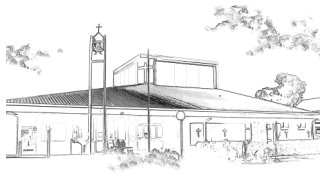


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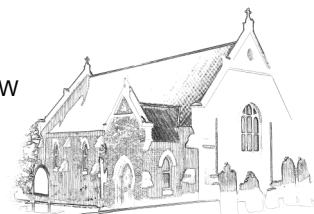
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Second Sunday of Easter – Year A 11/12 April 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 4 Esdras 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117:2-4

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

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 but believing, alleluia.

RICHMOND PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, you always guide Your people on their pilgrim way. Accompany us as we prepare to plan for our future direction by embarking upon the path of discipleship towards greater communion, participation and mission.



Help us to-walk together as one family who are attentive to the cry of the earth and the voice of the poor. Give us new hearts to respond faithfully to the signs of the time. May we never lose sight of the history and tradition of our parish community, but may we become more effective instruments of Your Gospel, by building upon the generosity and vision of past generations.

Form us into a community of mutually empowered and credible witnesses who are ready to prayerfully listen, learn, and discern together. May we all embrace our baptismal call and enliven Your Church here in the Parish of Richmond.

We ask this, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly Prayer)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday follows immediately after Easter. The Resurrection is not simply a victory over death; it is the unveiling of God's mercy in its fullest form.

In the Gospel, we encounter the disciples locked in fear. Into that closed space, Jesus comes—not with reproach, but with peace. "Peace be with you." Jesus doesn't show anger to the disciples for abandoning him at the cross. God never tires from forgiving us, no matter how far we've wandered.

Jesus shows the disciples his mercy by showing them his wounds. Now they are no longer signs of defeat. They have become the very channels through which mercy flows. This is the heart of Divine Mercy. Jesus' wounds show that mercy is not just an abstract idea—it is something lived, suffered, and given completely. Jesus' wounds remain. His suffering is not erased but transformed. The wounds become proof that God enters into human pain and redeems it from within.

Divine Mercy also speaks directly into our own lives, especially in moments when we feel unworthy or distant from God. Like the disciples behind closed doors, we too can become trapped by fear or regret. Yet Christ continues to enter these hidden places of the heart, offering not condemnation, but peace. His mercy reaches us precisely where we are most broken.

In the end, Divine Mercy Sunday calls us to live in the light of this truth: that mercy is stronger than sin and love is stronger than fear. We are invited not only to receive this gift, but to trust in it completely. When we allow Christ to meet us in our weakness, His peace begins to transform us from within. And in turn, we become witnesses of that mercy in the world, carrying His compassion into every place that longs for healing and hope.
Fr Adam Carlow.

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All parishioners are invited to the FIVE LISTENING CONSULTATIONS which will be held in the lead up to the **PARISH ASSEMBLY: 25TH JULY 2026.**

Register your participation for at least one or two Listening Consultation(s). **Sign lists in foyer or use QR code.**

Tuesday 7pm -8.30pm.

1. Leadership & Communication **April 14**
2. Social Justice & Pastoral Care **April 21**
3. Ministry **May 5**
4. Youth **May 19**
5. Faith Formation **(Wed) June 3**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you once again to everyone who helped us celebrate the great Feast of Easter. We thank you for your generous contributions to the Holy Land Appeal \$3187.55 and Project Compassion \$14369.85

Ongoing Adult Formation will commence on Monday 20th April at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. Over the next five weeks we are offering you the opportunity to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. Everyone is welcome.

Pope Leo invites us to pray for priests experiencing a crisis, that they might know the nearness of God and his people, and rediscover hope and joy in their vocation.

Hawkesbury City Council presents Youth Fest 2026, for young people aged 12-24 years old on Friday 17th April, 4pm - 8pm at Richmond Oval, this is a free event.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Saturday 25 April ANZAC Day.** Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory's, Kurrajong at 9am. Come & join us on this National Day of Remembrance.

