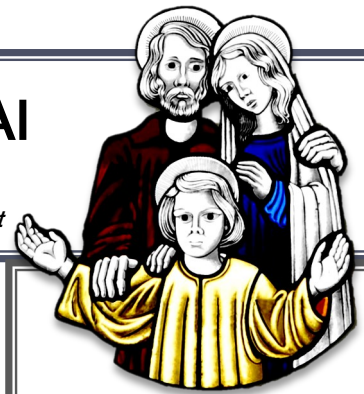


HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

30 March 2024 Year B/2—Divine office Psalter Week 1

The **Easter Vigil** is the most important celebration of our faith. In this celebration we await and welcome the Risen Lord and we celebrate our rebirth in Christ and the gift of our faith. The whole ceremony has **four elements**:

Liturgy of Light: With the lighting of the Paschal Candle and the singing of the Exsultet, the great hymn of praise.

Liturgy of the Word: We listen to the story of salvation through readings from the Old Testament. The full liturgy has seven Old Testament readings. We use three. The Gloria follows these readings and then the readings of the Mass set out below, are proclaimed.

Liturgy of Baptism: We bless the baptismal water.

Liturgy of the Eucharist: We then move into the more familiar part of the Mass with the procession of gifts, the Eucharistic prayer and then the distribution of Holy Communion.

Liturgy of the Word:

Readings: Gen 1:1 - 2:2 Ex 14:15 - 15:1 Ez 36:16-28

Epistle: Rom 6:3-11

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mark 16:1-7)

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office hours:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:
Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am
1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition
Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
Fri - 8.30am Laud's music
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm
Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home:
Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: Every 2nd Sunday, 11.15am and 4th Sunday during 10am Mass (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program:
11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

31 March 2024 Year B/2—Divine office Psalter Week 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34. 37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel 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. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Col 3:1-4)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation (1 Cor 5:7-8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 20:1-9)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Paul Hill, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Cassie Fonseca, David Stephenson, Venancio Salugsugan, Presentacion Gamo Salugsugan, Thomas Trutwein, Jose Thomas, Jacques Eddy Sauzier, Ernest Camps, Joseph Alam, Glenn Beale, Felicity Thomas and Angeline Govind.

Recently Deceased.

Peter Boesen, Garry Fleming, Vincent Fetherston, Paolo Tulissio and Candida Rose Carvalho Marques de Ascensão Maia.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast

with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families too may be places of Communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Heavenly Father, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Heavenly Father, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
- † Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Tue - Thu 8.45am.
- † Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Fri 8.45am
1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)
- † Rosary - Sat - 8.45am.
- † Mass - Tue - Sat 9.15am, during Lent Wed 7.30pm and Fri 7pm (Confession available during Adoration)



- † Children's Liturgy - Sun - 8.30am Mass
- † Daily Rosary, Rosary at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

ONCE THE TRUTH

IS DENIED TO HUMAN BEINGS,
IT IS PURE ILLUSION
TO TRY TO SET THEM FREE.

TRUTH AND FREEDOM
EITHER GO TOGETHER
HAND IN HAND
OR TOGETHER THEY PERISH IN MISERY.

- POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



PARKING COURTESY

As parking can be quite congested during the Easter ceremonies, please show courtesy & consideration in the car park and to our neighbours in surrounding streets.



PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please remember to bring in your Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes over the Easter weekend. Kindly place them in the white basket by the door outside the Sacristy. Thank you.



Easter Sunday
31 March



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



ROSTER FOR 6/7 APRIL: (1ST WEEKEND) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Chris Fetherston Peter McLachlan	Paul Tyson	Bernard Govind	Counters: Austin Gillan's Team
	READERS	Simon Bradstock Margaret Keyes Sophie Kerr	Emma Gioiello Erica O'Brien Julie Tyson	Adrian D'Mello Marina D'Mello	Children's Liturgy: Roster TBC
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Robert Pedic/ Tony Ibrahim	Heritage Aged Care: Terri
	MUSICIANS	Holy Family Singers	Gino Ferraro (PowerPoint and MP3)	Elisha and Karishma (PowerPoint and MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Peter
PIETY STALL	Maria G	Priscila	Laura/Georgia		



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



NSW Conversion Practices Bill

As you may be aware, the NSW Government tabled a bill to ban so-called conversion therapy in Parliament on Wednesday.

While everyone can support laws that genuinely aim to prohibit coercive actions that violate the dignity of the human person, bans on so-called conversion practices can sometimes have the effect – intended or unintended – of outlawing religious teaching, prayer and practice or preventing people from seeking and obtaining the help they desire to live in accordance with their beliefs.

The bill proposed by the Government provides some protections for religious leaders and parents seeking to raise their children in faith, but still has some gaps that unfortunately mean the proposed law encroaches too far into faith and family.

The Archdiocese of Sydney, along with a number of other faith communities, have proposed some reasonable amendments to make sure the proposed law does not do unintended damage to freedoms. These amendments should have been included in the original bill but were not, so I need your assistance to make sure our MPs know they are important.

Using the contactyourmp.org.au website, can you please send a message to your local MP and ask for their support for these reasonable amendments?

The government wants to pass this bill this week, so please act now.

Thank you for continuing to support me in protecting faith and family life.

