

Q11. Catholic Practices

1. Prayer Corner – *a personal prayer space in your home* (Louise)
2. Mass Intentions (Cards) (Darlene)
3. Medals & Scapulars (Seminararian-Brian)
4. Novenas (Seminararian-Josh)
5. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Tom & Kathy)
6. Adoration & Votive candles (Mary Ann)



1. Prayer Corners



Creating a sacred space in your home or work place to experience the presence of God and aid your prayer life



Darlene's Prayer Corner

Crucifix, candles, Bible, Picture of Mother Mary, guardian angel, prayer journals, Bible commentaries



Darlene's Prayer Corner

Rosary beads draped over candle & hanging into vase

Darlene's Prayer Corner

A closer look at my photo of a statue of Mary & some commentaries & some of my personal prayer journals





Darlene's Prayer Corner

A 'treasure chest' (my personal favourite image of the Catholic Church!) filled with flowers & Palms from last Palm Sunday

Louise's Prayer Corner

- Corner of bedroom
- Bible and concordance to the right along with bookshelf full of reading material
- Picture of Australia's first saint above chair



Louise's Prayer Corner

- Picture hung above chair
- Australia's first saint (Mary MacKillop)
- Was baptized in Louise's home town, grew up a few suburbs away and initiated Catholic education through her Order (Sisters of St. Joseph) in the farming district in which her father grew up
- Reminder of universality of our Church



Louise's Prayer Corner

- Candles made out of the wax of the Easter candle
- Rosary beads and Rosary book
- Blessed Palm Sunday cross made out of palm leaf
- Crosses and icon of Mary



Louise's Prayer Corner

Louise's favourite picture of
Mary (from Medjugorje –
where visionaries saw Mary)



