

Celebrating and sharing our story

Tuesday 24 September - Mercy Day

Join us in the Mercy International Centre Chapel in person or through live-streaming for Mass on the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy. Eucharist is about giving thanks, and we give thanks for the women and men who have lived Mercy, for our benefactors and donors, and for all those who have passed through the red doors of the House of Mercy over the past 25 years.

In the afternoon, Sr Brenda Dolphin will share with us examples of how Catherine is known and loved throughout the world and the Cause for the canonisation of Catherine.

The day will conclude with Evening Prayer.

Wednesday 25 September - A space for pilgrims

The Sacred Garden is a place of pilgrimage for the thousands of pilgrims who travel to the House of Mercy each year. Mercy International Association is grateful to our many benefactors and donors who have contributed to the enhancement of the Sacred Garden, a space for reflection and engagement.

On this day, the Sacred Garden will be blessed and we will acknowledge those who have made the redevelopment possible. We will bless: the remembrance space for those who have died; the new sculpture of Catherine where pilgrims can sit with her and share their joys and sorrows; the well and rill where Earth's waters flow and call us to care for our Common Home; and the learning space where pilgrims can be inspired and encouraged to live Mercy.

Sr Elizabeth Davis, the guest speaker today will make connections between Scriptural images of gardens, our Sacred Garden and Mercy Global Presence.

Thursday 26 September - Holding our Heritage

The Mercy story over the past 25 years has been enhanced by those who have contributed through governance and leadership, staffing and volunteering, participation in committees and by their scholarship, online communications and the visual and photographic displays around the House. Some of these contributions will be highlighted on this day. Additionally, a variety of speakers will share learnings on the treasures held in the Heritage Collection.

The presentations will include Clare Agnew's Works of Mercy, the stained glass windows in the Chapel created by William Earley, stories of some of the women who lived in the House in the 1830s, as well as recitals on the Telford Organ.



To register to attend one, two or three days of the programme, please use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/4zfgyvFqCHqdk17w7</u>