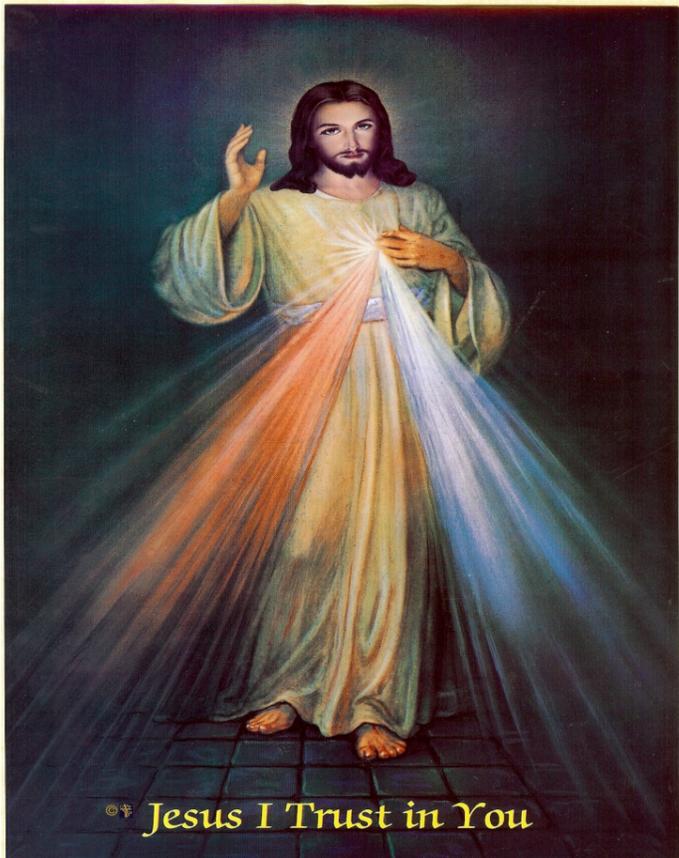


# St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



## Divine Mercy Sunday - The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C  
23 / 24 April 2022

*He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart - St. Faustina*

### What exactly is Divine Mercy Sunday? By Michelle La Rosa

The Sunday after Easter is the final day in the Octave of Easter. It has a lot of names: Low Sunday, Domenica in albis — but it's also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy devotion is relatively new, but it has grown in prominence in recent years. What's the origin of Divine Mercy Sunday? The Divine Mercy devotion originates in a series of apparitions in the 1930s, in which St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated religious sister in Poland, recorded that Jesus appeared to her. St. Faustina said that during the apparitions, which were later approved by the Church as worthy of belief, Jesus asked her to spread the message of his great mercy toward the world. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. That same day, he also instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast for the universal Church. What exactly did Jesus tell St. Faustina? The message St. Faustina received from Jesus is recounted in "The Diary of Saint Faustina." The central message is that Jesus desires to grant his great mercy to souls. He wants people to trust in his mercy, to ask for it, and to allow themselves to be vessels of his mercy for others. There are several aspects to the devotion: The "Image of Divine Mercy" is a painted depiction of Jesus as he appeared to St. Faustina. Jesus is clothed in white and raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing. Red and white rays are emitted from Jesus' heart, signifying the blood and water that flowed from Christ's heart at the crucifixion, and the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. The Hour of Divine Mercy is 3 p.m., the time of Jesus' death on the cross. St. Faustina recounted that Jesus asked people to pray and reflect on his Passion during this hour, and to ask for God's mercy on the world. He promised that "In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a prayer recited on rosary beads asking God to have mercy on the world. St. Faustina said Jesus promised great graces to be granted through the chaplet, particularly when prayed at the hour of death. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter. St. Faustina recorded that Jesus said he wants this feast to be "a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." On this feast, he promises that the depths of his mercy are available to humanity: "I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." What are the promises attached to Divine Mercy Sunday? And how can I attain them? St. Faustina said Jesus told her: ***The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [on Divine Mercy Sunday] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.*** (You might like to watch the "Lenten Lecture" by Paul Elarde on this very topic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o93T8bZcqsc>)

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

*David Wright, Frank Murray, Biagio 'Bill' Parrino, Terry Hall, Arthur Ollenrenshaw, Suzanne Miller, John Keys, Michael Malvern, Rex Watson, Terry Briggs, Mary Tuite, Johnny Raper, Norm Whitaker, Peter Wild.*

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Rusty Abel, Daniel Andreallo, John Bain, Cec & Mary Baz, Denis Boyle, John Bradley, Angelo Casamento, Val Cobcroft, Vincent Donohoe, Brian Dooley, Roy & Mary Esplin, Damian Franco, Beverley & Lionel Hurst, Father Peter Gillam, Tony Gould, John & Elizabeth Kane, Felicity Ketel, Lean Family Members, Alexander Martin, Silvano Venier, John Warner, Jim & Robyn Willis, Fr. Reg Wilson (1st Anniversary), Peter John Young, Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, the Holy Souls.*

