



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

**24 April 2022**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Year C**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**(The Feast of Mercy)**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Like newborn infants,  
you must long for the  
pure, spiritual milk, that  
in him you may grow to  
salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading**

from the Acts of the  
Apostles 5: 12-16

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v. 1  
**(R.)** Give thanks to the  
Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading**

from the book of the  
Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! You  
believe in me, Thomas,  
because you have seen  
me; happy those who  
have not seen me, but  
still believe! Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon**

Bring your hand and feel  
the place of the nails, and  
do not be unbelieving  
but believing, alleluia.

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

There is a very close link between the meaning of the Divine Mercy image and the liturgy of the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). On that day the Gospel reading throughout the Church is about the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, and about the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The rays of blood and water flowing from the Saviour's pierced Heart and the wounds on His hands and feet recall the events of Good Friday.

*"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 299) "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 go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." (Diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."*

*(Diary 965)*

**The Divine Mercy Feast day celebration will be held today commencing at 2pm with Confession, the Chaplet of Mercy & Benediction. Holy Mass will commence at 3pm. All are most welcome.**

## Contact us

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## Mass times

### Sunday Mass times

### Weekday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

**Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online:** For all of the online Mass options—  
please visit <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

**Adoration Prayer with the Carmelite Missionaries Sisters:**  
every Sunday from 6.30—7.30pm

## Prayer intentions

**For the sick & homebound:** John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Gloria Gonzales Prudente, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gibbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aquirre, Joan Wilson.

*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Mary Wintour, Martin d'Coutho, Fr Tadgh Tierney, Ofilia Mawson, Rose Refalo, Angelito Molano, Porfinio Perez, Mary Gardner, Dorothy and Geoff Jones,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony Mangos, Angelo Crasto,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Bulletin notices

**Sacramental Preparation:** The parish is currently accepting enrolments for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For further details check our Parish Website and register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. For Baptism and Marriage enquiries call the Parish Office.

**Parish Raffle Fundraising:** Tickets for the big raffle will be selling from now and will be drawn at the Feast Day in July. You can take home a book of tickets and sell to family and friends. Each tickets costs \$2 and there are 25 tickets in each book. You can pick up the books of tickets from the parish office this week and the fundraising team will be distributing books and selling tickets after all Masses. There is a Bunnings BBQ planned to be held on 15 May.

**The Rosters are due for renewal at the beginning of May.** If you would like to join a roster please send a message to the parish office. Full support will be given if you are new to a ministry or are rejoining after a break. For more information call Patricia at the parish office.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend 22 – 24 April 2022** Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! This is a wonderful opportunity in the year of the family. Come and join us in a Covid safe environment at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Upcoming menALIVE Weekend:** Calling all Catholic MEN. You are invited to Rediscover God's Presence in, and Purpose, for your Life Is your faith life all it could be? Are you dozing in the back pews? The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. Led by experienced facilitators and speakers from the menALIVE team, the weekend is powerful and dynamic experience, during which Catholic men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. 14-15 May 2022, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Register via the brochure or online [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events)  
For enquiries: Paul Quirk 0412 216 589

**The Journey, Weekly Podcast:** On The Journey This Week: Celebrate the joy of the Easter season with some of the most dynamic catholic speakers in the Catholic Church in Australia on this week's show, not to mention some amazing music that will wake you up to the profound reality of the good news of the resurrection! The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

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

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'



Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **ANZAC Day Prayer for Peace.**



**Heavenly Father**, as we reflect upon the brokenness of our world, we acknowledge the hurt caused to so many, and so we strive for peace. Help us to overcome the barriers that divide people and nations one from another. Bless every effort being made to bring peace and understanding to the world.