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WEEKEND MASES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am,

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm

Wed 9am Thurs 6.45am

Fri 9am Sat 9am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8 – 8.55am

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 5th April 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next: 7th/ 8th

April

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DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30pm

www.vocationcentre.org.au

EWTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CatholicNewsService,

Catholica; Zenith News;

Reading Ministry:
<http://catholicreadings.org>

Our sick: Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quaiely, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound.

The Little White Books are available for Easter season reflections. Please use The Honesty Box for your \$3 contribution.

Sat. 9 am: +Souls in Purgatory; **Vigil 6 pm:** +; **Sun. 8am:** +Jaroslav Kollar; **9.30am** Thanksgiving to Holy Souls; **5pm** Pro Populo; **Mon:** + Jerzy Stelmasik; **Tues:** + For the deceased; **Wed:**+Thanksgiving to Holy Souls; **Thurs** +Adrian Han; **Fri.** Int. of FOSS

The festival of Our Lord's Resurrection continues in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter. Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts. At Masses during the Octave of Easter, as on Sundays, the *Gloria*, is recited or sung. And at the end of each Mass of the Octave, the double *Alleluia* is sung at the dismissal. The idea of an Octave of a great feast has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many Jewish feasts that lasted for eight days, for example, the feast of Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate eight days of Christmas as well as eight days of Easter. The Gospel readings at Masses during the Octave of Easter include passages from the Gospels that relate various appearances of the Risen Jesus. Reflecting on these Gospel texts is a wonderful way to prolong the celebration of Easter. Each day during the Octave, we proclaim in the Gospel Acclamation: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.* The Octave of Easter ends on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass in which he canonized the humble religious Sister Faustina Kowalska, St. John Paul II declared that from then on throughout the Church the Second Sunday of Easter would also be called the *Sunday of Divine Mercy*. This is entirely appropriate since, as St. John Paul II reminded us, "Divine Mercy is "the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

Easter offerings: Your contributions are still welcomed to support our retired, sick and needy priests of the Archdiocese. Your generosity reflects how much you cherish the priests' presence in your spiritual journey and your life. May God bless you, Fr Jerzy



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 those of the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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.

Many sincere thanks for your wonderful and tireless participation in the liturgies of the Holy Week and Easter. May God be your reward. Thank you for numerous best wishes, cards and sweets I received. Fr Jerzy

The last stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is called "mystagogy," from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries." Traditionally mystagogy extends throughout the Easter season, until the feast of Pentecost. This is a period of accompaniment for new Catholics as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. The newly baptized are called "neophytes," from the Greek words meaning "new plant," because the faith has been newly planted in them. Even though their catechetical preparation has been completed, they still have much to learn about what it means to live as Catholic Christians. Things often look different from the inside! Once they find themselves really on the inside, the neophytes often have more questions about living a life of faith. They need the ongoing support of the community so that the faith newly planted in them can grow deep roots. The RCIA coordinator in your parish probably noticed your faithful service and thought that you would be an excellent role model for your community's neophytes. Joining them in a mystagogy session gives you an opportunity to share your faith with them and encourage them as they continue their own new journey of faith.