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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



#### Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

Date & Time	Place	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 06 <sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm Adoration followed by Mass	St. Peter's		
Sun 07 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Benedette Chapman - RIP Godofredo Caravana - RIP, Caroline Mary Hurst - RIP	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Mon 08 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	St. Peter's		<b>The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity</b>
Tue 09 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	St. Michael's		
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	St. Peter's		St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	St. Peter's		

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am and by appointment, please ring to arrange. Thank you.

**A Warm Welcome:** today Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> April. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

**The Liturgy on coming Sunday:** (14<sup>th</sup> April) at St. Peter's will be animated by youth and children of our parish. May I request you to have sufficient practice before you come for Mass. Kindly, contact Sarah Wembridge, Audrey and Cathey Nelson for the choir, reading practice and prayers of the faithful.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage:** There are still vacancies to join the Clifton Pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of August. If you are interested, please go to [Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com)

**Invited:** A twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching in Stroud. Please see the poster on the notice board for further information.

**Essential Training for Catechists:** Light of Truth a course via Zoom commences 11<sup>th</sup> April via the Clifton Diocese website. Please see poster for further information.

**Website:** A volunteer from each parish is needed for updating the website as a backup for Brian should he not be available. Training, assistance etc. will be given as necessary. Please contact Brian or Fr. Maria if you are willing to take on this role.

**For the Attention of St. Michael's:** Work is due to start on the old presbytery next to the church hall. Scaffolding will be in use behind the house adjacent to the church hall. It should not have any impact on accessing the hall but please be careful especially if workmen are on the scaffolding. Some equipment might be in the yard behind the garage door.

### **Mass in the Cathedral as a celebration of Marriage and Family Life**

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25 May** 12 noon, and is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. If you are, or know of a couple celebrating special anniversaries during 2024 please do let us know. You just need to send names to this email: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with the address so that a personal invitation can be sent to them from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped us celebrate the Liturgy during the Holy Week and Easter so well in both of our parishes this year. To those who helped prepare the churches with cleaning and decorating with flowers, to those who helped at our Masses by welcoming, serving and leading music and singing, a very big **"Thank You"**. Thank you too for the generosity shown to me through Easter Offering and your thoughtfulness and affection with gifts and cards, you are very kind.

## **The Mercy of Divinity**

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He obeyed the will of His Heavenly Father and came down to save the fallen Humanity

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He was born in a manger and buried in a borrowed tomb.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He allowed the sinful woman to wash His feet with her tears.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He ate with sinners and outcasts.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He touched the lepers and healed them.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He saw the crowd and said, "I feel compassion for them".

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He went in search of the one leaving 99.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He said to the paralyzed man, your sins are forgiven.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He said to the woman caught in adultery, neither do I judge you. Go, sin no more.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He healed the man born blind, deaf hear and the lame walk.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He forgave sinners.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He saw the widow who lost her only son and told her "do not weep".

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest".

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He stooped down and washed the feet of the disciples.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He stood silently at the judgmental seat.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He carried the Cross and walked patiently to Calvary.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He broke His own Body and shed His own Blood.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He forgave the thief on the Cross.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He gave up His life on the cross to gather the scattered children of God.

**Jesus revealed His mercy to us** when He breathed His Spirit on the Apostles who were in a locked room with the fear of the Jews.

**Jesus continues to reveal His mercy to us in our every walk of life even after 2000 years.**

## **St Faustina's Prayer of Divine Mercy for Sinners**

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of Your light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equalled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages.