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 Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
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 Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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19th April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter

Cardinal Dolan praises 3-word prayer, and a few more <https://aleteia.org/2026/04/14>

On social media, Cardinal Timothy Dolan has been reintroducing Catholics to aspirations -- brief, heartfelt prayers that can be offered at any time. If you're a Catholic of a certain age, you may remember -- or still pray daily -- the short prayers known as aspirations. From a word that means both expressing hope and drawing breath, an aspiration consists of just a few words uttered aloud or silently. In earlier times, they may have been called ejaculations (in the sense of a quick exclamation) or arrow prayers (because they're flung toward heaven and get to the point). Whatever we call them, their use has become less common among younger Catholics. That's something Cardinal Timothy Dolan, recently retired archbishop of New York, would like to change. In brief social media posts over the last few days, Cardinal Dolan has reintroduced or introduced some of the most popular aspirations, calling them "a Catholic custom worth recovering."

Aspirations are wonderful prayers for peace or situations of urgency, and often prayed in times of distress or sorrow. There's a lot of that going around these days, as the cardinal notes. It's good to know we have a way of bringing the world's troubles and our own to the ears of heaven. Praying aspirations regularly enough, older Catholics can tell you, ingrains them in the heart. They become spontaneous utterances.

Here are five of the aspirations Cardinal Dolan has featured recently.

"All for Thee, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus."

Cardinal Dolan introduced his series on aspirations with this one because, as he says, there's scarcely a situation in which it doesn't apply. Whether starting the workday, dealing with pain, or facing something difficult, this brief dedication of our lives to the Sacred Heart places our needs in his merciful love.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!"

This (often exasperated) calling on the Holy Family can sometimes sound less than pious. Of all the traditional aspirations, it's most difficult to hear its roots in supplication. (For

that reason, many older Catholics would tag on the phrase "be praised and glorified," so nobody got the wrong idea.) Family interactions, understandably, frequently call for this kind of prayer, asking the members of that family of Nazareth to grant us some measure of their grace.

"God, help us!"

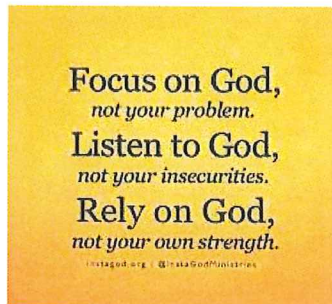
This aspiration is prayer at its most basic and most desperate. When we can't think of a solution, a way forward, or even a reaction to what is going on around us, we can turn it all over to God with these three words. And as Cardinal Dolan notes, the prayer can be an intercession for the needs of others as well as for our own: "God, help her!" "God, help them!" When it ceases to be an aspiration, this same prayer can be a statement of surrender, as in "If we can't find a way to end this violence, God help us!" That, too, is a prayer.

"Jesus, I trust in Thee."

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Cardinal Dolan featured this prayer of St. Faustina. Devotion to the Divine Mercy, fostered by St. Faustina, has become popular worldwide in this century, so this aspiration might be one of the best known among younger Catholics. In his homily for the canonization of St. Faustina and the establishment of Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope St. John Paul II said: How many souls have been consoled by the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you," which Providence intimated through Sr. Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life.

"My Jesus, mercy."

Many older Catholics silently prayed this aspiration (and still do) at the elevation of the Most Precious Blood during the Mass, praying another -- from the Apostle Thomas' "My Lord and my God!" -- at the elevation of the Host. In his reflection on this aspiration, the cardinal shares the story of a pastor who used these three words to beg Christ's mercy on the individual people of his parish as he drove by their homes.



April



- Sun 19th April Parish cuppa after 9 am Mass
- Tue 21st April DVD group @ 11:00am
- Wed 23rd April School Mass @ 9:00am
- Fri 24th April Nursing Home Mass @ 10:00am
Youth Group @ 7:00pm
- Sat 25th April St Padre Pio Group @ 5:00pm
Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 25th to 26th Apr 2026

Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Lopez	I Darch	C D'Monte
READERS:	G Redolatti	L Pepi	H Van der Westhuizen
COMMS:	V Ambrose	N Menda-Creado	S Ngarotata
E/O Minister	G Redolatti	J Joseph	S Ngarotata N Van der Westhuizen;
SERVERS:	L & A Trusso		J Riviere
Counters	Team 7 - M Aye Aye, M D'Cunha		
Cleaners	R Foti-Cuzzola		

