

# Divine Mercy Sunday

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



9.00 am  
Holy Mass in Polish

11.00 am  
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2.00 pm  
Adoration of The Most  
Blessed Sacrament

2.30 pm  
Holy Rosary

3.00 pm  
The Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy

4.00 pm  
Holy Mass – Most Rev  
Charles Daniel Balvo,  
Apostolic Nuncio

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

## 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.



# DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

**KEYSBOROUGH**

## Divine Mercy Shrine

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Church opening hours:

7.00 am - 7.00 pm

Parish Office:

by appointment

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 7.00p.m. Polish

Sunday: 9.00a.m., 11.00a.m. - Polish  
4.00p.m. - English

Weekdays Mass Time:

6.45p.m. Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

7.00p.m. Holy Mass

(Tuesday - ENG)

Reconciliation/Confession

Sunday: 3.00 p.m.

Weekdays: 6.45p.m.

## Announcements:

1. Today's Solemn Mass is presided over by the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, His Excellency Archbishop Charles Balvo.
2. The Divine Mercy Shrine wishes all pilgrims a Happy Easter and a Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday 2024.
3. During the month of April, Sunday Mass will be at 4pm as usual and Every Tuesday the Mass at 7pm will be in English.
4. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> April) there will be Fr. Rojan healing service, all parishioners are welcome to attend the service.
5. The Divine Mercy Shrine is opened for private prayers from 7 am till the evening Mass.
6. Due to the priestly retreat next week (8-14 April), there will be no evening Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
7. From May 1, evening masses will be celebrated one hour earlier, i.e. at 6 p.m.
8. The pastoral care over the community of the Divine Mercy Shrine is provided by priests of the Society of Christ for Poles Living Abroad. Our mission is the ethnic chaplaincy of the Polish diaspora in Melbourne. At the same time, we undertake the mission of promoting and spreading the worship and good news of God's Mercy, which begins with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Sister Faustina. The ministry of our community is carried out with the support of Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polish Emigrants. The main task of the Congregation is to serve Polish communities according to the motto: "Everything for God and for Polish Emigrants". Thank you for supporting the mission of our religious congregations and our Shrine.

## The Feast of The Divine Mercy

It ranks highest among all the elements, of The Divine Mercy devotion revealed to [St.] Faustina. Its institution was requested by the Lord Jesus for the first time in Plock, in 1931, while He was communicating His will regarding the painting of the Image: "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (Diary, 49)

The choice of the first Sunday after Easter for the Feast of Mercy has a very deep theological significance, which points to the close relationship between the Paschal Mystery of the redemption and the mystery of The Divine Mercy. The integral relationship is further emphasized by the Novena of Chaplets to The Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast.

.The Lord Jesus said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (Diary, 699). "Souls perish despite My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation".

The greatness of this feast is measured by the measure of extraordinary promises that the Lord attached to this feast: Jesus said Whoever approached the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment" (Diary, 300), and "On this 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. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet". (Diary, 699).

To profit from those great gifts we must fulfill the conditions of the Divine Mercy devotion (trust in God's goodness and active love toward neighbour), be in the state of sanctifying grace - having gone to Holy Confession, and worthily receive Holy Communion.

Jesus explained: "No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy; and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy" (Diary, 570).