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:

*Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Helen Bridges, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Hugh Casey, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Alice Elliott, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Maree Hinton, Melina Grieco, Gloria Klein, Laurence McDonnell, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.*

**HAPPY EASTER!** Fr Ronnie, Fr Greg, and all the parish staff would like to wish you and your families a very blessed and holy Easter. May the singular graces of this time inspire you to grow in your faith and to get more involved in our parish community.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Thanks to a thoughtful and generous parishioner, you are invited to take home a Divine Mercy prayer card which can be found on the tables at the back of the Church. Next year, I promise that we will introduce the 3pm devotions in this parish. However, you are, of course, encouraged to receive the sacrament of confession during this week.

**WE NEED YOU (CATECHISTS):** Unfortunately, two of our catechists have had to withdraw from teaching and so we are in urgent need of two new catechists. Please think about stepping forward. Gynea Bay Primary School will commence Scripture classes from Term 2, Week 2 – Thurs 5th May & is in need of a teacher.

**LENTEN LECTURE SERIES:** You can watch the recordings of the Lenten Lecture series on our YouTube and Facebook page as well as many other videos (such as homilies by Father Greg and Father Ronnie). Thank you to everyone who attended our Lenten Lecture series. There will be lots more talks to come.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our inaugural, though henceforth annual, “Labouré Lecture and Parish Dinner” will take place on **Friday, 25 November**. A distinguished guest speaker will be invited. Details to follow but please save the date in your calendars now.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Enrolments for those children wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6 and above) will close on the 8th May. Please go to our parish website to enrol your child.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:** Thank you to all those who contacted the parish to form part of a newly founded committee to help oversee the care of the parish’s property. There is much to do on this front and so I would like to call a first meeting on Thursday 13th May at 6:30pm at the presbytery. I am very grateful for your support on this front.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** A meeting of the PFC will take place this Tuesday at 6:30pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** A reminder that confessions are available **before and after every weekday Mass** (including Saturdays). Please approach Fr Ronnie or myself if you wish to receive this Sacrament. On Saturdays, Fr Ronnie or myself will be in the confessional immediately following the morning 9:15am Mass for as long as necessary and from 4:30 – 4:55pm. If you have been away from the practice of your faith,, there is no better way to “begin again” .

**NEW! CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE (GYMEA):** CWL has now been launched in our parish. This wonderful organisation has a rich history of encouraging and empowering Catholic women to do incredible things for God and the Church. Membership to CWL will afford a free invitation to the retreat day, which will take place in the coming months. **Sign up forms can be found on the tables at the back of the Church or on the CWL website.** Over time, my hope is that CWL will grow to offer women both intellectual and spiritual formation in order to become a very powerful voice for truth, goodness, and beauty in the life of the Church.

**NEXT “LECTURE” SERIES:** Fr Greg will be giving a three-part series of talks for the Archdiocese titled **“Empty Words Empty Churches: How Reclaiming Language Can Help Re-Evangelise Our Parishes”**. These talks will be delivered at St Cath’s on three consecutive Thursdays (21st July, 28th July, 4th August) from 7.30pm to 8.45pm but people across the Archdiocese will join us via Zoom. Please mark the dates in your diary.

Online Renewal Series 2021-2022

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**MEETING FOR “MINISTERS”:** Fr Ronnie has very generously begun training our new acolytes and altar servers. To bring everyone up to speed, I would now like to invite the “ministers” (extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to attend a meeting at 10am on Saturday the 7th May in the Church. Thank you to you all for your generous service in our parish.

**CAMINO IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH:** This overnight pilgrimage for men is a challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker! The Camino will begin with 9 pm Mass on Friday, 29 April at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday, 30 April with 5.30 am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's - Punchbowl, to St Felix - Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sefton St Peter Chanel - Berala, St Joachim's - Lidcombe, Sydney Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *Register Now - [www.trybooking.com/BXRIT](http://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT)*

**ADORATION:** Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 am - 9:10 am.

**NEW RCIA PROGRAM:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be conducted for the first time in this parish this year. **I'm looking for volunteers who have a good grounding in the faith to assist Fr. Ronnie and I in instructing potential converts.** Please let one of the priest's know if you would be interested.

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP:** Did you know we have a wonderful group of faith-filled parishioners who gather each Thurs evening at 6pm in our church, to say the Rosary & pray & reflect on Our Lady's messages to the world. Why not join them, everyone is welcome!

