

16 April 2023
Feast of Divine 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 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-
24. R. v.1

Response: Give thanks
to the Lord for he is
good, his love is
everlasting .

Second Reading from
the first letter of St Peter
1 Pt 1:3-9

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.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners & 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.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

For a full understanding of Divine Mercy, we recommend [*Divine Mercy Message and Devotion*](#), by Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC.

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Mass times

Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

Weekday Mass times

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

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

Reconciliation at 11am every Saturday

Adoration Prayer every Saturday
at 9:30-10:30am after 9am Mass

Healing Mass: First Saturday: 9am

Alliance of 2 Hearts: First Friday: 7.30pm

Maori Mass: First Sunday: 2pm

Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even
months at 12pm

Philipino Mass: Third Sunday: 11.15am

Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday: 2pm
Devotion, Confession, Mass.

Children's Mass: Fifth Sunday at 9.30am

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Phyllis Cooper, Emmanuel Vella, Hugh Madden, June Wrightman.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Young, Maria Lourdes Inandan, Anthony Binny, Fr Tadgh,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Bulletin Notices

Evangelisation and the Acts of the Apostles Bible Study with Dr Mary Healy Begins Friday April 28 at 10:00 am OR Tuesday May 2 at 7:30pm. Cost:\$20 for Course Materials. You are invited to attend this Bible Study DVD series, where we study the Acts of the Apostles and explore topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelise, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ and techniques from St Paul to reach a secular culture. Register via the parish office on 96037373 or M: 0434 705 176.

Fundraising News: Our fundraising team will host a “High Tea” in the parish on Sunday 7 May. The cost will be \$15 per person for morning tea. The cakes can be purchased for those who prefer to take something home.

Fundraising Cash Raffle: We will be selling raffle tickets in our annual major raffle to be drawn at the parish feast day on 16 July. Tickets will be sold after Mass and books of tickets are available to take home and sell.

Sacramental Preparation dates are now available on the parish website. Registration to the parish office is essential for anyone wishing to make their Sacraments this year.

Catechist Retreat 2023: Prayer, a journey of friendship with God; The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, of the Discalced Carmelite Friars and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator. The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May. Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend. Please register here or by visiting <https://www.dow.org.au/events/> and selecting the Catechist Retreat.

Anointed: MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive, 24-28 May; Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship, generously sharing the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info & register: www.trybooking.com/CFBRF.

Ageing with Confidence – Free Information Sessions 9.00am-12.30pm

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a FREE information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor. On Wed 10 May at Campbelltown RSL. Morning tea provided. To register **Call:** 02 4227 1122 **Or online:** <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/>. For any other information contact Jane Hollier:
Email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au **or Call:** 0417 018 152

The Journey, Weekly Podcast; www.jcr.org.au; Fr John Corrigan’s reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday. Bishop Brian Mascord’s Easter message, plus more

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.

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation. Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection. Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.