RCIA will meet on Monday 13th April, in the Emmaus Room, to reflect on the journey of faith of the newly initiated and to look at 'Ministry and Mission' as this part of their introduction to the life of a Catholic concludes. Keep an eye on the Bulletin in August for the date of the commencement of next year's journey to Easter.

Safeguarding Update: Safeguarding is the training provided by the Diocese to keep us all safe. Thanks for all those who have completed Safeguarding Training. Many ministers will be due for a renewal or need to begin training, so the easiest way is online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training>. Please let me know if you require any assistance at zac.culican@parishofrichmond.org.au.

Sacraments News.

| CONFIRMATION CLASSES – 2026 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| TIME & PLACE | SUNDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY |
| | St Gregory's Following 8am Mass | St Monica's Following 9.30am Mass | Emmaus Room 3.35pm | Emmaus Room 7pm | Emmaus Room 4pm | Emmaus Room 4.30pm |
| Start DATE | 19 th April | 19 th April | 27 th April | 21 st April | 22 nd April | 24 th April |
| Facilitator | Margaret | Anni | Allyson | Aritta | Marita | Scott |
| REMINDER | Rehearsal Wednesday 20 th May – 7pm ALL candidates & sponsors | | | | | |

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.

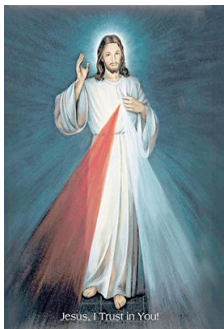
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 10/06/2025
PFC - 15/04/2025
Time at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church foyers & parish website

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

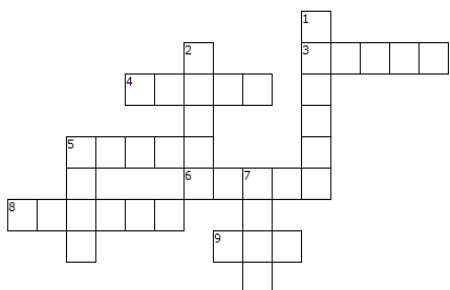
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion-inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



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

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| PEACE | DOOR | HANDS | FAITH | HAPPY |
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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Richard Freitas, Peter Woods, Paul Borg, Maryann Callaghan, Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Josephine & Emmanuel Camilleri, Martin Deguara

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogon, Fran Yates, Leo Stivala, Bruce Buchanan, Venera Chetcuti, Ruth Larven, Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Mark Potter, Rose Galea, Peter Johnson, Melissa Adamitz, Nada, Denise, Zlatka



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-12yrs) (13-17yrs)

Date: Monday 13th April

Venue: Old Church

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-34yrs)

Date: Friday 24th April

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 6.30pm



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

Table Tennis 1st & 3rd Mondays

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

18/19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
 7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
 9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
 7.30am - L. Attard A. Dunbar
 9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican
 5.30pm - KA Kemble C. Barber

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 7.30am - K. Bauer
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - J. McGregor
 7.30am -
 9.30am - V. Cavallaro A. Vella
 M. Anderson

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 7.30am - C. Thompson
 9.30am - L. Culican

5.30pm - Choir members
Cleaners - N. Godsell C & A. Salkeld
 C. Pritchard

Counters

12 Apr - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
 19 Apr - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 April 2026

Reader - F. Crew
 EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Reader - C. Allison
 EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 17 April 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield
 EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 18 April 2026

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 19 April 2026

Readers

8.00am - N. Ginige C. Smiroldo E. Leddy

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - I. Galea

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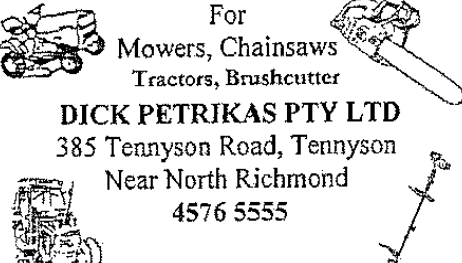
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