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Because of the Resurrection, Jesus is 'alive for everyone' revealing his Divine Mercy as the apostles heal and forgive in his name. Just as Thomas found comfort and faith, recognising both Christ's wounds and his risen body, so we go forward, knowing the 'First and the Last' has conquered sin and death which has no more dominion over us.

Sundays Year C ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: II

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy
27th April 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women'.</i>	Acts 5:12-16
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever:</i>	Psalms 118
Second Reading	<i>I died, and behold I am alive for evermore</i>	Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen yet have believed. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Eight days later, Jesus came.'</i>	John 20: 19-31

Saturday			6:00pm	Barbara Conway R.I.P.
Sunday	27th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Private Intention (S)
Monday	28th April	St. George Martyr		No Mass
Tuesday	29th April	St. Catherine of Siena		No Mass
Wednesday	30th April	Easter Feria	7:00pm	Communion Service
Thursday	1st May	Easter Feria	9:15am	No Mass
Friday	2nd May	St. Athanasius	7:00pm	No Mass May Devotions
Saturday	3rd May	Ss Philip & James	10:00am	Josephine Hunter R.I.P.
			6:00pm	William Heron R.I.P.
Sunday	4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Pope Francis R.I.P.

Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed fifteen minutes before weekday Masses.

Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the morning Mass.

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for, Deirdre Mohan, Peter Bevis, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Henry Bedingfield, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClosky, Gerry Watt, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Mark Blake, Marie Sawfoot, Michael Speake, Gwen Quinton, John Richardson, Barbara Conway, Maria O'Reilly, Michael Ramsbottom and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

Where, if not in the Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?

St. Pope John Paul II

Pope Francis RIP: The 10.30am Mass on Sunday, May 4th, will be offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. RIP.

May Devotions: Every Friday evening in May at 7.00pm in the church. Please join us for half an hour of prayer, adoration and reflection.

Journey in Faith: A follow-up meeting will be held in the Garden Room at 7.00pm on Thursday, May 8th. Please bring some snacks so we can also celebrate with those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism Class: The next class for parents wishing to have their children baptised will take place in the Presbytery (behind the church) from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday, May 10th. Further details from Fr David.

Parish Mission: A meeting to look at the way forward following our very successful parish mission will be held in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday May 7th. Some of the COLW sisters will be joining us to answer any questions that may have arisen following the mission. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send any questions, comments or ideas to Fr David.

Marriage Celebration Mass: Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 14th June at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more details and if you would like to register please go to: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> Please direct all questions to the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Ignite Festival - Help Needed: We already have over 300 young people coming to the Ignite Festival (held in Bury St. Edmunds) and bookings are still open! As numbers are higher than we were expecting, we are appealing for people to help with night stewarding, through the night (or some of it) on 3rd and 4th May. You need to have a DBS done by the Diocese of East Anglia or a Catholic School in East Anglia. Please email Hamish on dys@rcdea.org.uk if you are interested in serving our young people in this way. Many thanks.

Called to Mission? Leaving school or university in the summer and deciding what to do next? In between jobs, or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people aged 18-30 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for 12 months with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Collections	19th /20th April	£1584.63
	Holy Land	£ 230.97
	Direct Debits for March	£1867.50
		Many Thanks

The next cake stall is on Sunday May 4th in the Garden Room after Mass.

Last month's cake stall etc. raised £66.30.

Diocesan Safeguarding: New appointments have been made since the Year Book was published so every parish has been asked to include details in their newsletter so that everyone has the most up-to-date information. Please keep these details somewhere safe in case you need them. Safeguarding Coordinator: Liam Sainsbury , Tel 07931952626, safeguarding.coordinator@rcdea.org.uk, liam.sainsbury@rcdea.org.uk. Safeguarding Administrator: Donna Wright, Tel 07931952628, safeguarding.administrator@rcdea.org.uk , donna.wright@rcdea.org.uk.

The UCM: Lunch on Tuesday 6th May at the Deep Blue (Fish & Chips Restaurant), Drayton High Road @ 12:00pm. ***If you would like to join us, can you please put your name down on the list in the porch by Sunday 4th May. We'll meet in the car park at about 11:50am***

Date for your diary: 21st June - Strawberry Tea in the Garden Room from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets £5, on sale from Saturday night Mass on May 17th until June 15th. Buy early as numbers are limited. All proceeds in aid of our charity – Samaritan's Purse.

International Lunch: Sunday May 4th, after the 10.30am Mass. Please bring some food representing your country, or part of the country, to the Garden Room and enjoy a varied lunch with other parishioners.

The Friends of St Augustine's (FOSA) are going to be holding a summer fete this year on **Saturday 5th July** between 12-4pm. It would be amazing for members of the parish to come along to the event too!

Also, If any parishioners would like to volunteer to help at the event. This could be making teas and coffee or helping on a stall etc., please contact Sarah Bird FOSA Chair on thompsonsarah1989@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Monday May 5th. See the poster in the porch or Garden Room for more details.

Items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm.