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Divine Mercy Sunday – Year

In the year 2000,
Pope John Paul II

canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowolska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of



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Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age. Though the messages are many, there are several new ways that God is calling us to a new form of devotion.

- A first way is through meditation on the image of Divine Mercy.

Of this, Saint Faustina wrote: In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, “paint an image according to

the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You” (#47).

“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 depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him” (#299).

A second way is through our participation in the Solemnity of Divine Mercy: “On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) 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” (#699).

A third way is through the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Once, as I was going down the hall to the kitchen, I heard these words in my soul: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy" (#687).

A fourth way is by honouring Jesus' passion at the 3 o'clock hour: 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 for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me in virtue of My Passion" (#1320).

A fifth way is through an apostolic movement to spread the message of Divine Mercy.

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/triduum-and-easter-prayers/divine-mercy-sunday/>

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Easter Octave: Psalter Week 2
Lectinary Sundays Year B: Easter Week 2

THANK YOU

Many thanks again to those who made the church a beautiful place to welcome the Risen Lord this Easter. My grateful thanks to you for your generosity in the Easter collections, your gifts and the lovely Easter cards. A big thank you to the choir!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Shelagh Dewhurst who died on Monday 1 April. Please also keep Bob and the family in your prayers.

SiLing Pang who died recently. Her funeral will be held here at 11am, Friday 19 April. Please remember Paul and her family in your prayers.

HOLY MASS

The evening Mass on Tuesday, 9 April will be celebrated privately.

ACUPUNCTURE

There will be no acupuncture session on Sunday 7 April.

LISTEN TO GOD

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. This ancient practice, encouraged after Vatican II, is a form of prayer using scripture. We are praying with the Gospel of Mark. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 079412 37743 for more information.

AFTERNOON CLUB

Next afternoon club on 10 April will meet at the Toby Carvery Buckhurst Hill. Table booked for 1.20 pm. Anyone who missed the last meeting please confirm to Tina Marrai if they are coming.

TABLE TOP , CAKE SALE & COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday 14 April after the 9.30am Mass. See poster in porch for more details.

WEB UPDATES

In the coming weeks our parish website will undergo some changes to, hopefully, make some improvements. We would be pleased to receive feedback or suggestions from you. (stannelineweb@gmail.com)

GIFT AID

The envelopes have been distributed. If you have not joined the Gift Aid scheme but donate by standing order or regularly donate cash at the offertory without using Gift Aid envelopes, we would request that you consider joining the scheme. It doesn't cost a taxpayer anything to join the Gift Aid scheme. Joining the scheme allows the Parish to reclaim 25 pence for each £1 donated. There are Gift Aid declaration forms in the porch. Once completed please return to the office.

ENQUIRER'S EVENING

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 9 April at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Joseph Rodrigues. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

At St John Vianney, Clayhall, on 7 April 2024. From 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, it

will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for Confession. Refreshments will be available.

A DAY WITH MARY 2024 PILGRIMAGES

Further information on 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: Lourdes@brcdt.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated, please use the small brown Mass Offering envelope in the porch and hand it to Fr once you have completed the details.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

• NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

• Mass Intentions 6th – 14th April

Mass on **Monday and Tuesday** is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday 6th 9.30am
6.30pm Vigil Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 7th 9.30am People of the Parish
11am
12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Monday 8th Holy Souls (private)
The Annunciation

Tuesday Holy Souls (private)

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 9.30am
6.30pm Vigil Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th 9.30am
11am
12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Intention for the week "While we ponder the depth of the love of God present in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, we pray that He would make us channels of His Divine Mercy, especially to those who may have suffered the loss of a baby. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick.

Anniversaries 8th – 14th April

Catherine Duggan, Mary Dudley, Fr Thomas Adkins, Mary Abraham, Harry Murphy, Mrs Brennan, Margaret Merkert, Mabel German, Elizabeth Ham, Elsie Carter, Eric Scrutton, James Suckling Peter Connell and Kathleen Blanchfield, Mrs N Mahoney, Helen McCarthy, Pearl Mlynska, John O'Connor, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Thomas Duggan, John Joseph Moloney, Benjamin Muneton Torres.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 362.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday morning & afternoon and Friday mornings.

The holy father's prayer intentions for April:

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.