

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year B 6 - 7 April 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

The essential celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter, during which the homily should focus on the scriptural readings of the day. It should be noted that the three cycles of scriptural readings and liturgical prayers are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God's infinite mercy, which endures forever.

In addition, it is necessary that the day publicly be called by its proper name, "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments of May 5, 2000, which added this title to the Second Sunday of Easter, did not intend to leave this as an optional title. The Latin of the original decree literally states that "in the Roman Missal, after the title 'Second Sunday of Easter,' there shall henceforth be added the appellation 'that is, Divine Mercy Sunday.'" Unfortunately, the English version in official use translates the phrase ambiguously: "or Divine Mercy Sunday." But the Latin is clear: "seu," in other words, "namely," or "that is." Moreover, this was the Holy Father's intention in granting this title to the Octave Day of Easter; it is clear from his own public announcement during the homily for St. Faustina's canonization, when he stated: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'" In his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001, the Holy Father thanked God that he was able "to proclaim the Second Sunday of Easter as the feast of Divine Mercy for the entire Church."

Divine Mercy Prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet is available for the **3.00pm Devotion on Sunday April 7.**

The timetable of the prayer will be from **3.00pm to 4.00pm** starting with the Divine Chaplet, prayerful reflection, finishing with Benediction

Please come along for this special devotion promoted by Pope St John Paul II. With the promise of special graces to all an opportunity for personal reconciliation will be available during our time together - following the Divine Chaplet through to beginning of Benediction at **4.00pm**



PARISH CALENDAR.

3 April & 10 April: Parish Office closed.
Sun 7 April: Happy birthday Fr Aneesh
Wed 17 April 5.00pm: PPC meeting
Wed 17 April 6pm: First Communion final practice and meeting
Wed 17 April 7.00pm: Finance committee meeting
Sat 20 Apr 5.30pm: First Communion
Sat 20 Apr 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 21 April 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST COMMUNION The final practice and meeting for First Communion - parents and children - will be held in the Cathedral at **6pm on Wednesday 17 April**. First Communion will be held at **5.30pm Mass on Saturday 20 April**.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on **Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am**. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held in the Chapter House from **5.00pm next Wednesday 17 April**. Any agenda items you would like discussed can be given to one of the Council Members listed in the masthead of the bulletin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at **7pm next Wednesday 17 April**.

31 CLUB REMINDER 8 to 14 April. Please pray for vocations.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION thanks so much to all our generous parishioners who gave **\$1,124.25** to the Pope's Good Friday collection.

PARISH LUNCH at Legends will be held on **Sunday 21 April at 12pm**. Sign up sheet will be in the foyer of the Cathedral from next weekend.

SAVE THE DATE on **Friday 28 June** we will be having an evening of praise and worship in the Cathedral featuring Fr Mark Hughes. It will be an evening of fun, fellowship and faith development. More details to come so stay tuned.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
 we give you thanks and praise
 for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
 for your people and your Creation.
 Nourish us by your daily
 Word and Eucharist.
 Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
 Strengthen us with the spirit
 of your mercy and grace.
 Make us grateful for your gifts as we
 journey through our lives together.
 May we be a welcoming
 and serving community,
 always discerning and
 doing your will for one another.
 We make this prayer through
 Christ Our Lord. Amen*

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 7 April 2024** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

ST MARY'S PARISH MAFFRA CHURCH CENTENARY Join us in celebrating the Saint Mary's Maffra Church Centenary on **Sunday, 28 April 2024, with a Mass at 11am in Maffra**, followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. Kindly RSVP to 5147 1921 for catering purposes.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Amelia Skeen** daughter of Damian & Claire. Congratulations to the family from us all.

NO MASS The Priest's are attending a Diocesan retreat from **8 to 12 April** so there will be **no weekday Masses during next week**.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed for the next two Wednesdays **3 and 10 April** as Mark takes a well earned break.

PROJECT COMPASSION please return your project compassion boxes via the collection plates at Mass as soon as possible. If you wish to pay electronically please do this at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish/>

WE WELCOME JANE MITCHELL who will be singing in the Cathedral at **9.30am Mass** on Sunday.

UPDATE ON CATHEDRAL SCREEN the use of the TV screen is not far away. The TV set is now mounted on the stand. A new laptop has been purchased and connection tested and is working. We are currently working on extending our internet to the Cathedral and then mounting a new tv in the assembly area for our larger Masses. Once this is all sorted out we will give you a final update and account.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR ANEESH A very happy birthday to you Fr Aneesh for your special day this Sunday, 7 April. We wish you a very happy, Holy and healthy year to come.



BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
 At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

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| Planned Giving: | \$1,524.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$2,631.80 |
| Credit Cards | \$1,285.00 |
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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Easter, Year B
6 - 7 April 2024**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| WEEKEND MASSES | | |
| Saturday 6 April | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| | 5.30pm | Cathedral |
| Sunday 7 April | 5.30pm | Rosedale |
| | 9.30am | Stratford |
| | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| | 5.30pm | Cathedral |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | |
| Monday 8 April | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| Tuesday 9 April | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| Wednesday 10 April | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| Thursday 11 April | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| Friday 12 April | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| WEEKEND MASSES | | |
| Saturday 13 April | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| | 11.00am | Loch Sport |
| | 5.30pm | Cathedral |
| Sunday 14 April | 5.30pm | Rosedale |
| | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| | 9.30am | Briagolong |
| | 5.30pm | Cathedral |

| Date & Time | Sat 6 April 5.30pm | Sun 7 April 9.30am | Sun 7 April 5.30pm |
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| Welcomer | John Dykun | Vince Beer | Mary Chiller |
| Commentator | Liz Tabuteau | Christine Lyon | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Reader | Brenda Burditt | Kate Meehan-Oxford | Sophia Kartobi |
| Eucharist | Marie Centra | Margaret Shirreffs | Lyn Althaus |
| Counters | Len & Lyn Althaus | | |

| Date & Time | Sat 13 April 5.30pm | Sun 14 April 9.30am | Sun 14 April 5.30pm |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Welcomer | Theo Smolenaars | Dalia Ellison | Gweneth & Angel |
| Commentator | Emma Morrison | Nick Hall | Veronica Stewart |
| Reader | Liz Tabuteau | Amanda & Maya V | Leny Waite |
| Eucharist | Brenda Burditt | Anna Allen | Doug Waite |
| Counters | Theo & Sandra Smolenaars | | |

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Salvatore Rizza, Mary Louise Lee, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

WORKSHOP AT NARRE WARREN:

Experience transformation at "Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'" hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O'Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Don't miss this transformative experience! Reserve your spot today and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM (lunch, morning and afternoon tea included) •

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, VIC 3805 Email (sale@cdsale.org.au) or call Clare in the Parish Office 5144 4100 if you would like to register for this event.

YOUTH CORNER:

Activity tubs & books: available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

Youth Mass: The next youth mass will be held on **Saturday 20 April 2024 at 5.30pm.**

Children's Liturgy: Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office - a WWCC & a Parish Code of Conduct are required).

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220.



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

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.)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

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:

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading: **Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Second Reading: **1 John 2:1-5**

Gospel: **Luke 24:35-48**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.