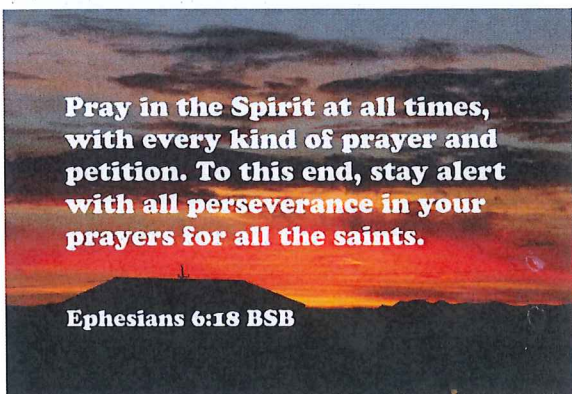
Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

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

- SAT 18-Apr 6:00 PM RS-Brian & Glen Lobo, Joe Hancock
RS-Fr Tiziano Bogoni, Anselm & Sr.Valerie Vanderhyde
SP-Rebecca Reed
- SUN 19-Apr 7:00 AM RS-Leona Nebel
9:00 AM RS-John & Elizabeth Toohey,
Howard Brown, Edward Kelly
- TUE 21-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel,
TG -Josiah O'Connor-birthday
- WED 22-Apr 9:00 AM RS-Leona Nebel, Derrick Burnaby
- THU 23-Apr 7:30 AM RS- Anna Lee
- FRI 24-Apr 7:30 AM RS- Dec mbs of D'Cunha & Hancock fam
- SAT 25-Apr 7:30 AM RS - Holy Souls
6:00 PM RS-Mary Leong, Zita D'Cunha
- SUN 26-Apr 7:00 AM
9:00 AM RS-Ellie O'Sullivan

Pray for :-

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



An Exorcist's "Proof" that Jesus Truly Rose

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

In the midst of the exorcism session I said, "By the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus, I command the demons to leave!" The out-front demon yelled back: "We won! We won! He didn't rise!" At that the priests in the room guffawed and I said, "This demon needs a history lesson."

An exorcism is a dramatic experience of the truth of the resurrection. For example:

+Mention of the very name of Jesus torments the demons. If Jesus was vanquished on the cross by Satan and by those who carried out Satan's plan to kill Jesus, would Jesus' name have any power over the demons?

+Demons are terrified of priests and hate the Church. When I invoke the "keys of Peter" the demons howl. The Church receives her power and authority from the risen Christ, not someone who remained dead and buried.

+In a recent exorcism we read a Gospel account of the Passion. The demons couldn't stand it and screamed, so we read it over and over again. If Satan defeated Jesus on the cross, why would the account of the Passion torment them? You would think they would rejoice.

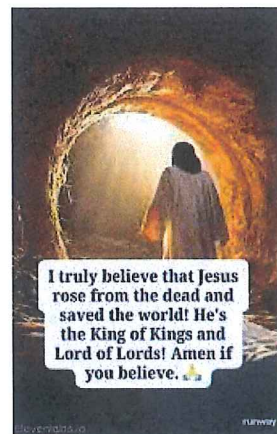
+One of the iconic moments of every exorcism is the priest holding up a crucifix and exclaiming: "Ecce crucem domini, fugite partes adversae" (Behold the cross of the Lord, depart you evil powers). The possessed will often say it burns to look at it; demons turn away and cannot even see it. A crucifix is not a sign of Jesus' defeat, it is the sign of Satan's demise.

+Using the many Church sacramentals and holy objects torment and help to cast out the demons. Relics of the saints, the priest's stole, the scapular, the rosary, Benedictine medals and more all help to cast out demons. These sacramentals receive their power from the risen Christ and from the authority He gave to the Church.

+Ultimately, every exorcism witnesses to the victory of Christ by its casting out of Satan and his minions. The Evil One could not be cast out by someone who was defeated on the cross and lay forever among the dead.



An exorcism is a powerful witness to the truth of the resurrection. On the cross and resurrection, Jesus completely and forever vanquished the power of Satan and his minions. Participating in an exorcism, one is filled with the firm, unshakeable conviction: Jesus Christ is risen!

