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Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm
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Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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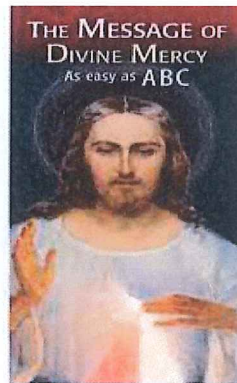
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12th April 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

Divine Mercy is the heart of the Gospel. If we really look at how God has revealed Himself in Scripture and Church Tradition, we discover afresh how mercy is essential to understanding His message of love and salvation. Mercy even reveals His very identity. With this understanding of God and His revelation to us, we can ask for His mercy, be merciful to others, and strive to completely trust in His Son, who is Divine Mercy Incarnate.



God Is Mercy

The merciful love of God is the central theme of the Bible. In the Old Testament, God solemnly declared to Moses that He is "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). In fact, the whole story of God's Chosen People, Israel, shows how the Lord taught them more and more of His faithfulness to His merciful love for them, and His compassion for their plight. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*: "In the course of [Israel's] history, this people continuously entrusted itself, both when stricken with misfortune and when it became aware of its sin, to the God of mercies" (4).

The New Testament further develops this message of the merciful love of God. Saint John tells us that God "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). The mercy of God was especially shown when the Son of God gave His life for us on the cross, "while we were yet sinners" (Rom 5:8). Then He rose again in glory to be with us always and to give us the hope of everlasting life. That is why we can declare with great confidence:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus! By His great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" (1 Pt 1:3-4).

What then is the meaning of Divine "Mercy"? God's very nature is love (see Jn 4:8): infinite, eternal, self-giving love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But "mercy" is the form that God's love takes when it overflows His divine life and pours out upon His creatures. This Divine Mercy is compassionate love - a love that seeks to meet the needs and relieve the miseries of others.

We find the very same message echoing like a refrain throughout the Diary of St. Faustina. Jesus said to her:

I am Love and Mercy itself (1074). My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners ... it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy (367). Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699). My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world (1485). I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain (1485).

The ABC's of Mercy

We have just seen that God is Love and Mercy itself. The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us, no matter how great our sins. 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. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.



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.

Be Merciful to Others. 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.

Completely Trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



April

Sun 12th April Divine Mercy Pilgrimage after 9am Mass
Sat 18th April Baptism of Jake Ferla @10:30am
Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 18th to 19th Apr 2026

Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	Nic De Luca	J Jose	C Anello
READERS:	D Stefanelli	N Menda-Cre	C Chassels
COMMS:	N De Luca	A Greenfield	S Borges
E/O Minister	N De Luca	A Dzieciol	D Ramos-Nunez
SERVERS:	Z Lagura; V Rule	Dee & A Wilson	
Counters	Team 6 - A and C Fanetti		
Cleaners	P Batchelor		

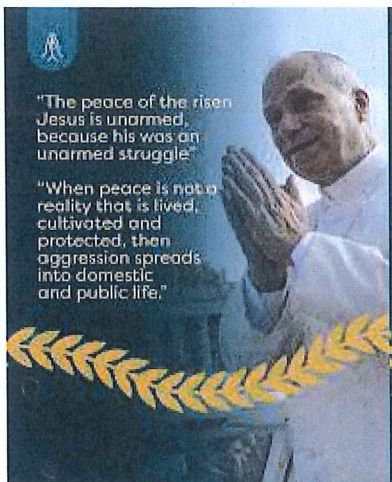
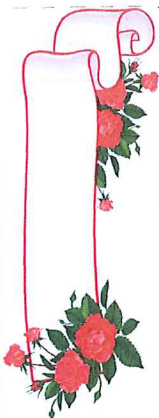
Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

- SAT 11-Apr 6:00 PM TG-Kuah & Leong fam
RS-James, Walter & Jayapal Moses,
RS-Vicente Umengan
- SUN 12-Apr 7:00 AM RS-Leona Nebel
TG-Margaret Partridge
9:00 AM TG -Lai & Gordon fam,
RS- Holy Souls, Maria Cuc,
RS-Peter Thang, Maria Tinh, Peter Trinh & fam
RS-Robyn Romeo, Anthony Binny
- TUE 14-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel
- WED 15-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel
RS-Bernard & Gerard Taylor
- THU 16-Apr 7:30 AM RS- Anna Lee, Leona Nebel
- FRI 17-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel
- SAT 18-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel
6:00 PM RS-Brian & Glen Lobo
- SUN 19-Apr 7:00 AM RS-Leona Nebel
9:00 AM

Pray for :-

Those who are suffering in wars in Middle East, in natural disasters, in religious persecutions and the sick in the parish: Francisco Sorgiovanni, Cameron Merifield and Ermelina Vescovo.



Snippet from the Divine Will on TRUST

<https://bookofheaven.com/divine-merc>

Volume 11 – April 10, 1912

The souls who have more trust will shine more in the crown of the divine mercy. Continuing in my usual state, as soon as blessed Jesus came, He told me: "My daughter, the souls who will shine the most, like bright gems in the crown of my divine mercy, are the souls who have more trust, because the more trusting they are, the more they give space for the attribute of my Mercy to pour into them all the Graces that they want. On the other hand, the soul who does not have real trust closes the graces within Me, remaining poor and unequipped, while my Love remains contained within Me and suffers greatly.

