

### **HOLY MASSES**

Sundays: (Saturday evening) Vigil 6.30pm, 7.00, 10.30am & 6 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 6.30 am Saturdays & Holidays: 7am

Confessions: before and after Masses if possible and by appointment Baptisms:

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**Office hours** 

Monday: 7.30 – 12 Tuesday: 7.30 – 2 pm Wednesday: 7.30 – 12 Thursday: 7.30 – 12, 3-5 Friday: 7.30 – 12 Priests are available during office

hours or by appointment

Office is closed: on bank holidays & weekends, and sometimes we may be out of the office. (Please call before coming)

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# St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church National Shrine of Divine Mercy



Barbados SOLEMNITY OF EASTER March 31ST, 2024 # 770 Year B Metamoía



HAPP

**1st Reading:** Acts 10:34,37-43 **Psalm:** 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23 **2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

### John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the



other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Excerpt taken from The Resurrection of Christ Painting by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448–1494)



.....When they arrived at the tomb, they discovered that the stone had been rolled back. As we seek to engage in our own works of mercy, as we try to respond to the risen Lord's call to love one another as he has loved us, we too will often be aware of what seem like insurmountable obstacles in our lives. We delay getting involved or engaged as we feel that first some 'unsurmountable obstacles' need to be taken care of first, before we engage ourselves fully in our faith. We can find ourselves asking a version of the question, 'Who will roll away the stone for me?' Well, today, on Easter Sunday, we get the answer: that stone will be taken care of for us... as long as we keep running towards Jesus.....

(https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/mark)

We are a Catholic community committed to welcoming our brothers and sisters, celebrating the Eucharist, receiving the Sacraments, spreading the Good News, passing on our Catholic faith and Traditions, promoting devotion to Divine Mercy and assisting the poor and less privileged in our community. As the National Shrine of Divine Mercy we encourage fuller participation in the Divine Mercy devotions in order to strengthen our Catholic faith, to experience the healing grace and mercy of God and to be merciful to others as Jesus.



### Our prayers: **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL** PRAYER

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him. we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the



power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

#### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in aiving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen.

### **Prayer for vocations**

Heavenly Father raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the memory of your Son Jesus, through the preaching of His word and the celebration of His Sacraments.

May Your Church sustain seminarians and priests in their vocations so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel.

**Our Ministries:** 

Altar Servers Catechists Choir – practice Friday 7pm Care Ministry: Breakfast team Hampers team Decorators and flower arrangers Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Liturgical group Men's group Prison Ministry Readers Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)



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## MAR 31 - APR 6

Mass Intentions

# Vigil: Sat 7.00 pm: Parishioners & Visitors of St. Dominic's Church

Sun 7.00 am: Gary Maingot—RIP & for his family Sun 9.00 am: The Children of St. Dominic's Parish Sun 10.30 am: Parishioners & Visitors Sun 6.00 pm: Angela O'Connor Tue 6.30 am: Germaine Cox—90th Birthday Wed 6.30am: Madeline Reece-RIP Thu 6.30am: Adam Cox—Birthday Barbara Ford—97th Birthday Fri 9.00 am: Sat 7.00 am: William Tryhane-RIP

### 30 Mar: Holy Saturday 7 PM EASTER VIGIL LITURGY - RECEPTION OF CATECHUMENS 31 Mar: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

**7 AM RESURRECTION MASS** 

MASSES, 9.00 AM, 10.30 AM, 6.00 PM

### The Great Mercy Pope

Pope John Paul II, both in his teaching and personal life, strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy:

### "The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate."

In his writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message of the third millennium. He beatified and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the nun associated with the message, and he did it in Rome and not in Poland to underscore that Divine Mercy is for the whole world.



### **Establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the Entire Church**

When Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

### **Entrusting the World to Divine Mercy**

In 2002, the Pope entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy when he consecrated the International Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow in Poland. This is where St. Faustina's mortal remains are entombed. The saint lived in a convent nearby. The Pope himself remembers as a young man working in the Solvay Quarry, just a few meters from the present-day Shrine. He also says that he had been thinking about Sr. Faustina for a long time when he wrote his encyclical on Divine Mercy. Further, the Holy Father has frequently quoted from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and has prayed The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy at the saint's tomb.

### Beyond the Life of John Paul II

Given all these connections to Divine Mercy and St. Faustina, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (the evening before the feast day), which fell that year on April 3?. It is also no surprise that the Great Mercy Pope left us a message for Divine Mercy Sunday, which was read on the feast day by a Vatican official to the faithful in St. Peter's after a Mass that had been celebrated for the repose of the soul of the Pope.

Repeatedly Pope John Paul II has written and spoken about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. He has placed a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate that will carry the Church long after his death.

(from https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/john-paul-ii)

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS &** ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



FRIDAYS: 6.00 PM

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