

On **Good Friday, 2nd April 2021**, we began **the Novena of the Divine Mercy: F.I.N.C.H.**

F: **Feast of Divine Mercy** is on Low Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter - **11th April 2021**;

I: **Image/Icon of Jesus**, the Divine Mercy, with words: **“Jesus, I trust in You!”**;

N: **Novena** - **Nine days of Prayer** with particular intentions for each day, began on Good Friday, (2nd April) ending on Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April);

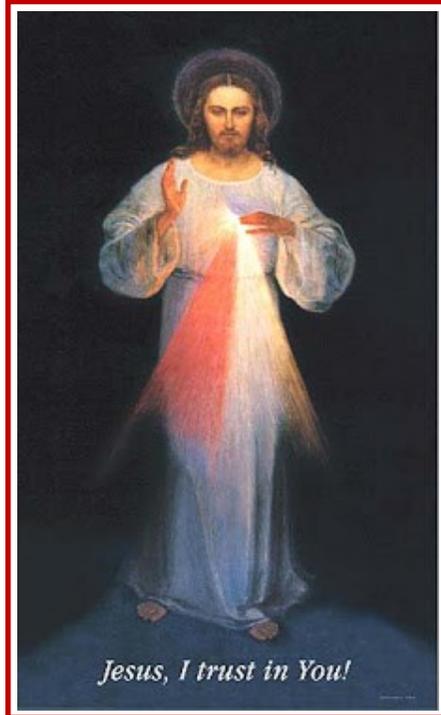
C: **Chaplet/Rosary of Divine Mercy** takes 7 to 10 minutes to pray;

H: **Hour of Mercy** = **3 o'clock**, daily pray the Three o'clock Prayer, especially on Fridays.

For more information, the **Divine Mercy Image**, **Chaplet** and the **Prayers** see: **Divine Mercy App**, or, **thedivinemercy.org/shrine**

**Christ is Risen:
Alleluia!!
He is Risen indeed:
Alleluia!!**

**His First Gift
after Rising from the dead
is: to forgive sins in His
Name in confession!**



Confessions are currently heard in the Children's Liturgy Room standing in front of this Image of Divine Mercy. Sheets to help prepare for a GOOD CONFESSION are available in the Reception area by the Children's Liturgy Room door.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11th April 2021

In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Hope of the Sick: Pray for us!
Patron of the Dying: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!

**From the Diary of Divine Mercy
of St Faustina Kowalska:
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:**

Our Lord Jesus revealed and said to St Faustina, and says to us today:

“ I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour:

the first - by deed,
the second - by word,
the third - by prayer.

In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. **Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy**, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the Image which is painted. By means of this Image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because **even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.**” (diary 742)

“ My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. 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 THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION SHALL OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT.** On that day all the flood-gates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. 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.” (diary 699)

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA:

The late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, canonised St Faustina Kowalska. She received revelations of the Divine Mercy of God while a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, in Poland. She entered this Congregation at the age of 20 years. She spent the next 13 years performing the duties of cook, gardener and doorkeeper. Her life, though seemingly very ordinary, monotonous and drab, concealed in itself an exceptionally profound union with God. Worn out and weakened by tuberculosis and the sufferings she bore in sacrifice for sinners, Sr Faustina died in Krakow on 5th October 1938 at the age of 33 years.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET can be said on ordinary Rosary beads:

first say, one **“Our Father,”**
 one **“Hail Mary,”**
 and the **“I believe in God...”**

Then on the single, large beads say the following words:

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world.”

On the smaller (ten / decade) beads, you say the following words:

“For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

After the five decades, you say these words three times:

“Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world!”

(diary 476)

3 o'clock in the afternoon is the HOUR of MERCY, the Hour at which the Saviour of the World, hanging upon the Cross, on Good Friday, died. He gave up His Spirit, and His side was pierced, His Heart broken open by the Centurion with the spear. From His side came out Blood and Water – an Ocean of Mercy ...

The “THREE O’CLOCK PRAYER:

“You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.” *(diary 1319)*

“O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You.” *(diary 84)*

Say this last part three times.

OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER:

Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, hat 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. *(diary 950)*

CRAYFORD COMMUNITY SPRING TIME TRAIL:**“STEP OUT OF LOCKDOWN AND INTO SPRING**

This walking trail is one big loop, you can start at any point and complete it at your own leisure. PLEASE use only public footpaths and ensure road safety at all times. We have tried to include information that may be new to yourself. Please use the informational plaques that are nearby to most of the elements of the trail for further information. If you would like to know more, please visit [Bexley Archives](#), or [Crayford Town Archives websites](#). You may answer the questions and enter the prize draw, or just take pleasure in a nice stroll, while learning about your hometown.

For the chance to win our Grand prize, please send your answers to Crayford.events@gmail.com or return your completed printed sheet to **St. Paulinus Church before Monday 21st June.**

Please **GOOGLE: St Paulinus’ Website**

and: **EASTER AT ST PAULINUS**, or try:

Springtime Activities:

Follow the springtime trail around Crayford

[Spring time trail poster](#)

[Crayford Community Springtime Trail, or:](#)

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Why not make it a “Prayer Walk” too?
 Pray **THE ROSARY** or the **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. began on **Wed 7th April 2021** at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