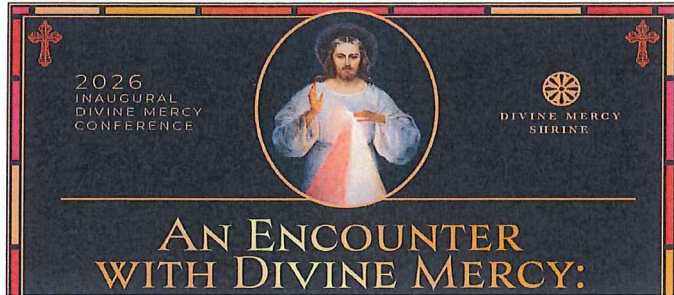


OUR PARISH FAMILY

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

**** Drop Off Request** - Do you attend 9am Sunday Mass? If so would you be available once every 6 to 8 weeks, to take home an elderly couple? A volunteer driver will drop them to Mass, but a lift to return home is required. The couple live in Redgum Way, Morley - just off Bottlebrush Drive. If you can assist please call Tina 0419 004 944

And, if you attend Sat 6pm Mass and would like to give a lift for a senior who lives close to Altone Road near Lockridge Optus, kindly give a ring to the parish office 9379 2691.



Inaugural Divine Mercy Conference

When: Saturday, 2nd May 2026 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
Where: Divine Mercy Shrine, Lower Chittering
Speakers: Bridget Sakr and international guests Sr. Gaudia Skass & Sr. Ancilla from Krakow, Poland.
Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/divine-mercy-conference-the-day-conference/ticketsBook>

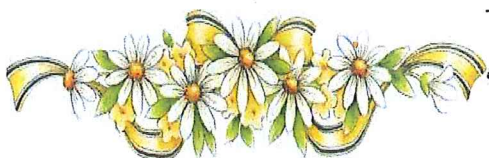
"An Encounter with Divine Mercy" Gala Dinner

When: Saturday, 2nd May 2026 (6:30pm – 10:00pm)
Where: Mount Lawley Golf Club
Details: A night of hope and grace featuring a carvery buffet, live auction, and guest speakers.
Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/divine-mercy-conference-the-gala-dinner/tickets>

2 - 3 MAY | CALL TO THE HARVEST RETREAT

Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the Harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. (John: 4:35). The Prayer of Liberation and Intercessory Ministry invites you to their Call to the Harvest Retreat. Hear from presenters, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Crispine Witika, Fr Ted Miller, Fr Doug Harris and John Mutoya.

- Saturday 2 May and Sunday 3 May
- Our Lady's Assumption Catholic Church, Dianella
- \$70 per ticket - early bird special until 18 April
- \$80 per ticket - after 18 April
- Coffee, tea and lunch included
- Registration is essential : John on 0404 194 788.



Invitation

Please join us in praying the rosary on Saturdays on 2, 9, 16, 23 MAY

at 3:00 pm in the Shrine



Handy Man

Brian Smith
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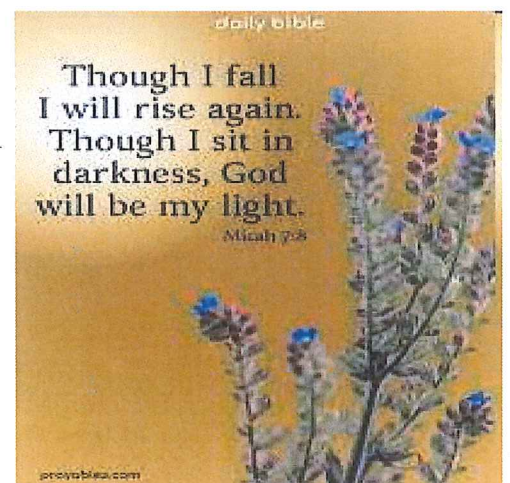
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Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes



sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.



The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

19 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

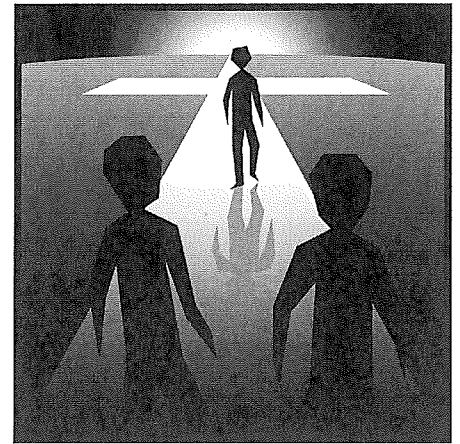
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the
Lord Jesus in the breaking of
the bread, alleluia.