

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE  
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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 19 April 2020*

**WELCOME**...If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes – even if, sadly, for the moment we can't welcome you to our churches. If you are new to the parish or area, please make yourself known to Fr Jock by email or on the phone and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



**SUNDAY MASS THIS SUNDAY ONLINE AT 11am –  
live-streamed from the Prayer Room in the Parish House.**

The web address will appear as the top post on our Facebook page -

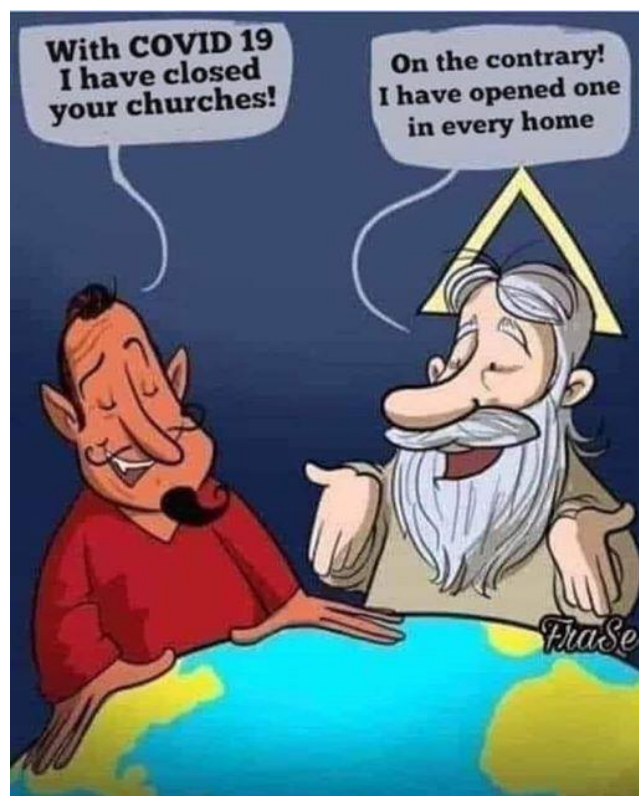
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*and also as the top post on*

[www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news](http://www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news)

**The Mass will then be available as a recording on both addresses and on the St Mary Magdalene's website.**

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday** – there is reflection by Fr George Kosicki marking the Feast on the final page of the newsletter.



**Fr Jock writes: ‘A Happy and joy-filled Easter to Everyone from Deacon Eddie, the Pastoral Team and myself on this, the Second Sunday of Easter,** the final day of the Easter Octave – and as we begin Eastertide, the second half of the season of Easter, lasting until Pentecost Sunday on 31 May. And a big paschal Thank You to all those who are continuing to work away and keep the liturgical and pastoral life of our two parishes very much alive....

This Easter Week has been very different to any other we have ever celebrated – but the cartoon overleaf certainly seems to have struck a chord - ...I believe many of us are discovering new ways to come close to the Lord – or, rather, perhaps, allowing the Lord to come close to us, as he so longs to....do remember the apostles and disciples were in a sense under lockdown – as imposed by the occupying Roman army, and for the first three centuries of the Church, the followers of Jesus met in each other’s houses indeed (there were no church buildings – they came later...) ....so please let’s continue to support each other and pray for each other and especially for all those who are still walking their own Way of the Cross with Jesus at this time...’

### **MASSES THIS WEEK (All live-streamed)**

			<b>Mass Intention</b>
Sunday 19 April <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 20 April	10am	<b>Mass</b>	John Conaghan
Tuesday 21 April	7pm	<b>Mass</b>	Margaret Stanton
Wednesday 22 April	10am	<b>Mass</b>	Ina McNama
Thursday 23 April		<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
Friday 24 April	10am	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
Saturday 25 April	10am	<b>Mass</b>	William O’Donnell
Sunday 26 April – <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish

**Children’s Liturgy** – Arlene Lauder writes: ‘Please join us this Sunday morning for a Zoom children’s liturgy session which will be starting around 11:15 am. To join in please send your email address to me at [Lauder.82@btinternet.com](mailto:Lauder.82@btinternet.com) Please note that we will automatically send the Zoom link by email to everyone who has joined us before.’

