



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

8TH APRIL 2018



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Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary

12pm Saturdays & Rosary/ Adoration

Confessions

After

Every Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays

12.30pm—1pm Saturday

Last Sunday's Collections

First Collection €297

Share Collection €218

Month of March

Family Envelopes € 1395

Thank you Very Much

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 8 APRIL — Mass at 3.00pm

THE EASTER ALLELUIA!

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come. None of us can be ready for the next life unless we train ourselves for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to Him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with a yearning desire.

TRUST IN JESUS' PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the Promise was made by One who keeps His Word, we trust Him and are glad; but as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. To desire a longing for things of heaven is to pray ceaselessly and is very pleasing to Jesus. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

GOD BE PRAISED; GOD BE PRAISED

This Easter Season is the perfect time to praise God now that Jesus is Risen from the dead. He has mercifully gone before us, showing us the Way, so we, too, can follow Him and possess Eternal Life. At Mass now, before each Gospel, we say or sing; **Alleluia, Alleluia**, which is an expression of rejoicing and thanksgiving, meaning; **God be Praised, God be Praised**. Easter Season lasts 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. However, every Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection, so every Sunday is a *Little Easter*. Rejoice and Praise God. Happy Easter, Fr Brendan

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE

Jesus promises to grant complete forgiveness of all sins but on top of this He said He will remove, on this day only, any outstanding sentence of punishment, due to us in the next life in Purgatory, giving us a clean slate of spiritual health today, on the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in Poland (1930's) and she recorded what He said in her Diary. Jesus simply asked.

To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter or at the Vigil;
2. Sincerely Repent of all our Sins;
3. Place our complete Trust in Jesus and His Mercy;
4. Go to Confession, this weekend;
5. Receive Holy Communion Today;
6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy in our Church;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.

Jesus taught St Faustina to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy asking for it to be prayed daily. Please take home the Divine Mercy Leaflets left on the tables at the rear of the Church and learn to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Pope St. John Paul II, at the canonisation of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000 declared: *It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called, 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'*

MIRACLES OF MERCY

Our Lord is emphasising, through this promise, the infi-nite value [and connection] of Confession and Communion as Miracles of Mercy. He wants us to realise that since the Eucharist is His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, it is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.