

**Sequence:** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting; / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## The three truths of the Resurrection.

1. The tomb in which Jesus was buried was discovered empty by a group of women on the Sunday following the crucifixion. 2. Jesus' disciples had real experiences with one whom they believed was the risen Christ. 3. As a result of the preaching of these disciples, which had the resurrection at its centre, the Christian church was established and grew. Virtually all scholars who deal with the resurrection, whatever their school of thought, assent to these three truths. We will see that the resurrection of Christ is the best explanation for each of them individually. But then we will see, even more significantly, that when these facts are taken together we have an even more powerful case for the resurrection--because the skeptic will not have to explain away just one historical fact, but three. These three truths create a strongly woven, three chord rope that cannot be broken.



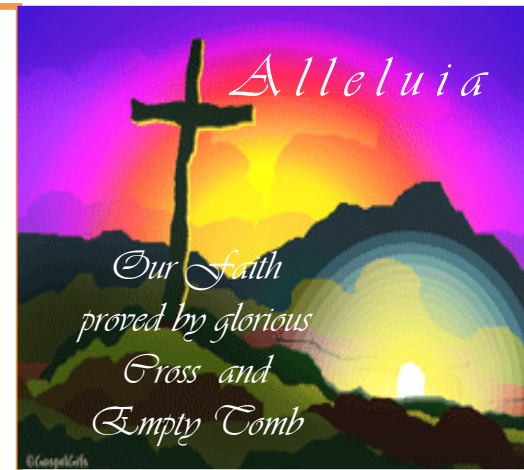
**Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Michael's Church:**  
**2.55pm Exposition**  
**3.00pm Divine prayers.**  
**Confessions. 4.15pm**  
**Benediction. 5.00pm**  
**Holy Mass**

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)

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## 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (A)

### Easter Sunday

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Acts 10:34. 37-43

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Colossians 3:1-4  
 (Please see opposite page for "Sequence")

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-9

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm  
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am  
 Wed: 6pm  
 Fri: 9:15am  
 Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

**HOLY HOUR:** Wed: 5pm

**RECONCILIATION:**  
 Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm  
 Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

### **BAPTISMS:**

Sundays 9:30am Mass

### **BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &**

### **WEDDINGS:**

By appointment

### **ANOINTING MASS:**

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

**100%** tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

### **FAITH FORMATION:**

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun 8am:** Pro Populo

**Sun 9:30am:** †Nan & Jack Gurney

**Mon:** Maria Sheila Java & Sean Acon

**Tues:** Sr. Patricia Davis (sick)

**Fri:** †Delia & Zyta McShane

**OUR SICK:** Marie Busuttil, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo, Jenny Yong, Barbara Farrell and John Heaney...

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.

**Happy Birthdays to: Dolby Sarmiento and Sr, Betty (22<sup>nd</sup>), Alex Burton (26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Congratulations and God's blessings on our Parish Priest, Fr. Jerzy, as he celebrates his 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Easter Vigil Mass:** Battery-operated votive candles are available in the church foyer. To help defray the costs, gold coin donations may be dropped in the box provided. Thank you.

➤ **Please return all PROJECT COMPASSION donation boxes/envelopes AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for processing to Caritas Australia.** (Please place in designated basket at the altar. Thank you).

➤ **Easter Offering envelopes** are available in the pews for your donations. Please support the needs of the priests in the Archdiocese. These include sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies.

➤ **The next CWF Appeal will be held on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May.** Specially printed envelopes will be available soon for this appeal.

➤ **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE (Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April):** Please meet in the presbytery at **3:30am** if you would like to attend the dawn service at Martin Place with Fr. Jerzy.

➤ **FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE** on Easter Sunday after Mass, in the church foyer. Please support of our fundraisers.

➤ For your information and update: Our sick acolyte, John Heaney, has moved from St. George Private to a retirement village, Beresford Hall in Rose Bay.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) F & G Hogan, S Kirpalani (R) S Kim, Volunteers (C)

**8:00am:** G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)

**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) H Evening, P Low (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)

**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)

**8:00am:** G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)

**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)

**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counters:** J De Andrade, M Wells

## "HAPPY EASTER"

May this Easter Day brings  
a lot of happiness and joy in your life.  
May you live longer, happier and healthier,  
and that Easter Day will come to you with  
countless blessings from the Risen Lord.

Remaining in spirit of prayer for all you my  
Friends  
Yours in Christ  
Fr. Jerzy Chrzczonowicz

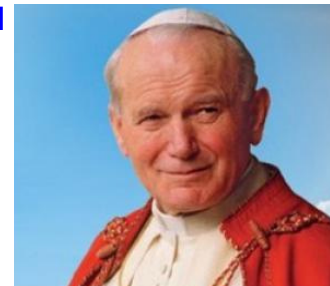


### CANONISATION OF TWO POPES

## Divine Mercy

### Sunday

### 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2014



During a papal press conference on his return from Rio de Janeiro on July 28, 2013 Pope Francis said both popes would be canonized together. He said that a joint canonization would be "a message for the Church: these two were wonderful, both of them." John XXIII was elected pope in October 1958 and convened the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963 and was beatified in 2000 by John Paul II. John Paul II was elected in 1978 and died in 2005. He was beatified in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, who waived the traditional five-year waiting period to begin the sainthood process. Each achieved considerable international stature: John Paul II for encouraging the fall of Communism in his native Poland and across Eastern Europe, and John XXIII for assembling the liberalizing Second Vatican Council, which ran from 1962 to 1965.

**Canonisation Celebrations will be held on that Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral and College Hall from 3pm. See noticeboard for details of programme.**

➤ **Waverley College Annual May** procession in honour of Our Lady will be held on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the College grounds in Birrell Street, Waverley.

➤ **Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering:** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 1pm at Polding Centre, Sydney.