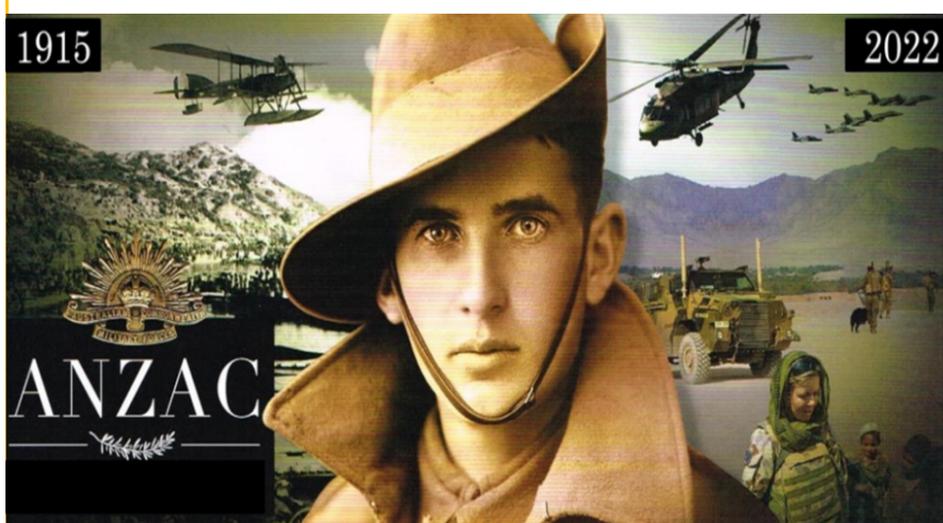
**LEGION OF MARY:** Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. We are always on the look out for new members. Please get involved (or just come and see!) and do pray for our Legion members too! They do such wonderful works in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Thank you to those parents who attended the information to launch our new Sacramental Program. It is not too late to register your children for any of this year's sacraments. Please visit our parish website to do so. **To watch a recording of what was discussed, please use the following link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5eHFIDp5yk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5eHFIDp5yk)**

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** I am grateful to Michele Anthony who has very generously agreed to become the Co-Ordinator of this important ministry. Please let Michele or the Parish Office know of anyone (perhaps a sick relative or friend in the parish) who might like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Similarly, I am keen to reach out to those who are alone and might require transport to get to Mass on Sundays. Although the Community Car is an elevated 4WD (and, sadly, not a Community Bus), which makes it quite difficult and potentially unsafe for the infirm and elderly to get into (a number of people have expressed concern on this score), if you do know of anyone who is in relatively good health and would like to be brought to Mass, please let the Parish Office know.

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SUTHERLAND:** Is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 for 2023. To enrol online or download an Application for Enrolment visit [www.spcsutherland.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcsutherland.catholic.edu.au)

**EUTHANASIA BILL:** This dreadful piece of legislation, which will undoubtedly impact upon the rights and protections of the sick and most vulnerable (as has been proven across the world), is now being debated in the Legislative Assembly in NSW. Incidentally, I was impressed that even the UK government realised the slippery slope of Euthanasia and recently refused to legalise assisted suicide in the country. We too should stand firm and be a sign of hope for a much better way forward. If you would like to hear some of the arguments as to why we should oppose it, you might like to listen to my talk [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIQKbrUV1VI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIQKbrUV1VI) (Or go to our parish's YouTube page). Please get involved: [www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocp\\_nsw](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw)



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**MASS TIMES**

**Monday - Saturday** 9.15 am  
**Saturday** 5 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**Mondays - Saturdays**

Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)

**On Saturdays** 4:30 pm - 4:55 pm

**ADORATION TIMES**

**Tuesdays - Saturdays**

8:30 am - 9:10 am

(Fridays and Saturdays:  
 9:00 am Benediction)



30 April / 1 May 2022

*The 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C*

	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Evening 5.00pm
Acolytes	Phil Boland	Sam Keir	Jim Gothard	David Gormley
& Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lesley Newman Emma Honey	Judith Rumsey Doreen Vernon	Carole Venier Michele Anthony Barbara Foster	Amelia Paras Paul Marsden
1st Reader:	Bernie Parkin	Judith Rumsey	Carole Venier	Jed Loader
Psalmist:	Margaret Morris		CHOIR	Moira Loader
2nd Reader:	Lesley Newman	Doreen Vernon	James Clancy	Margaret Reid
Intercessions:	Julie Banister	Adele Greenaway	Barbara Foster	Ronald Paras



**The Altar Society: Group 1:**

Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker, Jeanette Brennan & Maria Black.

**In The Counting House:**

**Team :**

*NOT until further notice.*

*Thank you.*

**Altar Servers:**

**Audio-Visual** Pauline / Mark Hugh Faye & James

**Operators:** SENIOR CHOIR

**The Clean Team: Group A:** Mary Vee Tondi, June Digby, Hazel & Larry Lange.



May God  
 and our Lady  
 of Lourdes  
 care for and  
 protect us all.