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SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:30pm – 01:00pm

SUNDAY

8:00am & 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 begins.
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00am Saturday Mass

SOM YOUTH GROUP

Every Saturday 4:00pm
Ages 5-17 (during school terms)
School hall

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 (Confession) 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, Sr Faustina 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.

Diary, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul (c) 1987 Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA 01263. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Article from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/feast-13356> Picture: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=510 & <https://www.saint-faustina.org/images-of-st-faustina/>



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/>

CATENIANS

The Nepean Catenians invite Men of the Nepean Deanery to join them for a meeting and dinner at Gaels Club, 75 Richmond Road, Kingswood on Tuesday 14th April, 6.45 pm.

For any enquiries and to RSVP, please email: Michael.tan@parracatholic.org by 13 April.

Connect with Catenians Catholic Men's Association for faith-based friendships.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 18/19 APRIL

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Tracy Amituanai	Mel Almer
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Dit Almer
SENIOR SERVER	Gilbert Grech		
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Mel Almer 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
MORNING TEA		Stewart & Sweeny Keuneman	
CLEANER	Susan Guy, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Trevor Coutinho		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THIS WEEKEND: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 12 APRIL



Join us to celebrate Jesus Infinite Mercy.

2pm Holy Hour with Confession available,

3pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, followed by Mass.

Daily at 3:00pm: Jesus to Sr Faustina, "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy...In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion" (Diary 1320)

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!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION LETTER & ENROLMENT FORM

These are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website. Please note that the enrolment form & accompanying certificates are due by 28 April. Please let others know



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

Catechesis and Formation Day for people (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown.** Light lunch provided. It is recommended that sponsors attend. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The **Adult Confirmations** are on **Tuesday 01 Sep, 7.30pm.** Please contact parish office.



SUNDAY 12 APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter) Yr A
NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33, Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 14 April: Craig & Maria Wilson

Date: Tuesday 21 April: Orlan & Cris Nugpo

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: 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.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades)

4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR 3 SEMINARIANS

Most Reverent Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta invites you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of:

Mr. Thien Quoc Huynh (Luke) on Saturday 11 April, 6pm at Holy Trinity Church, Holy Cross Parish Granville.

Mr. Paul Tran on Saturday 25 April, 6pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith.

Mr. Jeff Hood on Sunday 26 April, 6pm at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other dates and locations go to: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Deceased: Mario Cauchi, Marcelino Ramos, Vicki Mifsud, Philomina, Paul, Chinnamma, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Joseph, Stella, Ken, Mercy, Arthur. **For the Sick:** Justino Pasia, Bridgette Grech, Liam O'Shea, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beulah Frankson and Roger Ayo, Lillian Astorri, Pauline Azzopardi, Elise Girdlestone, Daniel Varlow, Pamela Severino, Illuminada Shackleton, Kim Baluyot, Chris Shihada, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Trent Moore, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. **Please contact the office to offer a Mass.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him;

and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls..

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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.



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