

Bulletin 6 – The Second Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This the Second Sunday of Easter has had many names, some of which are often used to this day. **DOMINICA IN ALBIS** – Sunday in White, so called because those who had been baptised on the previous Sunday continued to wear their White Garment.

QUASI MODO (yes I know, but he was probably named because that was the day he was born). Quasi Modo are the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday's Mass and mean "like new-born infants" which again refers to those newly baptised at Easter.

An old English name is **LOW SUNDAY** thought to be because back to normality after the high celebrations of the feast of feasts the previous Sunday. Parish priests often joke that it's so called because congregation numbers are far lower than at Easter, sadly not the case this year!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on 30th April 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

How we need that Divine Mercy at this time. In the image, Jesus stands with one hand outstretched in blessing, the other clutching the side wounded by the spear, from which proceed beams of falling light, coloured red and white. An explanation of these colours was given by Kowalska, which she attributed to Jesus in her diary: "The two rays represent blood and water" which has long been interpreted as the water of Baptism and the Blood of the Eucharist.

So many of us today are living in isolation, in fear, in pain, in sorrow we need to reach out to the Divine Mercy. Maybe the words "Jesus I Trust in Thee" which usually accompany the image could become the prayer on all our hearts during this pandemic. That whatever is happening in our lives and the lives of our loved ones, God's love and power will always win through. So on this day and all the remaining days of this pandemic to come let us pray whenever we look at a crucifix, or Sacred Heart or Divine Mercy picture "Jesus I trust in you"

With my Love and Prayers for you all,

Fr. John.

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This Weeks Mass Intentions:-

Sunday - all the People of Our Parish

Monday – Jennifer Ryan (Rip)

Tuesday – John & Elizabeth Hasledon

Wednesday – Kay Hill

Thursday – All who work in Social Care

Friday – All recently departed

Saturday – Mary & Gerald Birchall

Sunday – People of the Parish

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.