

# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

## Edwardstown Catholic Parish

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18th/19th April 2020

### 2nd Sunday of Easter –Divine Mercy Sunday Year A

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#### Parish office hours

Tuesday—1.30pm—4.15pm

Wednesday 1.30pm—4.15pm

Thursday 1.30pm—4.15pm

Friday 1.30pm—4.15pm

#### Weekday Mass,

#### Weekend Mass

#### Adoration of the Blessed

#### Sacrament

#### Private Devotions

have been all been  
suspended until further  
notice due to COVID19.

All access codes have been  
deactivated until further  
notice

#### IF YOU SEEK

#### Mass Intentions

OR

Sacrament of Reconciliation

OR

Sacrament of Extreme  
Anointing of the daying

Please contact the Parish

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A blessed Feast of Divine Mercy to all! When St John Paul II established for the universal Church the celebration of the 2nd Sunday of Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday,” he fulfilled the request that Jesus Christ made in his appearance to St Faustina Kowalska. The Lord told her that on the Feast of Mercy, “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” It is noteworthy that John Paul established the feast in the year 2000, at the threshold of the new millennium. He became an instrument of the ushering in of the era of Divine Mercy, to which we now all belong.

Today is the Octave day of Easter. The Gospel, which recounts what happened on Easter Day and one week later, shows us why the eighth day is so significant. In Jesus’ first appearance to the disciples

“one the evening of that first day of the week,” he assures them of his peace. His greeting, “Peace be with you” - shalom in Hebrew—has a reference to a forgiveness of debt. During his Passion, all his disciples left him except for Mary, John and some women. The Apostles are hiding in fear of the Jews. When Jesus appears, another fear awakens in their hearts: will he get back at them for abandoning him in his darkest and most painful moment? No he offers them *peace*. As a sign that all is forgiven, he breathes onto them his own Spirit and entrusts to them his mission of mercy.

When Jesus sends us forth, as the Father sent him, he commissions us to believe and to serve, to receive the gift of mercy and extend it to others. When we are suffering, we find consolation in the mercy of God, when others are suffering, we are instruments of his mercy to them. In Latin, mercy is *Misericordia*, which literally means having a heart for the misery of others. Mercy, in this sense, is suffering with others.

When we are in communion with the Lord through the Eucharist, and I communion with others through touching their wounds with mercy, then like Thomas, we can truly profess: :My Lord and my God!” - for the Lord is truly alive!

*Is your heart a heart of mercy for the misery and sufferings of others? As I experience the mercy of God today on Mercy Sunday, I will be moved to be merciful to others, suffering with them in my heart?*

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**Mary, Mother of Mercy , grant me a merciful and forgiving heart?**

#### Your prayers are requested for:

**SICK:** Lyn Eaton, Giuseppina & Leanne Perugini, Joseph Mohanraj, Maureen Marshall, Bethany Marsh, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Teresa Donnellan,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Dixon

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ronda White, Maurice Mabarrack, Val Black, Rosemary Keain, Glenn Freeborn, Daphne & Kevin Penglase, Ida Dick, Maurice Spiers, Brett Mansell, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Narciso Brion, Mons Horgan, Maurie Kempson, Carlo Santucci, Gerald Van der

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

*If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, then please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.*

# Readings

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24** R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." R.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. R.

## A reading from the first letter of St Peter. 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

The Pope offered this prayer to the Virgin Mary in a video message to mark the Diocese of Rome's day of prayer and fasting for the coronavirus emergency.

**Live streaming from St Anthony's of Padua—Edwardstown Catholic Parish—9.30am Sunday Mass —**  
<https://www.facebook.com/stanthony.edwardstown/live/> or the short URL version might be easier to type: <https://bit.ly/2RHJPZL>

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