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Sunday Masses: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Octave of Easter Mass: **Mon to Sat:** 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Confessions: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 6:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am - 10:00am

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Anthony Brien (Robert's carer), Fr. Bill Milsted, Bro. Max Scully, fsc, Maria de Los Angeles ('Angelines') Agudo, Nerisa Williams, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un, Dan Southee, Matic (baby).

Our deceased: Peter Sweeney (31/3), Archbishop Michael Meier (3/4), Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3/2020) Indhira's mum), Robert Azzopardi (Pauline's nephew), Grace Maralyn Molyneux (13/3), Lina Mangion (26/2), Moira Welch, Bennett Alexander Schwartz, Sebastian Gomes, Neville Stapleton, Damien Carroll ((31/1), Julian Ciappara (28/1), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy and June Veronica Hailwood, Philomena Smith (11/3),.

Our house bound elderly: Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Myra Krcma

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

*Pope Francis
Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

Parish Update: COVID positive cases – there have been several additional positive cases within the parish. We encourage mask wearing and social distancing if possible.

From a Holy Week homily of Saint Augustine: Let us, too, glory in the cross of the Lord (Office of Readings for Monday in Holy Week, second reading)

The passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the hope of glory and a lesson in patience.

What may not the hearts of believers promise themselves as the gift of God's grace, when for their sake God's only Son, co-eternal with the Father, was not content only to be born as man from human stock but even died at the hands of the men he had created?

It is a great thing that we are promised by the Lord, but far greater is what has already been done for us, and which we now commemorate. Where were the sinners, what were they, when Christ died for them? When Christ has already given us the gift of his death, who is to doubt that he will give the saints the gift of his own life? Why does our human frailty hesitate to believe that mankind will one day live with God?

Who is Christ if not the Word of God: in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God? This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us. He had no power of himself to die for us: he had to take from us our mortal flesh. This was the way in which, though immortal, he was able to die; the way in which he chose to give life to mortal men: he would first share with us, and then enable us to share with him. Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did he of himself have the power to die.

In other words, he performed the most wonderful exchange with us: Through us, he died; through him, we shall live.

The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.

He loved us so much that, sinless himself, he suffered for us sinners the punishment we deserved for our sins. How then can he fail to give us the reward we deserve for our righteousness, for he is the source of righteousness? How can he, whose promises are true, fail to reward the saints when he bore the punishment of sinners, though without sin himself?

Brethren, let us then fearlessly acknowledge, and even openly proclaim, that Christ was crucified for us; let us confess it, not in fear but in joy, not in shame but in glory.

The apostle Paul saw Christ, and extolled his claim to glory. He had many great and inspired things to say about Christ, but he did not say that he boasted in Christ's wonderful works: in creating the world, since he was God with the Father, or in ruling the world, though he was also a man like us. Rather, he said: Let me not boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

About the Relic of St Faustina

24 APRIL 2022 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - SAINT FAUSTINA FIRST CLASS RELIC TOUR - The **Divine Mercy**, is a Catholic Devotion based on the revelations of our Lord Jesus to mankind through **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a Diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Jesus appeared and asked her to be the Secretary of Mercy.

St Faustina First Class Relic from Poland will be available for the veneration of the Faithful during Divine Mercy Sunday on **24 APRIL 2022 after 9am and 10:30am mass** **Please bring your Divine Mercy Image which will be solemnly blessed by Fr. John Macdonald.** Contact **Angeline 0431718137.**

The information we have for the Relic of St Faustina is the following:

- It arrived to Australia on April 26, 2011.
- It was presented and venerated on a solemn ceremony during the Divine Mercy Sunday, 01 May 2011.
- The Main Celebrant for the Divine Mercy Sunday and official presentation of the Relic was Bishop Terence Brady.

This Relic was requested by the Divine Mercy Life Inc. Team led by the late Ruby Madera. St Ambrose Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Brian Egan through the assistance of Archbishop of Sydney, George Pell was instrumental in procuring the relic from Sanctuary Faustinum.

Divine Mercy Team members Stasia and Gabe Very collected it from Poland. The Relic was endorsed to Divine Mercy Life Inc. as a steward and that it must enhance the work of Divine Mercy throughout Australia.

The Message of St Ignatia is as follows:

MESSAGE as recorded in Polish by Sister Ignatia from Poland on 20/04/11 (our time early morning 21/04/11 from Sactuary Faustinum, Krakow Poland as relic handed to Gabe and Stasia Very (from Sydney Australia).

"Dear People (brothers and sisters),

With great joy I share with you this great gift of God of the relic of Saint Faustina in union with Our Lady of Mercy for public veneration.

Our Faustinum Sanctuary commissions you and sends forth the graces attached to this relic to the Parish of St Ambrose – (Swentego Ambrozego tak?) with heartfelt best wishes that you will embrace Saint Faustina relic as through her intercession the Lord pours out beautiful and wonderful fruits (graces) upon you and all the people of the Parish of St Ambrose and its surrounds, for your city and the whole of Australia."



GOD IS LOVE



SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD
HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.
~ I JOHN 4:16

A Time of New Life: Catholic Culture

April boasts the most solemn and sublime event of human history: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal mystery. Though the way to the Resurrection was the *Via Crucis*, the Sacrificial Lamb of God is now and forever Christ our Light, the Eternal high priest of the New Covenant. And his sorrowful mother, the *Stabat Mater* of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Mother of the *Regina Caeli*.

We the members of Christ's Mystical Body exalt in the mystery by which we were redeemed. If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)



HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10:00am

Reconciliation: 11:00am to 12noon

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

Reconciliation: 11:00am to 12noon

The Church waits at the Lord's tomb, in prayer and fasting, for his Resurrection

Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00pm

Saturday night at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of
Christians in the courtyard

Easter Sunday Mass 10:00am

**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER
AND MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
BRING YOU HOPE AND LOVE**