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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2026



“Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace” (Diary of St Faustina Kowalska, 1074).

**Holy Hour On the Dignity of Human Life
on Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm**



We will join the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales and Catholics in our lands to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

Mass Schedule	
Saturday 11th April	8:15pm Neocatechumenate
Sun 12 th April SECONS SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am Pro Populo 11am Deceased members of Grazyna's family
Mon 13 th April	NO MASS
Tue 14 th April	12:30pm John Gilchrist Hamilton RIP
Wed 15 th April	12:30pm Pat McDonath RIP Amodio Falato RIP
Thu 16 th April	12:30pm Heather Byrne wellbeing 6pm Betty Lynch RIP
Fri 17 th April	12:30pm Mr Rae wellbeing

“God’ s mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his master’ s body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened.” St Gregory the Great

A big thank you for your generosity over this Easter Triduum and for your gift of £387.67to the Holy Places. This “*is not only a gesture of solidarity, it is a concrete sign of communion with the Church of Jerusalem.*” Fr Francesco Ielpo, OFM, Custos of the Holy Land

Donations of non-perishable, in date food for the **Foodbank** are welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group to see the hymns being sung on Sunday.



'This Sunday... from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."'

St John Paul II, 30 April 2000

Beloved,

"Mercy" is the form that love adopts in order to overcome misery. It is 'Love's second name.'

"Divine Mercy" is what God displays when he helps us in our suffering and sin. It is the gift that the Risen Lord entrusted to the Church.

Now the heart pierced by our sins radiates with cleansing and life-giving powers. The blood and water that gushed forth as a font of mercy for us (red and pale rays in the image) stand for the sacraments of Baptism/Confession and the Eucharist which confer and renew the gift of divine life granted to souls.

The image of Divine Mercy, the need for a dedicated Sunday and other forms of devotion were revealed to St Faustina Kowalska during the 1930s to remind us that the mercy of God is greater than human sin.

"Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already



Jesus, I trust in you.

be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy!"
(Diary 1448)

Jesus promised St Faustina that this Sunday *"the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"* (Diary 699).

The key that unlocks the flood-gates of Divine Mercy is this: TRUST.

Trust that God can show mercy to you and through you. Every time you announce the Good News about the God who always forgives and always offers us the possibility of starting a new life, you become a channel of the mercy of God for the world.

Let us take advantage of the miracle of Divine Mercy!

Fr Oscar.