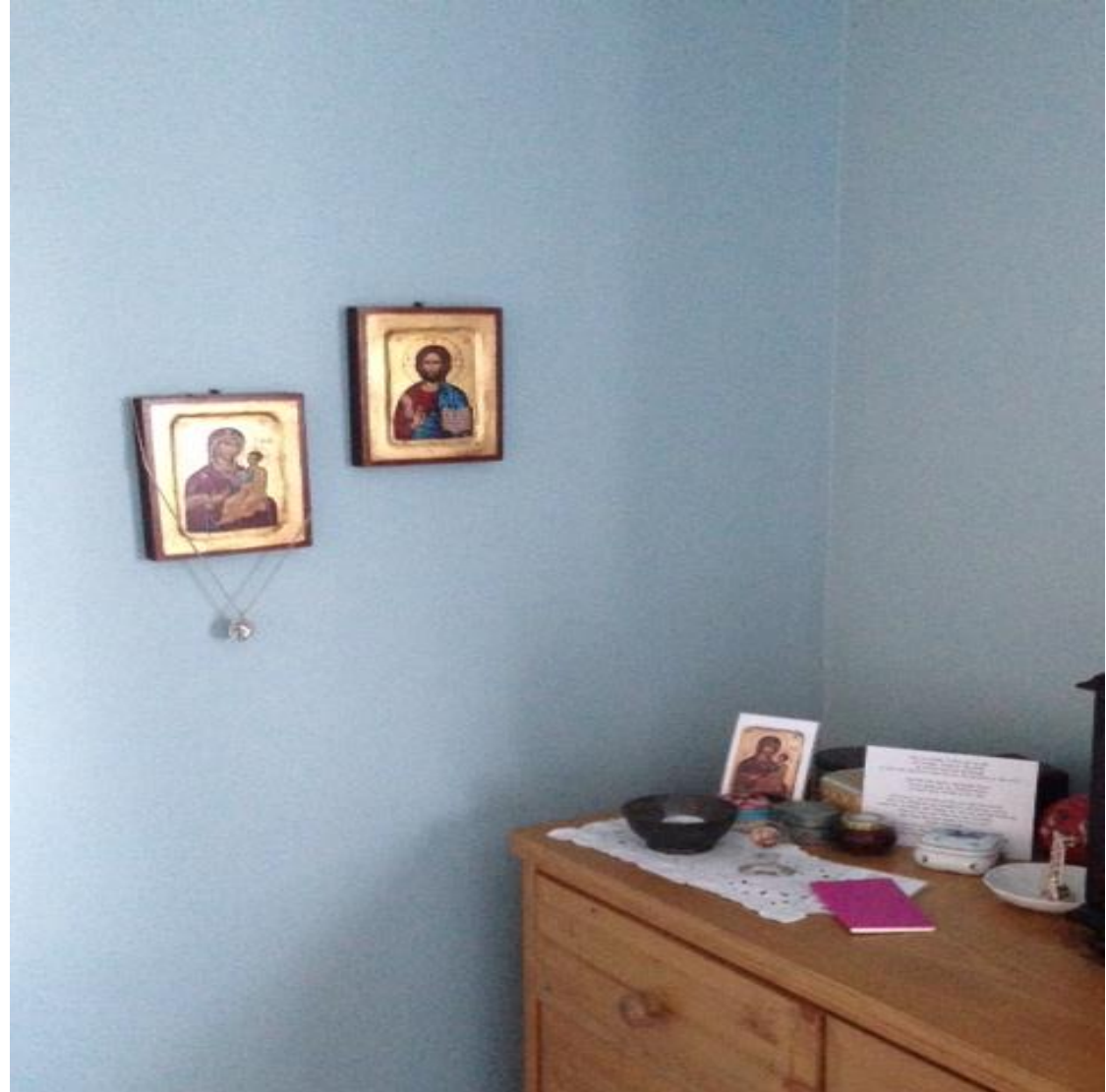
Louise's Prayer Corner

- Candles
- Crucifix made in the Holy Land with materials embedded in it



Meg's Prayer Corner

- Blessed icons
- Miraculous medals hanging from one icon
- Pictures of patron saints (friends of God and role models)
- Prayer in frame
- Other sacramentals on dresser
- Not a 'sitting area' but a focal point for being in God's presence





