

**WELCOME TO THE  
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**8th April 2018**

### **LOW SUNDAY**

*Eight days later, Jesus came.*

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32-35**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:2-4.15-18,22-24**

**Second Reading**

**1 Jn 5:1-6**

**Gospel**

**Jn 20:19-31**



**LOW SUNDAY – FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** Today goes under various names. From the first words of the Entrance antiphon it is known as ‘Quasimodo’: “Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia” 1 Peter 2:2. These words address the newly baptised, who are on a ‘learning curve’ as disciples and must be given milk at first rather than meat. In ancient times it was the custom to give them the symbolic food of milk and honey. The term ‘Low Sunday’, or in Latin ‘*Dominica in Albis*’ likewise refers to the completion of the Easter octave and the laying aside of the white robes of baptism. More recently it has become known as the Feast of Divine Mercy in response to Our Lord’s request made to St Faustina Kowalska. This focuses on the theme of forgiveness contained in the Gospel where Jesus appears a second time in the upper room and grants to the Apostles the power to forgive sins.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Pam Dixon, Sean O’Leary, Rona Roberts, Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Edward Gregory, Alfred Boyton, Maureen Gibbs, Helen Felgate, Rosaleen Southgate, Hubert Jackson, Ellen Harper, Lena Vallely, Gary Fox, Edward Walkley, Patrick Christi, Hilda Hawes and Edna Emeney* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MISSION APPEAL:** Today we welcome Brother John McCallister, a Marist Brother, who is coming to give the annual mission appeal on behalf of the Marist Missions. There will be a retiring collection.

**MANY THANKS:** Our thanks go to all who worked so hard in the run up to Easter to clean our churches and adorn them with flowers and also all who helped in various ways with the liturgical celebrations, especially our readers, altar servers and musicians. Many thanks too for the kind personal cards and gifts.

**WALSINGHAM SPIRITUALITY II.** The second of a series of weekends to enable retreatants enter more deeply into the spirituality of Walsingham. This second part continues to focus on what it means to accept God’s Will in our lives and what it means to do God’s Will. Dowry House, Walsingham. Starts: Friday 18th May 2018 at 5.00 p.m. Ends: Sunday 20th May 2018 at 2.00 p.m. Attendance to the first module recommended but not necessary. If you are interested in attending, please contact Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com

**BRAINTREE FOODBANK URGENT APPEAL:** We are in need of cereal bars, tinned cold meats, tinned tomatoes, tinned sponge puddings, tinned rice puddings, cartons of fruit juice, chocolate bars - KitKat/Penguin etc. and long-life bags.