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PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2017

LOW SUNDAY

Eight days later Jesus came.

First Reading	Ac 2:42-47
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:2-4.13-15.22-24
Second Reading	1 Pt 1:3-9
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31

MY LORD and My GOD



LOW SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Today is known as 'Low Sunday' because it concludes the Easter Octave and in former times was the last day the newly baptised wore their white robes (Latin – 'Dominica in Albis'). The Gospel tells how the risen Lord appeared on this day to reassure Thomas that was truly alive and how he breathed the Holy Spirit on his gathered disciples giving them the power to forgive sins in his name. It was to emphasise the importance of this gift that Our Lord appeared to a Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska, and asked for a feast to be established on this day in honour of his Divine Mercy – a request fulfilled by Pope St John Paul II.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, 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* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Denis Preston, Thomas McCann, Esther Evans, Taffy Rees, Elizabeth Hatchman* and *Victoria Randall* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

TRIDENTINE MASS: Since it is a 5th Sunday in the month there will be Mass according to the 1962 Missal next Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

FUNERAL: The funeral for **Mrs Rosaleen Southgate** will take place at Colchester Crematorium this Friday at 2.00 p.m. RIP.

THANK YOU: I just wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for your good wishes, cards, etc. last weekend as I was received into the Church. You helped make a special day more special, and I will treasure it always. *Michael Streat.*

FAITH FILMS CLUB - RISEN: A 2016 Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. **Title: RISEN** (*Running time : 107 minutes*). **Date: Monday, 24th April 2017. Time: 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Venue: Aggie O'Brien's house (*Contact 01376 573694 to confirm attendance or for further details*).**

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CENTENARY CHOIRS CELEBRATION: Saturday 29th April 5.30 p.m. at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB (followed by Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.30 p.m.). Parish choirs from the London parishes of the diocese will be taking part. All are most welcome to attend.

STAFF VACANCY: St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Loughton have a vacancy for a Headteacher for September 2017. Application form and further details available from Karen Mount at kjmgovservices@hotmail.com or telephoning 07718-478306.