The burial of **Thomas Boyle** will take place on Wednesday at 2.30pm at Mortonhall Cemetery (Celebrant – Deacon Eddie)

On Friday between 9.15 and 9.55am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (livestreamed)

### **Links for Youtube Livestreaming**

Monday 10 am [https://youtu.be/E\\_yn3QJDvCI](https://youtu.be/E_yn3QJDvCI)

Tuesday 7pm <https://youtu.be/eyhxweyfCx8>

Wednesday 10am <https://youtu.be/mAtM1WGQtQI>

Friday 10am <https://youtu.be/nijd5BlxCFk>

Saturday 10am <https://youtu.be/vmrxAt8mIo>

Sunday 11am <https://youtu.be/oDL1vRiaof8>

### **Children’s Easter Artwork**

On Palm Sunday we asked the children to draw or paint an Easter picture to either send it in digitally or leave at the parish house in order to decorate the doors of both our churches at Easter – thanks to all who

responded...if you can, please come and look at the artwork on your daily walk/run/cycle – or access it online on the St Mary Magdalene's website:

[www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk)

## THE PARISHES IN A TIME OF CRISIS - Caring for Each Other

### A Message from our Parishes' St Vincent de Paul Conference

'Have you been financially hammered by the Covid 19 crisis? Have you lost your job or your business and have no financial reserves left? Are you unable to feed your family? The SVP might be able to help. Please **either text 07752 682 213** or **email** the parish house office on [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) with your **phone number, name and address** and a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul will get back to you within 48 hrs.'

**Our PEP (Parish Emergency Planning) Group** is meeting regularly to develop and put into practice plans for pastoral, spiritual and liturgical care in these very new circumstances.... We will hope to offer - **and have offered to us** - further ideas and opportunities in the weeks in front of us...

### OUR NEW PASTORAL CARE GROUP

#### Our Covid 19 Parish Initiative "Adopt a Friend" Has Been Successfully Launched

**Gary Zoltie writes:** 'After a recent appeal to parishioners to support the vulnerable and those aged over 70 we have had an amazing response. We have 49 **FOLK (Folk Offering Logistical Kindness)** supporting 157 **PIPs (Possibly Isolated Parishioners)**.

The PIPs were sorted into their geographical areas around the Parishes of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's and split into 8 areas from Craigentenny in the West to Eastfield in the East and everywhere else in between. We also have a group covering those who live outside the parishes. Each area has a leader whose job is to organise their FOLKS and ensure they have the resources to achieve our objectives of :-

- *Regular phone contact*
- *Buying and delivering shopping*
- *Collection and delivery of medication*
- *Delivery of the weekly newsletter*

We were aware that many of our over 70's are healthy and active and more used to giving than receiving help but we still thought it was worth making contact with them initially just in case. And obviously there are many who are older and in particular need of support at this time.

We launched the initiative a fortnight ago and the response so far has been extremely positive with most of our PIPs really appreciating contact with their church community just over a week into the coronavirus lockdown.

**If there is anyone that we have inadvertently missed that would like us to make contact with please do not hesitate to pass their details to Father Jock or myself (email: [garyzoltie@hotmail.com](mailto:garyzoltie@hotmail.com) or phone 07768647923).'**

### Parish Finances and Coronavirus

**A Message from the diocese:** 'We have been asked how people can continue to support their parish when we cannot put money in the plate at church. If your income has diminished because of the crisis, **please do not feel obliged to contribute at this time.** If your income is secure, **the best option would be to set up a standing order** (if your circumstances change, these can be amended/cancelled). If you have online banking you can set up a standing order form quickly using the parish sort code and account number. If you don't have online banking, we have standing order forms available which you can complete, sign and post to your bank (using the branch address on your cheque book or bank statement). Alternatively, you can donate using electronic banking.

The Parishes account details are:

#### **St Mary Magdalene's:**

Sort Code: 80-18-31

Account Number: 00277159

Account name - St Mary Magdalene's Church

Please include your name as the payment reference

#### **St John's:**

Sort Code: 80 - 46 - 53

Account Number: 10765768

Account name – St John the Evangelist

# NOTICEBOARD

## BETHANY CARE SHELTER

**Jim Roarty writes:** 'Because of the inadvisability of having the homeless sleeping in a shared dormitory, Bethany Christian Trust, along with Edinburgh City Council have managed to obtain the use of the Old Waverley Hotel in Princes Street, which will enable single room accommodation.

Our two parishes are due to provide a hot meal for the homeless using the night shelter on Thursday 23 April and Sunday 3 May. The latter date was originally to be the end of the night shelter season but Bethany have decided to keep it going till Monday 29 June and are seeking teams to provide the meal during the extended period.