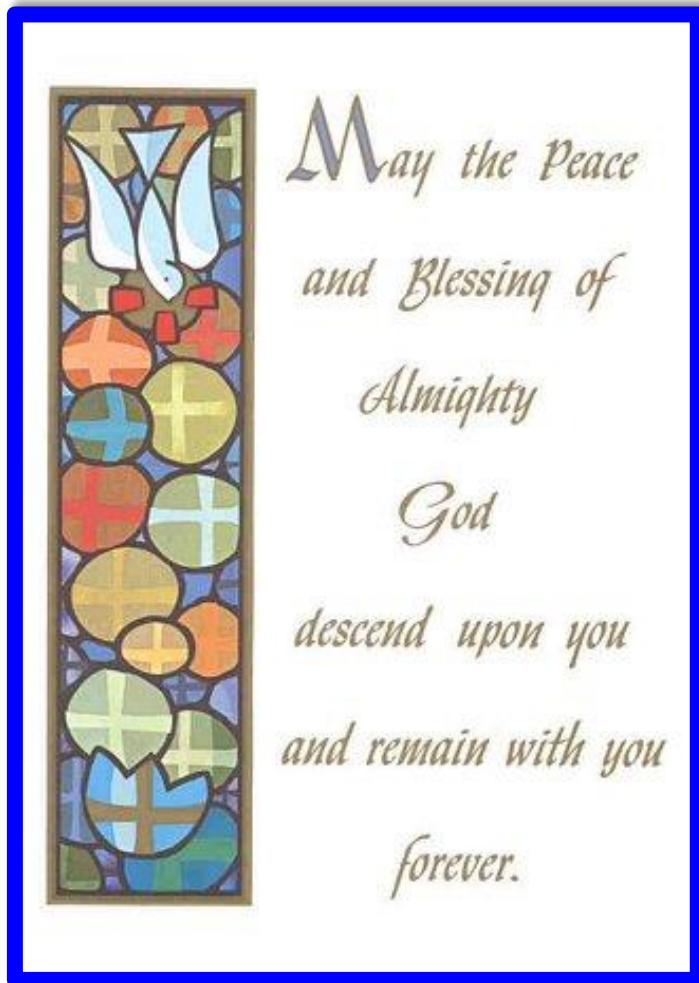
Brian's Workplace Prayer Corner

- Corner office
- Pillar of blessed icons
- Catholic witness to staff & clients & talking point
- Reminder of our Lord in the work day

Now, think about creating your
own little sanctuary in your
home

2. MASS INTENTIONS – the offering of a Mass...

...our HIGHEST form of PRAYER!



- **For** 'Repose of a Soul', or for Thanksgiving, Healing, assistance in Suffering etc
- Calls for help or 'intercession' of the **Communion of the Saints at MASS!**
 - The **Grace of mutual LOVE** among the living, strengthened & increased by the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**, flows especially by virtue of the Sacrifice of the Mass to **all who belong to the communion of Saints**
 - that is **those in Heaven**,
 - **those in Purgatory**
 - & us – those still making their way **here on earth!** (paraphrased quote from Pope Leo XIII)
- **How to** Offer a Mass here at St. Thomas More

