00pm on Sunday.

Through Jesus and Mary  ………………………..Fr Gerard
Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.

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