Some of our parishes' volunteers are over 70 and others have underlying health problems which make it advisable for them to stay at home. **So we are short of volunteers both for our scheduled dates and for the extended period.**

The actual process is that the meal is prepared in the kitchen, away from the guests and then served by placing the plate on the counter so that the service user can pick it up. (We haven't actually seen the new premises yet so there may be the possibility of even more separation). **If you would like to volunteer for this valuable - and rewarding - service, please let me know your availability either for our scheduled dates (23 April & 3 May) or during the extended period up to 29 June.** My contact details are: [jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com), tel 07719952472.'

## SPONSORED SLIM

**Fr Jock is reasonably pleased (though actually, to be honest, also slightly disappointed with himself – not enough scurrying around..)** having lost 5lb in Lent in his Sponsored Slim ( **to help support the Legho Young Christian Communities and the STEKA Children's Home in Malawi**)....and is looking forward to gathering the various generous pledges made...do somehow get them to the Parish House if that's possible...and THANK YOU.

## Learn to DeDevelop and help STEKA in Malawi survive Covid-19

**Emma Wood writes:** 'We are launching a campaign today which we hope will entertain you so much that you will manage to donate to help the STEKA family survive the Covid-19 disaster. Our #DeDevelop campaign will take the form of snapshots of the STEKA children entertaining themselves without 'costing the Earth'.

We know how hard Covid is making life for everyone, but we are especially worried about our partners, the STEKA family in Malawi, currently home to 74 young survivors of trafficking and abuse. With only 17 ventilators in its public hospitals which serve 80% of the 18 million population in Malawi, it's really important for them to keep safe and not get the virus. We don't like asking for donations because both STEKAskills and STEKA are dedicated to reducing donor dependency and promoting social entrepreneurship. This means that STEKA recently invested in equipment to be hired out for events as well as cars which are hired out to tourists. And STEKAskills was hoping to earn an income for the STEKA Centre from Dialogue Groups to be run with visiting school groups in the summer. But Covid-19 has put paid to all that. With no visitors, there'll be no profits. And STEKA desperately needs to ensure it has enough money to buy beans, rice and Nsima to eat, as well as paying essential water and electricity bills. If you can make a donation, however small, please do so via our donate button. Thank you and keep safe .

The first post in our campaign will be of STEKA's Chancy who made his toy out of a mango stone

<https://www.stekaskills.com/post/learn-to-dedevelop-and-help-steka-survive-covid-19>

(and string because knows how to have fun without costing the earth. He's one of 74 young people living at the inspirational STEKA care home in Malawi and we'll be sharing more posts like this to show the world how to de-develop during the Covid-19 Lockdown (and hopefully afterwards too). Please share our posts to spread the message and follow us for regular updates. And if you believe that 'developed' countries need to learn how to 'dedevelop' hashtag us to share your pictures of de- development ...

Anyone who uses Facebook can find us there searching for STEKAskills

<https://www.facebook.com/STEKAskills/>

## St Teresa's Food Bank

**Jennifer Morris writes:** 'In 'lockdown' it is difficult to source, gather and deliver donations of essentials to the Food Bank. With financial help St Teresa's, Craigmillar, could organise the purchase of essentials or food vouchers for families in need. If anyone wants to donate money they could put a cheque (St Teresa Parish) in the post to The Parish House, St Teresa of Lisieux, 120 Niddrie Mains Road Edinburgh EH16 4EG. Alternatively they could put cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'St Teresa's and leave it at our Parish House (if passing by on your daily exercise). Another option is to purchase and send food vouchers to St Teresa's.

For other Foodbanks – you can donate at <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>'

### *A Poem - Easter 2020 – by Canon Andrew Monaghan*

*How do we celebrate this Easter  
when the world is overwhelmed with sickness and disease  
and Covid 19 brings so much death and isolation?  
We try to stream the services of our churches  
but one to one, we still can only feel the loss of that togetherness  
which Easter celebrations have brought  
throughout the years.*

*The bells rang out and alleluiahs echoed deep in every heart  
But now we're forced to ask  
did this truly represent what happened that first Easter Day?  
There were frightened followers who hid behind locked doors  
and a few so daring venture to the tomb where Jesus' body lay  
that they might give the reverence the Friday night did not allow.  
The empty tomb gave birth to fear before the dawning realisation  
that their loved one  
had somehow risen from destruction to new life.  
The privileged few then spoke of running to the tomb  
and exiting with fear and bewilderment.  
The ponderous Peter and the broken-hearted Mary  
came then to recognise the new beginning  
which contradicted all that they had once believed.  
In muted, awed and stumbling words  
they came back again behind locked doors  
to search for meaning in all they'd lived  
from crucifixion through still further senses of betrayal  
until they met together their Lord who had arisen to new life.  
Doubts still raged till the sharing of a little fish and bread  
calmed their turmoil and brought a new  
and overwhelming sense of peace.*

