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Divine Mercy Sunday , April 27 2025

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus, I Trust in You.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." The Lord of Divine Mercy, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Jezu ufam Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. — The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy.

The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice in our daily lives the Mercy we have already received and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

Jesus Says

"I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of a sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion.

This is the prayer:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You" (Diary, 186-187).

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 26 April	Maisie Bayliss	6:30pm
Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April	Sylwia & Krzysztof Silver Jubilee Wedding Ann. Conversion of Jacques	9:30am 3:00PM
Monday 28 April ST GEORGE	Pat Cummins-Healing	10:00am
Tuesday 29 April St. Catherine of Siena	J C	10:00 am
Wed. 30 April St. Pius V	Sacristy	
Thursday 01 May St. Joseph the Walker	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
Friday 02 May St. Athanasius	Jessie & John Speed	6:00pm
Saturday 03 May Ss Philip & James	Justine Jobe's Intentions	6:30pm
Sunday 04 May	Parishioners	9:30am 11:00am

Jesus says:

"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 graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (Diary, 1578)

PRAYER OF Adoration and Reparation

Most Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore Thee profoundly.
I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood,
Soul
and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the
world,
in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifferences whereby He is
offended.
And through the infinite merits of His
Most Sacred Heart
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.
Amen

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 3:00pm
Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Maria Latty

**Confession is before and after
mass or at any convenient time
you want. Arrange with the Parish
Priest**

Mass Offering for 20 April ---£457.60

Standing orders-----£112.00

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