

## Divine Mercy Sunday

*Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God.*

— Words attributed to Jesus by Faustina in her diary

The **Divine Mercy** is a devotion associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. The venerated image under this Christological title refers to what Faustina's diary describes as “God's loving mercy” towards all people, especially for sinners. Saint Faustina was granted the title “Secretary of Mercy” by Jesus himself and by the Holy See in the Jubilee Year of 2000. Sister Kowalska reported a number of apparitions during religious ecstasy which she wrote in her diary, later published as the book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. The two main themes of the devotion are to trust in Christ's endless goodness, and to show mercy to others acting as a conduit for God's love towards them.

Pope John Paul II, a native of Poland, had great affinity towards this devotion and authorised it in the Liturgical Calendar of the church. The liturgical Feast of the Divine Mercy, when people are liberated from every punishment for sins, is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Worshippers of the Divine Mercy commemorate the Hour of Mercy (3pm), when Jesus died for us. Another very popular form of the devotion is the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. The devotion is believed to be the preparation for the end time. There are seven main forms of this devotion:

1. The Divine Mercy image with the specific inscription *Jesus, I trust in you*;
2. The commemoration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday
3. The recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4. The recitation of the Divine Mercy novena
5. The designation of the Hour of Mercy at 3:00 am or pm
6. Spreading mercy by word, deed, or prayer
7. The spreading of works of mercy to the whole humanity, in preparation for the return of Jesus Christ to Earth for the return of Jesus Christ to Earth



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### EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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	<b>Year C: Week 2</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>[DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY]</i> <i>[white]</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Religious &amp; Doctor of the Church,</b> <b>Patron of Europe</b> <i>[white]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ST GEORGE, Patron of England</b> <i>[transferred solemnity]</i> <i>[red]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> <i>[red]</i> Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> <i>[white]</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's RIP Peter Frearson
<b>Friday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>SS Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> <i>[red]</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>The English Martyrs [1535-1680]</b> <i>[red]</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's <i>[Latin]</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>[white]</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's RIP Alex and Breda Smith Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Preacher from the Comboni Fathers <i>Pro populo</i> Preacher from the Comboni Fathers
	<b>Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### MANY THANKS

Fr Andrew warmly thanks the congregations at St Mary's and St Patrick's for their generous giving at Easter. The parish has responded superbly to the challenge and task of funding its own parish priest and our prayer is that this will secure the future importance of the parish. We are all greatly indebted to the people who worked tirelessly to prepare the churches for Easter. Many hours' works were thus devoted to the glory of God.

### VACATION

Fr Andrew is on leave this week. We welcome Fr Martin Flatman this Sunday and are grateful to Fr Paul King for keeping the weekday pattern going. Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> May) we welcome a preacher from the Comboni Fathers.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** and **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. At our meeting in May we will read chapter 5 of John's Gospel and the story of Jesus healing on the Sabbath the man ill for 38 years, to help us discuss and pray. All are very welcome. We meet in the parish rooms from 7.30-9.00 pm. Contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com)

### EASTER TRIUMPH! EASTER JOY!

For Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Intercession Leaders, Servers and Lay Faithful. **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, 9.30am-1pm, at the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Boars Hill. A Quiet Morning in a lovely spot, close to home. We have booked places for up to 30 people. Please contact Maria on [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) as soon as possible. First come, first served. The morning will include conferences, a period of eucharistic adoration, and Mass.

### YOUTH ALPHA COURSE

The sessions will run from 18:30-20:00 on Friday evenings starting on the **17<sup>th</sup> May**. Every session will include a meal, a short video clip and a few points for discussion. Bookings with Melanie at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Open quiet day of Recollection on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley with spiritual guidance from Fr Paul Coleman OFM Cap. Starts at 9.30 am and will finish at approx. 4pm. Please see poster in church.

### FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Comboni Fathers: 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Clergy Training Fund: 12<sup>th</sup> May

**NEWSLETTER** Holiday Newsletters have to be printed in advance so the information on this week's may not be fully up to date.

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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Maria Wysocki-Jones.*

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Matthew Lineham, Pauline Ann O'Rourke, Phil Smith, Lilian Smith, Peter Frearson, James Caven, John Lineham, Kathleen Wells and Nicholas Hardisty.*

**HOLY FATHER'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION** - For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

### MINI WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO BOARS HILL FROM ABINGDON

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. To book please email Melanie [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call/text 07470094818.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (20<sup>th</sup> May)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. For more information, please contact Gillian at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

At Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham from **24-26 May**. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life. Interested? Please visit [wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about](http://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about) or phone 02380 275401.

### PARISH CELEBRATIONS—PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES

- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** First Holy Communion at 11am, at St Mary's.
- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** BBQ at Snells Hall from 12-4pm
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** BBQ at St Patrick's
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August:** St Mary's Foundation Celebrations. The Wheatsheaf.

### CONFESSIONS

Every Catholic in good standing is asked to make his or her Confession at least once a year, sometime around Easter. There is no obligation to do this in one's own parish or with a priest whom one knows. The Easter period of grace extends until Pentecost.