*Can we, I wonder, make a journey this Eastertime  
which takes us from the isolation, fear and brokenness of Covid 19  
to new and deeper insights into how Christ lives for us  
and helps us rise above the apprehension and the sadness  
to find a sharing and a peace which otherwise we only glimpsed.*

## Christian Meditation Online

'Experience the joy of God's healing presence during Christian meditation this special Lent. As long as the lock-down lasts, we meditate on Skype on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. The up-to-date schedule and connection instructions are here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>  
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>'

## “Spiritual Communion”

As you are aware, in order to try to limit the spread of Covid-19, all public Masses have been suspended for the foreseeable future. This means that many people who are used to receiving Holy Communion regularly at Mass will not be able to do so for the time being.

During this “Eucharistic Fast” one way to keep close to the Lord is to make a “Spiritual Communion.” This is an ancient spiritual tradition of the Church which consists in making a simple act of “spiritual communion,” whereby we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to receive Holy Communion.

The great 13<sup>th</sup> century Dominican Friar, St. Thomas Aquinas defined a Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.” You can make a Spiritual Communion at communion time during a live-streamed or recorded Mass – or, indeed, whenever and wherever you like, using any prayer - including the one written below by a parishioner given below, or others like it, or your own heartfelt thoughts.

*Jesus, you gave us your Body and Blood  
so that we might become sharers in your life,  
in this world and the next.*

*In these times, when we may not  
physically receive You in Communion,  
may we recognise that  
we can receive the spirit of Your gift  
so that You and we are still united  
as Your Mystical Body.  
Amen.*

### The Memorare (which Archbishop Cushley is inviting us to pray each day)

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary**, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours) : ☎0800 027 1234

## PARISH REGISTER

***Please pray for those who have died recently: Colin Gibson, Joe Lamont and Bert Tow***

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Pat McNally, Janet Clark, Ina McNama, Mike Sivell, Mary Quigley and Kathleen Dykes Main***

### St John's

**Apr.19:-** Johnny McCahill (2014); May Docherty (1988); Derrick Thomson; **Apr.20:-** Elizabeth Holligan (2000); Betty Ferguson (1998); Elizabeth Gaynor; **Apr.21:-** Alice Mitchell (1995); **Apr.22:-** Ina McNama (2017); Mary Quigley (2014); Helen Dignan (1998); Kathleen Dykes Main (1991); **Apr.23:-** James McMillan (2010); Margaret Gilhooley (2005); Charles McLauchlan (1972); Frank Irvine; **Apr.24:-** Harry McGroarty (2005); Helen Loftus (1972); John Bell; **Apr.25:-** Beatrice Lawler (1993); Alice Ashburner; Peggie Desmond

### St Mary Magdalene's

**Apr.20:-** James Marlow (1994); **Apr.28:-** Stan Brown (2000); **Apr.29:-** George Cockburn (1995)

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Bernadette Campbell, Susan O'Hara, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Ann Carruthers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Bill Cheyne, Sam Burns, Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhillips, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Gerry Mulvenna, Delia Kennedy, Frank Palmer, Michael Goldschmidt, Mairi Wilson, Louise Short, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Celine Diniz, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Audrey Burgess, Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Frances Green, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Maureen Henderson, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Peter Hanley, Hazel Marshall, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jordan, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
12 April 2020	Direct Debits - £50.00 – Envelopes - £73 (Full figure to come)	£2,614 (including Gift Aid of £264.80 ) and Direct Debits –£371.40 -ie £2985.89

### ***Albert Tow (1916-2020)***

**Frances McDevitt, organist at St John's, writes:** 'Mr Albert (Bert) Tow died last Monday morning in St Joseph's Care Home, Robroyston, Glasgow. He was 104 years, 7 weeks and 6 days old. A remarkable man who, until a very few weeks ago, would happily debate world events with everyone. He teased me about my reliance on reading glasses ..... he only used his in poor light!

His death is not C19 related.

I got to know him through his son, Brian. Brian and I sang and acted together in the University Savoy Opera Group for far more years than we were actually students! Brian's parents moved from Abbeyhill to Park Avenue around 1975 and attended St John's. About 10 years later, they moved to Durham Avenue. Mrs T (Rena) died in Marie Curie on 13 May 1992. Canon Rae conducted her requiem in St John's.

