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Divine Mercy Sunday Year A

Prayers and Readings are from p. 369 in the missal.

Entrance antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever

Gospel Acclamation:

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Readings:

Acts 2:42-47. Ps 118 (117). 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of the 5.30pm & 8.00am Mass)

Regina Caeli – please see the prayer cards.

Daily Readings:

2nd Week of Easter (Yr II)

Divine Office:

Week 2

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Sunday 12th April 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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| Saturday 11 th | | 1730 | <i>Private intention</i> |
| Sunday 12 th | | 0800 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| | | 1000 | <i>Jason Calenti ✠</i> |
| Monday 13 th | Easter Feria | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday 14 th | Easter Feria | 1000 | |
| Wednesday 15 th | Easter Feria | 1000 | |
| Thursday 16 th | Easter Feria | 1830 | |
| Friday 17 th | Easter Feria | NO MASS | |

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday 18 th | | 1730 | <i>Teresa Savidee ✠</i> |
| Sunday 19 th | | 0800 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| | | 1000 | |

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or *by appointment after any Mass*.
Don't forget to make your Confession during the Easter season!

Dates for your diary

- 1st May: Induction of Fr Andrew as Parish Priest, 7pm Mass
4th May: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
13th–14th June: First Holy Communion
5th July: Mass with Bishop Peter to open Anniversary Year
11th July: Parish Day of Recollection: a day of prayer & Recollection

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert & Maureen Huggett, Theresa Lescott, Irene Sheahan, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Mavis Bassett, Delfim Bonfim, Olga Devonish, Luna Freitas, Mgr Peter Leeming, and Greg Warwick.

◦ **Parish phone number.** The Parish now has a mobile number, 07356 019511. The old landline will remain in place for the time being, but will automatically forward calls to the new number.

◦ **Singing to Mary.** As a parish under the protection of Our Lady, it is good that we sing together for her as often as possible. At the end of the Saturday 5.30 pm Mass and the Sunday 8 am Mass, we will sing the **Marian Antiphon** of the season – at present, the Regina Caeli. We now have prayer cards printed with all the antiphons.

◦ **Next weekend** Fr Andrew will be leading a retreat for student Deacons at the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell. Fr John Morrill has kindly agreed to supply Mass at Thetford.

◦ **Visit of Bishop Peter Friday 1st May.** Bishop Peter will be visiting our parish on **Friday 1st May at 7 pm**, to celebrate Mass inducting Fr Andrew as parish priest, and to enjoy a parish celebration afterwards. We would like the Bishop to enjoy the different culinary traditions of our parish. If you have a favourite traditional dish that you are able to offer, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Please put the date in your diaries – it is very important that the Bishop finds a full church when he visits the parish!

Catechesis Corner – explaining the teaching of the Church

The **Divine Mercy** image was seen by St Faustina Kowalska in visions she received in Plock in Poland (and later in Vilnius) in the 1930s. Jesus appeared to her and said “Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’” One of the attractive things about the Divine Mercy image, is that it depicts Jesus in motion, walking towards us. Like Thomas and the disciples in the Gospel today, we see the Risen, wounded and glorified Christ, walking into our lives... if only we have the courage, and the trust, to unlock the door to Him! Ask Him for that courage, and for the grace to place your life in His hands. “Jesus I trust in You!”

- Please pray for Liyann Vinushan, who is baptised this weekend and becomes a beloved daughter of Christ. Congratulations to her and to all her family!
- **Easter Collection.** A very big thank you from Fr Andrew for the donations made in the Easter Collection: thank you for your generosity at this time and throughout the year. Most of all, thank you for making the Easter Liturgies a time of love and reverence for the Lord!
- **Ignite Festival** is back – an invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards **2nd – 4th May at St. Benedict’s School in Bury St. Edmunds.** Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun!
- **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea.** If you are interested in going on this amazing pilgrimage, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited - sign up soon!

