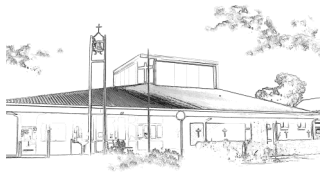


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Second Sunday of Easter– Year C 26/27 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Peter 2:2

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

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 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: John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 20:27

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, be reawakened in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

On this last day in the Octave of Easter solemnities, we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout Scripture and the Tradition of the Church, we encounter Our Lord who is 'full of compassion; slow to anger and rich in graciousness'. St. Maria Faustina received a series of revelations through which our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The revelation to St. Faustina celebrates what the Church already believed regarding the mercy of God.

St John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, named the feast we are celebrating today as Divine Mercy Sunday. We do venerate the image of Divine Mercy and pray the chaplet every day. Some of us have been praying the novena of Divine Mercy starting on Good Friday.

Usually, no one cherishes the state of being 'at the mercy' of someone else. The idea of receiving mercy is deemed humiliating in modern society. However, as Christians, we should not develop such reluctance towards God's mercy. Today, at this moment in history, we are more in need of the mercy of God than ever before.

The Apostolic constitution *Gaudium et Spes* presents the human situation in the world today in the following sentences: "There appears the dichotomy of a world that is at once: powerful and weak, capable of doing what is noble and what is base, disposed to freedom and slavery, progress and decline, brotherhood and hatred. The forces that humanity created are at the same time empowering and enslaving them."

Despite our good intentions, we still need the mercy of God to assist and perfect us. So, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to acknowledge our need for God's mercy, and to pray for it on behalf of all humankind. Even when we are faced with threats, anxious thoughts or the fear of the unknown, God's mercy is enveloping and protecting us. Therefore, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us entrust ourselves to the mercy of God and profess with confidence: "Jesus, I trust in You."

Fr Shinto Francis

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We mourn the death of Pope Francis, aged 88.

Thus, said Bishop Vincent Long:

"He was an example to the rest of us that the source of all wisdom and sustenance is to be found in the Holy Spirit. And by spreading that message to as many parts of the globe as possible, he is the true embodiment of hope."

"He showed the rest of us how to find God's love, and how to show God's love,"

"He will forever be remembered as a champion of peace and humanity,"

"Here in Parramatta, let us all offer our prayers for the spirit of the Holy Father, and guidance for the Church at this time of grief."

May the soul of Pope Francis and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Au Revoir Fr Shinto. We are sorry that you are leaving us. We feel we are just starting to get to know you a little. We thank God for your ministry amongst us & ask the Holy Spirit to guide & protect you. Who knows one day you may return as our Parish Priest. May God bless you.

You are invited to attend Fr Shinto's farewell morning tea TODAY Sunday 27 April following 9.30am Mass at Richmond.

Thank you once again to all who helped make our Easter celebrations so meaningful.

Blessing of Parish Council Members will take place today at 9.30am Mass. We thank them for undertaking this leadership role in our Parish and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them.

RCIA group will meet on Monday 28 April at 7pm in the Emmaus Room to reflect on the journey to Easter, the ceremonies and where to from now. Please read Ministry and Mission page 171 At home with God's people.

Mothers Day Sunday 11 May: We invite you to bring a flower and place it at the Altar, as we pray for all Mothers on this Day.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Monday 28 April Saint Peter Chanel.**
- **Tuesday 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena.**
- **Friday 2 May Saint Athanasius.**
- **Saturday 3 May Saints Philip and James.**
- **Friday 9 May Anointing of the Sick** will take place during Mass at 9am.



Special Memorial Mass for the peaceful Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis will be held on Tuesday 29th April, 7pm at St Monica's.

The three pathways leading into St Monica's Church from Windsor St will be repaired between **Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd May**. The cost of this work is covered by a recent government grant obtained, and through the generous assistance of a parishioner.

Please observe closure signs which will be in use. Apologies for any inconvenience!

Pre-loved Book Sale: 22nd - 24th May. Donations will be received after Monday 5th May from 9am-1pm in the Old Church. Helpers are also needed. Could you spare a little time to help clean books and prepare for the Book Sale? Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sacraments News.

Confirmation Classes will commence from Sunday 27 th April -					
Sunday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
St Gregory's	St Monica's	Emmaus Room	evening Emmaus room	Emmaus room	Emmaus Room
After 8am Mass	After 9am Mass	3.45pm	7pm	3.45pm	4.30pm
Margaret	Annie	Pauline	Allyson	Maria	Scott

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am,
9.30am, 5.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

St Gregory's
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am
St John of God
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
St Monica's:
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.
St Gregory's:
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass
Second Friday of the month, 9am
at St Monica's or by arrangement
with the priests

Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays
at 11am.
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am
Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 14/05/2025

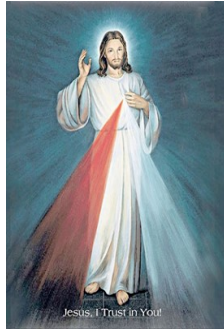
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Time at 7pm.

**Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
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Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

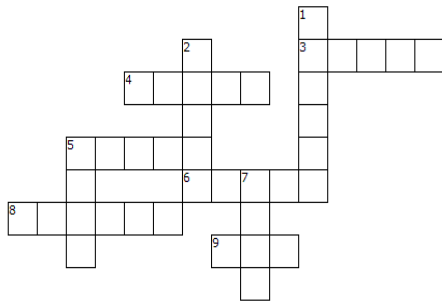
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion- inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.



Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- 4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- 5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- 6. The body parts at the end of the arms
- 8. Not open
- 9. To break God's law

DOWN

- 1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- 2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
- 5. An entrance into a building or room
- 7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 12th May in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.
Topic: Trusting & surrendering to God.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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... and those we remember at this time:

Noel Copland

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Joe Vella, Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Pope Francis, Carmie Brugman, Corey Spice, Sam Galea, Bill Burnett, Anna Papallo, Tom Hamilton, Delina Galea, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Helen Kenny, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday
Venue: The Emmaus Room at 7pm.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday excluding school holidays during 9.30am Mass at St Monica's

Parish Morning Tea

After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass

Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome.
1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Table Tennis fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

Benediction & Mass

St Monica's: Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
St Gregory's: Every 1st Saturday after 9am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wed after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.

Monthly Special Blessings.

Marriage Anniversaries - Every 2nd Sundays of the month.
Birthdays - Every 4th Sundays of the month.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

3/4 May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year C

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody
7.30am - A. Dunbar
9.30am - C. Hey E. Choudhary
5.30pm - T. Galino R. Sultana

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - D. Grima V. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - H. Convey A. Aquilina
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Duarte

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - P. Beirne
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana
7.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg
9.30am -

5.30pm - C. Murphy

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - J. Cauchi
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm -

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Counters

27 Apr - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
04 May - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 28 April 2025

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 2 May 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 3 May 2025

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 4 May 2025

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - C. Livingstone

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From www.Vaticannews.va - Pope Francis April 2022