A few years later, Mr T moved into a 'supported living' flat at Sciennes, to be closer to Brian's flat at Greenhill. Shortly after his 100th birthday celebration, Mr T decided that he would prefer more company and support so moved into Gilmore Place. With its closure, Brian explored other Edinburgh options but his Dad was determined to stick with what and who he knew so, at the age of 102, moved 'house' to St Joseph's in Glasgow!

He was a diminutive man, physically. He worked for the Post Office from the age of 14 until his retirement aged 65. Brian has a wonderful photo of his Dad in his first uniform as a telegram boy. He worked for a while in the GPO at Waterloo Place and also for many years as a postie. He retired from Royal Mail almost 40 years ago! He's been retired almost as long as he worked. He was a very fit and active man who could turn his hand to anything. He had a wonderful twinkle in his eye and a gentle sense of fun. He was plain talking and unsentimental, disliked pomposity and enjoyed a good book. Always delightful & interesting company with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Edinburgh!

In different times, Mr T's requiem would have been from St John's. We assume there'll be the briefest of crem events in Glasgow in coming weeks - the first challenge is getting the death certified and then registered in these strange days....

A very long, extraordinary life very well led. May he now rest in peace.'

*'And then the whole world walked inside and shut their doors and said we will stop it all. Everything. To protect our weaker ones, our sicker ones. Our older ones. And nothing. Nothing in the history of mankind ever felt more like love than this.'*

(A comment by Chelsea Dianne that so aptly reflects how - on one level at least - the gospel of Jesus is being manifested in society in response to the crisis).

## **A Reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday**

### **The Merciful Way**

# **of St Faustina Kowalska (1903-38), the Apostle of Divine Mercy**

‘All of the saints in heaven followed Jesus who is the Way. Yet major saints followed the way of Jesus in a unique and precious way that can be instructional for all of us. We might think of them as God's "Dream Team."

Saint John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church and great mystic, followed and taught the dark way: dark, because we walk in the darkness of faith. When the faithful follow St. John's teaching, the Lord Jesus is able to prepare His pilgrim bride for total surrender to Himself in love.

Saint Therese of Lisieux, spiritual daughter of St. John of the Cross and a Doctor of the Church, followed and taught the little way: the way of love. We are called to be love in the heart of the Church, to go to the Father as a little child.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and great teacher of the spiritual life, lived and taught the discerning way. Through his spiritual exercises based on the Gospels, he taught us how to discern God's will, and then to follow it wholeheartedly.

In following the merciful way, as revealed by Jesus and recorded in her *Diary*, St. Faustina, who was canonized on April 30, 2000, built on these great saints who had gone before her. She went through her own "dark night of the soul," which is described by St. John. She was also devoted to St. Therese and her little way (see *Diary*, 150). Further, St. Faustina was trained in the spiritual life by Fr. Joseph Andrzej, SJ, her Jesuit confessor in Cracow, Poland, who helped the young religious discern her call. This great Apostle of Divine Mercy has taken her own place as a member of the "Dream Team"!

But what is so special about the merciful way of St. Faustina? When we follow this way, we discover the immense spiritual benefit of recognizing the great misery of our human condition and growing in greater trust in God's mercy every day. As Divine Mercy transforms the misery in our own lives, we are eager to share this good news with others in need.

At the end of the *Diary*, we capture a glimpse of how following the merciful way transformed the spiritual life of St. Faustina: *One day during Holy Mass, the Lord gave me a deeper knowledge of His holiness and His majesty, and at the same time I saw my own misery. This knowledge made me happy, and my soul drowned itself completely in His mercy (1801).*

Now her mission in heaven with the "Dream Team" is to share the great news of Divine Mercy with souls that are in misery: *I feel certain that my mission will not come to an end upon my death, but will begin. O doubting souls, I will draw aside for you the veils of heaven to convince you of God's goodness, so that you will no longer continue to wound with your distrust the sweetest Heart of Jesus. God is Love and Mercy (281).*

So, what can we do in response?

We can follow the merciful way. In our misery, we can plunge into the infinite ocean of God's mercy with complete trust in Jesus. When doubts assail us, we can pray unceasingly, "Jesus, I trust in You!" We can decide to "nestle close" to the merciful Heart of Jesus (1726).

Then, like St. Faustina, we can "tell aching mankind to snuggle close" to His merciful Heart to find peace (1074). We, too, can be an apostle of Divine Mercy, inspired by the newest member of the "Dream Team."

**(Fr George Kosicki)**