

Divine Mercy Sunday Year A

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: The Lord will bless his
people with peace.

Second Reading from the first
letter of Peter 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as
the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is
celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter
which concludes the Octave of Easter. It is
originally based on the Catholic devotion to
the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kow-
alska reported as part of her visions of
Jesus, and is associated with special
promises from Jesus and indulgences issued
by the Catholic Church.

According to the diary of Kowalska, the feast
of Divine Mercy receives the biggest
promises of grace from Jesus in the Divine
Mercy devotion. A person who goes
to sacramental confession (the confession
may take place some days before) and
receives holy communion on that Sunday,
shall obtain the total forgiveness of sins and
punishments. This grace is similar to the
grace received at baptism and greater than
a plenary indulgence. Additionally, the
Catholic Church also grants a plenary
indulgence (observing the usual rules) with
the recitation of some simple prayers.

**From 2pm today we will celebrate
Divine Mercy Sunday with Adoration,
Reconciliation and the Mass at 3pm.
All are most warmly encouraged to
attend.**

Parish Notices



Alpha There's a seat for you at the table. You're Invited Starting in our Parish on Tuesday 21 April at 6:45 for 7pm dinner Come See night Invite family, friends, work colleagues & neighbours

We encourage everyone to pray this prayer

"Lord, today is there someone You want me to connect with outside the Church?" You will be surprised what God can do!

Alpha is a tool we use to evangelise in our parish to move from "maintenance to mission." Let's all make an effort to grow our parish so please invite new people and also support us by providing food for our guests.

There are lists in the foyer to place your name. We also plan on running a Friday night Alpha from 5.30-7pm that caters for parents and children. If you're able to join our team to help in any way please contact us.

For more details Contact Paul & Loriana Quirk 0412 216 589

Martin & Violeti Hunt 0404 949 474

St Patrick's College. Open day- Saturday 2 May 10am-2pm, Prospective families are invited to attend our College Open Day and experience our welcoming community. Tour the campus, explore our learning spaces and meet our students and staff.

Pastoral Care Team will not be meeting again until Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are in need of a member of the Pastoral Care Team to visit please advise the Parish Office.

Life in the Spirit Seminar The Monday Bible Study & Reflection Group invites you to attend a 9 week series commencing on Monday 13 April at 10 am in the parish meeting room. The topic for week 1 is "For the love of God". For more information and to register please call Nellie on 0411 965 526.

Grief and Loss Support Group will meet on a monthly basis for people who have experienced grief and loss in their lives and who would like an opportunity to connect with others in a gentle environment.

Please come along at 10am till 12 on Tuesday 14 April.

The Filipino & Friends Parish Community Association (FFPCA) based at Mary Immaculate Parish, Eaglevale is inviting you to attend their 2026 movie fundraiser at 6.15pm on wed 6 May at Dumaresque St Cinema in Campbelltown. The movie will be "The Devil Wears Prada 2". Tickets costs \$25 pp. To reserve tickets email ffpca1995@gmail.com or call 0413799628.

Looking for Quality Vacation Care This School Holidays? Catholic Care offers safe, fun, and engaging Vacation Care programs at 11 schools across our Diocese. Children enjoy exciting activities, make new friends, and are cared for by experienced staff—giving parents peace of mind and kids a holiday to remember. Secure your child's spot today: Call (02) 4227 1122 OR visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> for locations and enrolment details.

Prayer intentions: Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic, Mercy Espiritu, Vladdy Mher Peralta, Pausumu Olaaiga, Bill Scibberas, Bernie Briscoe, Barbara Hughes, Clark Hughes -



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

For our recently departed Eileen Butcher

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

Message from your Deacon Stu

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous and thoughtful gift you gave me in celebration of my ordination as Deacon.

I am truly humbled by your kindness and deeply grateful for the love, encouragement, and prayers that surround me within this faith community. Your generosity goes far beyond the material gift; it is a powerful expression of our shared journey of faith and service.

As I step into this new calling, I do so strengthened by your support and inspired by your witness to Christ's love.

Please know that I carry each of you with me in prayer as I seek to serve faithfully and with humility. It is a great privilege to walk alongside such a caring and faith-filled congregation.

May God bless you abundantly for all that you do, and may we continue to grow together in faith, hope, and love.



Parish Office: Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm

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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.

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.