



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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RESPECT – COMPASSION – SERVICE – PEACE & JOY

We encourage parents to enrol children well before their fifth birthday. You are welcome to visit the classroom before your child starts so you can meet the teacher and observe classroom routines.

Parish Office

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Website

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9.00 am - 3.00 pm

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Daily Mass Times

Monday

Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion 9.00 am
Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday
9.00 am
Friday
10.00 am

Exposition/Benediction

Thursdays 9.30 am



Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 am after
morning Mass
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick
is offered to anyone in
danger of death.

Please call the parish
office. If you are sick
or undergoing surgery you are welcome to
seek the Sacrament of Anointing any time
after Mass or by appointment.



Planned Giving Scheme

If you would like to join the Parish Planned
Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish
Registration Form available from the table
in the foyer. For every dollar you donate,
you get 33.33 cents back a tax credit.



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On May 5, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter, would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast was established by the pope after he canonized Saint Faustina, a humble Polish nun to whom Jesus revealed his message of divine mercy.

Born in 1905, Saint Faustina became a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at age 20. While at the convent, beginning in February 1931, she received several revelations from Jesus, who communicated to her the depth of his mercy and his desire that all be merciful to one another.

The Lord also shared with her his desire that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy and that it be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Saint Faustina's diary, in which she details the revelations, includes 14 occasions on which the Lord asks that a feast day be established. One of those can be found in diary entry 699:

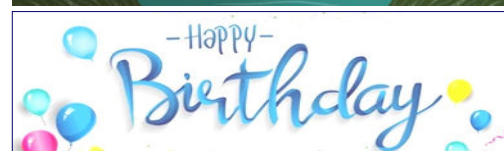
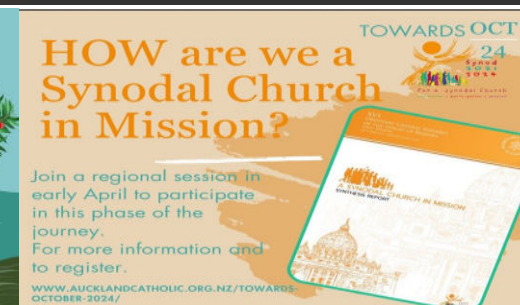
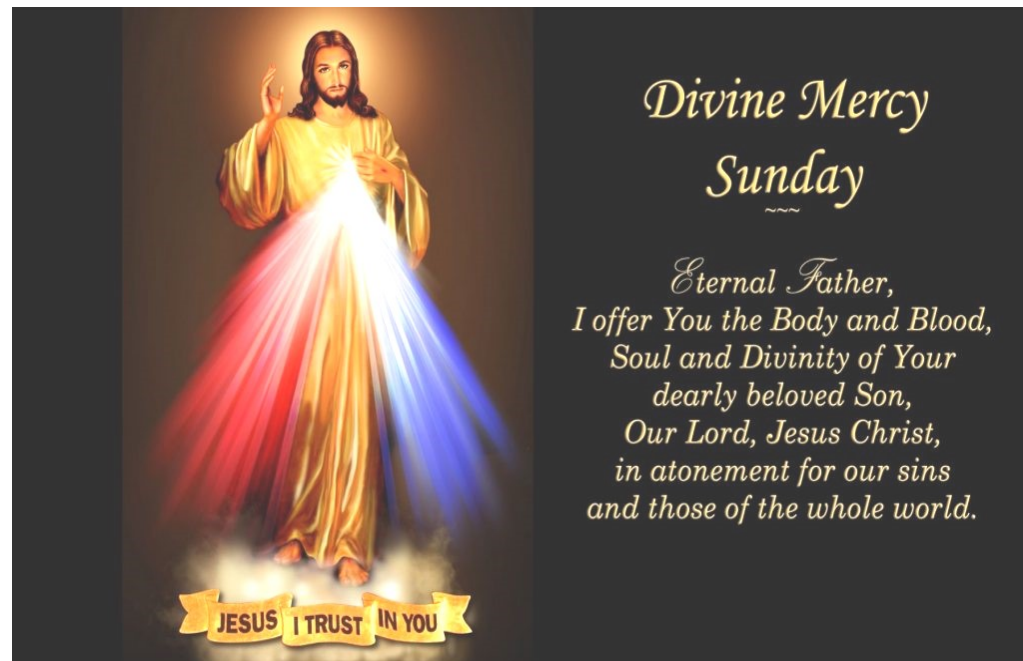
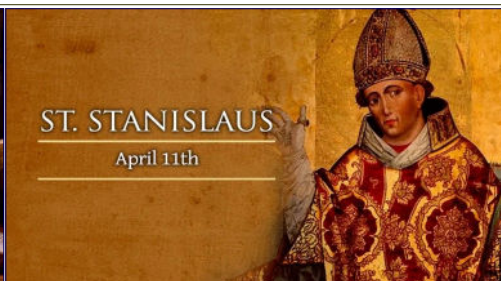
I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Jesus came and stood among them

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world.

Today's Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion. Jesus gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers,
are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:
Sandra Shear, Max Joseph F Ng Lam, Margaret Bal, Madonna OTT-Fereti,
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Peter Lewis, Jack Gommers, Ray Channon, Elizabeth Kelly
Beth O'Neill, Frances Laurenson, Harry Nash,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.