In order not to suffer so much, and to be able to freely pour out my Love, I deal more with those souls who trust than with the others. With these souls I can pour out my Love, I can play, I can cause loving contrasts, since there is no worry that they may feel ashamed or afraid; rather, they become more brave and take everything in order to love Me more. Therefore, trusting souls are the outpouring and the amusement of my Love – the most graceful and the richest ones."

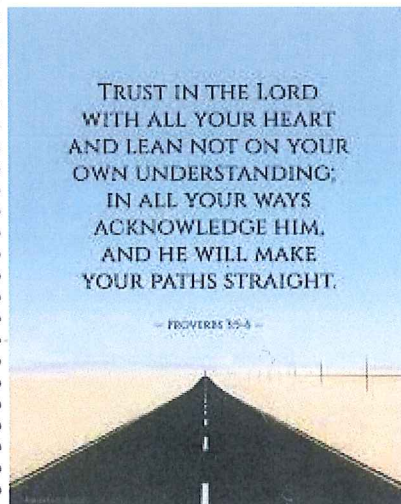
Volume 6 – July 29, 1904

Faith makes one know God, but trust makes one find Him.

Continuing in my usual state, as soon as I saw my adorable Jesus, I said to Him: 'My Lord and my God.' And He continued: "God, God, God alone. Daughter, faith makes one know God, but trust makes one find Him. So, without trust, faith is sterile, and even though faith possesses immense riches with which the soul can enrich herself, if there is no trust she remains always poor and lacking in everything."

While He was saying this, I felt myself being drawn into God, and I remained absorbed in Him like a little

drop of water in the immense sea. As much as I looked, I could find no boundaries, either of height or of breadth; Heaven and earth, blessed and pilgrim souls, all were immersed in God.



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th

St. Joseph's Parish will publicly displayed the image of the Divine Mercy for all the faithful to pray and venerate on Divine Mercy this Sunday . Please come, venerate and worship the King of Mercy.

To receive a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful must have a total detachment from sin (including venial) and meet three requirements: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions. On that day, you must also participate in prayers/devotions to Divine Mercy.

Key Conditions for the Plenary Indulgence:

Sacramental Confession: Can be done beforehand (usually within 20 days).

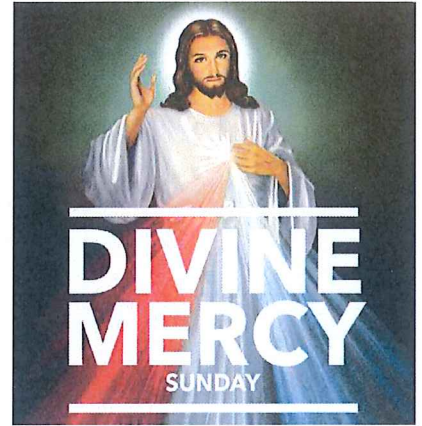
Eucharistic Communion: Received on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil).

Pray for the Pope's Intentions: Typically, one Our Father and one Creed, or other prayers.

Detachment from Sin: A sincere, complete disaffection for sin, even venial sin.

Devotional Act: On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, devoutly participate in prayers/devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (exposed or reserved), recite the Our Father, the Creed, and a devout prayer to Merciful Jesus (e.g., "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

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... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Saint Faustina Diary 699)



**** Free Easter blessed Holy Water in bottles** - The parish has prepared Holy Water bottles filled with blessed Holy water from the night of the Easter vigil. Please feel free to take home to bless your house or your family. Kindly take one for each family. May the grace, love and blessings of the Resurrected Christ be with you and family.

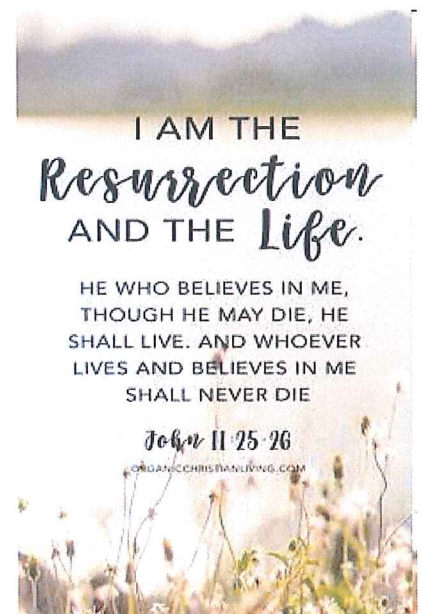
**** Easter Parish Morning tea next SUNDAY-** Please come and share a cuppa with your fellow parishioners next Sunday morning after the 9:00am Mass. And bring a plate to share.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years due to the ongoing conflict in the region. Reports from the region suggest some one million people have been displaced and are seeking safety. In an attempt to help address the situation, Caritas Lebanon is operating across seven governorates to deliver food, water and hygiene assistance, healthcare, essential items, psychosocial support, and protection services. Your support will make a difference.
<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/donate-lebanon/>

1 - 3 MAY | MEDITATION AND UNION WITH GOD

This retreat will combine a general orientation and the experience of specific practices of meditation - a deliberate stilling of the mind and spirit; a liberation from distractions, illusions, sensory perception, usual assumptions and perspectives. Presented by Fr Robert Nixon OSB, expect to experience peace, freedom and inner harmony.
institute@newnorcia.com.au



The Living Word

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

12 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 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.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. 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.

Communion Antiphon

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