3. Religious Medals



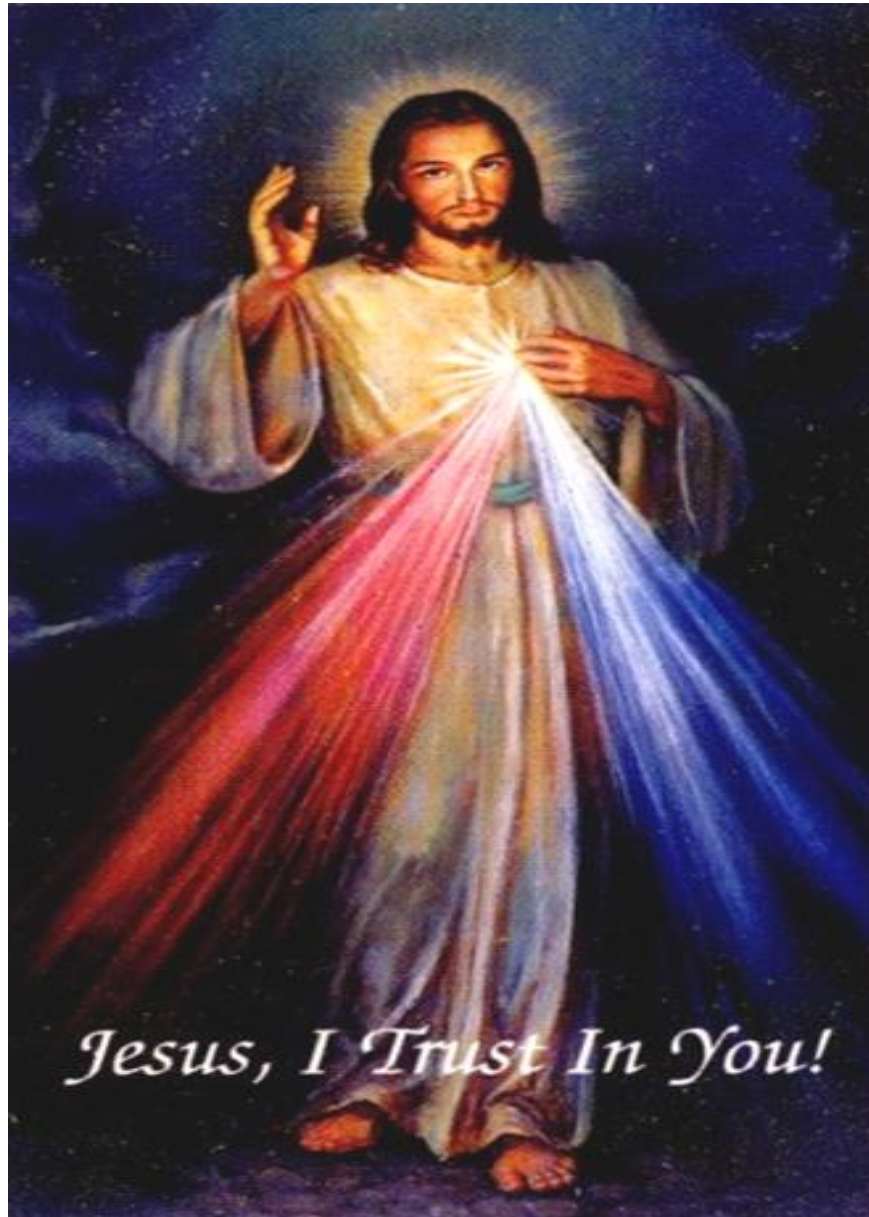
& The Scapular



4. Novenas



5. Divine Mercy Chaplet



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Optional Opening Prayers

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostle's Creed

6. Large Beads Before Each Decade - The Eternal Father

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

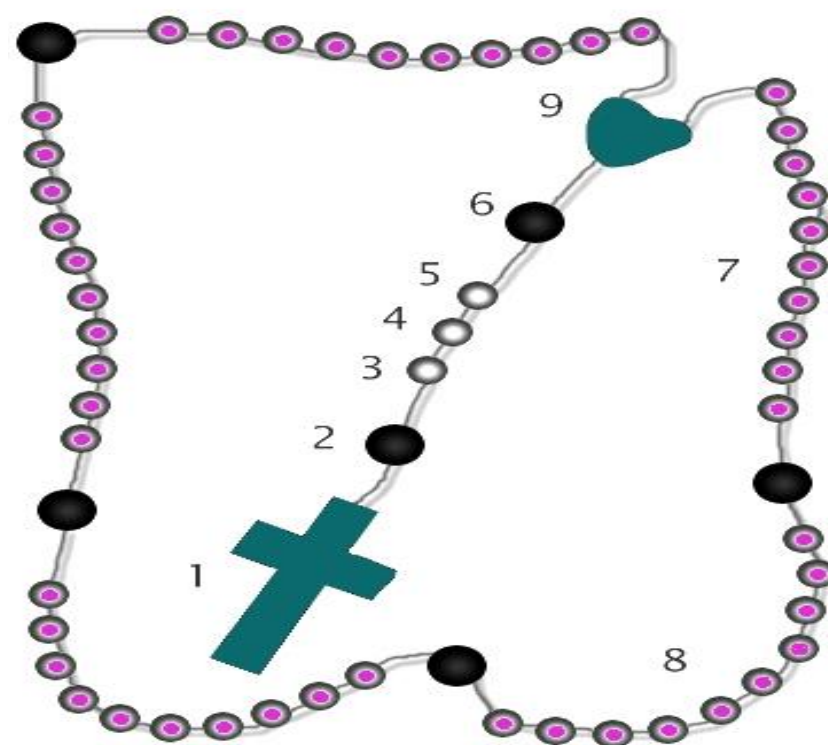
8. Repeat for the Remaining Decades

Eternal Father, Our Father, For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion, Hail Mary

9. Conclude with Holy God - Repeat 3 times

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

10. Optional Closing Prayer



6. Adoration (*of Jesus in the Eucharist*) & Votive Candles



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Discussion

- Do you have any experience with any of the above Catholic Practices?
Discuss
- Do any of these practices strike you as something you'd like to try?
Discuss
- How should Catholics respond to criticisms about such practices (eg: we're being 'superstitious', medals are like 'lucky charms' etc)



