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SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	YEAR C
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
 Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY
 8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY
 7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
 9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY
 7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SATURDAY
 9:00am Mass
 Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic
 9:30am Sacrament of Penance
 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Tuesday – Friday
 Before & after Mass (*depending on priests' availability*).

BAPTISMS
 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum booking time: two months in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
 7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts
 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:00am Saturday Mass

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
 Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP
 Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
 Please contact the Parish Office.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:
Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300) I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341) This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. 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 forth 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. (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)

As you can see the Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the divine mercy on the Feast.



*The Cardinal of Krakow, Cardinal Macharski, whose diocese is the center of the spread of the devotion and the sponsor of the Cause of Sr. Faustina, has written that we should use Lent as preparation for the Feast and confess even before Holy Week! So, it is clear that the confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself (usually one can go seven days before or seven days after). That would be an impossible burden for the clergy if it did. The Communion requirement is easily met that day, however, since it is a day of obligation, being Sunday. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in Lent or Easter Season or if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.

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THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

The earliest element of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina was the Image. On February 22nd, 1931 Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said,

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: *Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. (Diary 47) I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death.*

I myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary 48) I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature" :Jesus, I trust in You." (Diary 327)

The two rays denote Blood and Water. the pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (Diary 299) Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace. (Diary 313)

Article from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/image-13354>. Picture from: <https://au.pinterest.com/themotherscloister/divine-mercy/>

Please pray for the soul of Pope Francis. May he rest in peace.



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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION



THIS WEEKEND:
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27 APRIL
 Adoration and the Divine Mercy Devotion on the Feast of the Divine Mercy: 2.30pm-4:00pm. Confession is available from 2:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Johnson is away in India where he will be engaged in spiritual activities and retreats for two and a half weeks and the other three weeks, he will be spending time with his mother and family. Please keep him in your prayers as he will keep you in his.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM: DUE THIS TUESDAY 29 APRIL

These are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website. Please note that the enrolment form & accompanying certificates are due by 29 April. Please let others know about it.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



When: This Friday 02 May
 7pm: Mass followed by the All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.
 Come and spend time with Our Lord. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Kindly return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the parish office over the next two weeks. Donations can also be made online to Caritas or call 1800 024 413. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY 27 APRIL: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday 28 April: St. Peter Chanel
Tuesday 29 April: St. Catherine of Siena
Wednesday 30 April: St. Pius V
Thursday 01 May: St. Joseph the Worker
Friday 02 May: St. Athanasius
Saturday 03 May: Sts. Philip and James, *Apostles*

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41, Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 29 April: Rosie & Farley Bartholomeusz
Date: Tuesday 06 May: Matt & Lorraine Vella

LEGION OF MARY meeting every Thursday, 5.30pm in the meeting room.

The Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) is also said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
 R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
 V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
 R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Pope Francis. **Prayers for the Sick:** Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Ernesto Modelo, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Vincent De Giovanni. **Please contact the office to offer a Mass.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 03/04 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug, Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
READER	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY		Help Needed each Month	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda. More helpers needed to clean your church each month - please contact the office if you can help.		

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said,

'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them. In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.