



## Parish Newsletter Second Sunday of Easter Year A

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intention 11<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (OLF)

St Thomas More (STM)

Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Faustina (SI, Birthday) Kelly Family (living & dead)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	Sheils Family (living& dead) Gemma Jennings (RIP)	8.30am	Calogero Barno (RIP)
Monday	9.00am	Bainbridge Family - (living & dead) Caroline Sheils (SI)		
Tuesday	9.00am	Selkirk Family (living& dead) People of the Parish		
Wednesday	7-8 pm	Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am	Denis Johnson (SI) Czesław Cywinski (RIP) John Cywinski (son) (RIP)
Thursday	9.00am	Francis Adu Donkor (Ann. RIP)		
Friday			10.00am	Frank Taliana (RIP) Clement & Joyce Jones (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am 6.00pm	Demeter Family (Thanksgiving) Frederick Pipkin (RIP)		
Sunday <b>Polish</b>	10.30am <b>12.15pm</b>	John & Brede Moore (RIP) Boguslaw Roczon (6 <sup>th</sup> rocznica śmierci)	8.30am	Margaret Sackett (RIP)



### Doubting Thomas

Increasingly, it would seem, we live in an age in which trust has become a scarce commodity; consequently, a little bit of the apostle Thomas has rubbed off on each of us - "Unless I can see and touch - I will not believe"! All of our readings today touch on this attribute of belief and mutual trust which characterised the early Christian communities.

**Acts: 2: 42-47** The reading from the Acts of the Apostles details how this spirit of trust and belief expressed itself in the pooling of resources to be shared by all.

**1 Peter 1: 3-9** St. Peter, in his letter, recommends belief in the Risen Christ as a source of strength in the face of the trials encountered in everyday living.

**John 20: 19-31** Accepting Christ, or not accepting Him, is the choice each person has; and it is not the person who has the opportunity to see who necessarily

believes most readily. In the matter of religious faith, one can see but not necessarily believe; and another may believe without actually seeing. This Gospel account, undoubtedly, was written to encourage those within the early Christian community who felt disadvantaged because they had not known Christ personally.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

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## HALLS BOOKING

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**RCIA:** Congratulation to Leah who was baptised at Easter Vigil. Continue to pray and support her. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** OLF Church 17<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm Team A

## FIRST COMMUNION

FC in Polish: 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm in the OLF Church

FC in English: 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 5.30 pm in the OLF Church.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be an Hour of Mercy at Our Lady of Fatima Church, from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

**Gift Aid Donation:** Can you please return your completed forms to Hugh, Kay or to the Presbytery. The envelopes for the new tax year are now available in the entrance of STM and OLF respectively. If you can not find your envelopes, please email [Finance-harlowolf@brcdt.org](mailto:Finance-harlowolf@brcdt.org) giving your details and we will get back to you asap.

**Social Event: STM are holding a breakfast event after the 8.30am mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026** as an Easter Celebration, everyone is welcome. You can bring something to share, but it isn't essential.

Please see Clara (STM) or Kay (OLF) to register your interest in joining a team for the **International 5 aside men's football tournament on Sunday 7th June** from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. After the main tournament, we will be holding a children's competition. Further details about the event will be available in May.

## THE LEGACY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3<sup>rd</sup> October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

Next session of **MARANATHA** will be in the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm Led by Fr. Paschal Uche. Join us for a joyful evening of praise and worship followed by Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

***THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way, both before and during, the Easter Triduum: cleaners, those who arranged flowers, the choir, musicians, readers, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers and many others. Thank you also for your gifts and Easter Offering.*

**Pray for the sick:** Amelia Górczyńska, Brian Gomes, Ryan Gomes, Josie Cronin, Keith Harris, Pam Barnard, Ivan Pirnak, J.C. Nkosa, Teresa Lamb, Noreen Wright, Grace Fisher, Kathleen Evans, Fr Bernard Grogan, Angela Walsh, Jeremy Collins, Peter Kelly, Mary Kelly, Pam Matthews, Władysław Borecki, Ewa Samborska, Peter Ryan, Adele Ryan, Nial Briody, Maria Lunnon, Fabian Andrade, Eileen Rowan, John Brickley, Helen Doherty, Philip Ketedzi, Caroline Berry, Anna Sweeney, Stanislaw Kostecki, Carmel Delaney, Donnah Dris, Conrado Shea, Ryan Tomlin, Mat Quinlan, Krystyna, Josie Cronin, Mary Quinlan, Anna Borsuk, Ruby Antony, Eileen Jolly, Anna Slota, Monica, John O'Donnell and their children, Neil, Anna Gawlik, Eileen, Kathleen Kidney, Andrew Sinclair, Pauline, Alica and Rodney Bill, Valda, sick parishioners from Ashlyn, Alexandra and Abbot Care Home.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls:** Maria Kunicka, Margaret Sackett, Frederick Pipkin, Gwendoline Middlecoat, Mgr David Manson, Ks. Józef Mituś, Fr Władysław Wichniarz MS, Joseph Dawood Thomas, Patricia Delahunt, Mary Patterson, May Aitken, Thomas Mulligan, Romualda Ratajczyk, Bp Thomas McMahan, Frank Taliana, Maria Cooper, Alice (Dow) Insch, Nick Cronin, Tony Poole, Mathew Joseph, Helen Noyo Owie, Br Wojciech Durlak MS, Fr Augustyn Hamielec MS, Giona Nkunim Botchway-Adjei, Christopher Keenan, Denis Grogan, Kathleen Thompson, Mary Sage, Fr Andrzej Kuder MS, Hayley Wright, Patricia Carter, Radosław Iwańczyk, Billy Lomasney, Kenneth Samuels, Terry Farrington, Kevin McGrath, Julie Bush, Janina Zdrojewska, Zbigniew Piątek, Józef Chapski, Peter Mwangi Gekonyo, Joby Joy, PJ Thomas, Eveline Falzon, Dolores Lawless, John Cywinski, Maria Cristina Galagala, Thomas Nelson, Paul Gaize, Bridget Minihane, Barbara Vernem and all those whose anniversaries occur this month.



**The Divine Mercy** message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy has begun to spread. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

### **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Pray Our Father, Hail Mary, The Apostles' Creed

For each of the five decades

*On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:*

V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

*On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:*

V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclusion

*Repeat three times:*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.