God bless you in this holiest of times.

[CONTACT YOUR MP](http://contactyourmp.org.au)



Yours sincerely in Christ

EVENTS FOR 2024

APRIL

5 Friday	First Friday, Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm followed Adoration until 12am.
7 Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday 2pm Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction 3.20pm Holy Mass Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.
8 Monday	The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity, Adoration at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.15am
8 – 11	Live-In Clergy Conference – Wollongong (<i>No Masses Tuesday to Thursday</i>)
10 Wednesday	ALPHA “Come & See”, 7pm (<i>Join us for drinks and nibbles and learn more about ALPHA</i>)
20 Saturday	Woman’s Breakfast Event at Holy Family, 9.15am
21 Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
25 Thursday	Anzac Day, Adoration at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.15am
26 Friday	St Mark’s Feast Day, Adoration at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.15am



Parish Courses for Liturgical Ministers in 2024

Greetings from the Liturgy Office, we hope that 2024 has started well for you!

Please find below the timetable of our parish courses for liturgical ministers in the first part of 2024. We have listed only those courses at which there are still places available.

All information about the courses can be found on our [web-page](#) (Ministry / Training / Formation – Liturgy Office of Sydney Archdiocese (sydneycatholic.org)), where you can check the dates and times, register on-line, etc.

Courses	Dates	Venue
Readers	15 th and 22 nd February 2024 6pm-9pm Thursday	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
Readers	17 th and 24 th February 2024 9:30am - 12:30pm Saturday	St Joseph, Belmore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Refresher	21 st February 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm Wednesday	St Therese, Denistone
Acolytes	28 th February, 6 th and 13 th March 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm Wednesday	St Therese, Denistone
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	29 th February, 7 th and 14 th March 2024 6:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands
Sacristans	2 nd and 9 th March 2024 10am - 1pm Saturday	St Joseph, Riverwood
Acolytes	6 th , 13 th and 20 th April 2024 Session 1: 9:30am – 12:30pm Sessions 2 & 3: 9:00am – 12:00pm Saturday	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	11 th , 18 th and 24 th April 2024 6pm - 9pm Thursday	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
Readers	2 nd and 9 th May 6pm - 9pm Thursday	St Martha, Leichhardt
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	21 st and 28 th May, 4 th June 2024 6pm - 9pm Tuesday	St Martha, Leichhardt
Sacred Music- Cantors and Musicians	25 th May and 1 st June 2024 9am - 2:30pm Saturday	TBC

- To enrol, please contact the Liturgy Office at liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org; Ph. 9307 8360
- Please note that priority in enrolments will need to be given to the parish hosting the event
- Please note that there will be more courses for liturgical ministers offered in the second part of 2024

Any parishioners serving in a Ministry that have not yet completed their training, please see the courses offered above. If you need assistance registering you can also contact our parish office here at Holy Family on 9543 2677 or email admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au

PLEASE NOTE

All Priests from the Archdiocese of Sydney will be attending a Live-in Clergy Conference from Monday 8 April until Thursday 11 April. There will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Church will remain open for Prayer.

DEFEND THE FAITH

IN DEFENSE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN
A RAPIDLY SECULAR SOCIETY AND THE
THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAM.



**CATHOLIC
APOLOGIST**

GUEST SPEAKER

**DR ROBERT
HADDAD**

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

WHERE: **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC
CHURCH MENAI.**

TIME: **7PM**

FOR ALL AGES
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Parish Courses for Liturgical Ministers in 2024

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you have a child in year six or above and they have already completed their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and would like to make their Confirmation this year, the enrolment form is now available online at www.holyfamilymenai.org.au or you can contact the Parish office on 9543 2677 or email sacraments@holyfamilymenai.org.au.



HOUSE BLESSINGS DURING EASTER

If you would like to have your House Blessed during Easter, please indicate which day and time you prefer, along with your contact details on the sheet in the foyer.

HOLY FAMILY
**HELP A HOMEBOUND
PARISHIONER
TODAY**

LET US LEND A HAND AND SHOW OUR LOVE
AND CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

For more information, please contact
the parish office on 9543 2677.
Thank you and God bless.



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What
is my purpose
in life?

Is there more to
life?

WELCOME

“Come & See”



Please join us for drinks & nibbles and
learn more about ALPHA

When: Wednesday 10 April 2024
Where: Meeting Rooms
Holy Family Catholic Church
1D Anzac Rd Menai.
Time: 7 pm - 9 pm

For more information please email
alpha.holyfamilymenai@gmail.com
or contact Maguy - 0412 300 335

RSVP - 3 April 2024

Our actions and
decisions today
will shape the way
we live in the future



PARISH COMMUNITY DAY!

Holy Family Menai invites you to . . .

Save the date for our upcoming Parish Community Day
on Pentecost Sunday! We will be tasting dishes from
various cultures, meeting new people, and coming
together as a parish community. All are welcome to
come along with your families and friends to enjoy a
wonderful day!

Time: 11am onwards
Sunday
19
May 2024
Where: JPII Hall



**Holy Family Parish
Menai**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST EVENT AT HOLY FAMILY MENAI

Join us on
Saturday, April 20th, 2024
for a morning of community and
connection over a delicious
breakfast.
Cost: a plate of breakfast/brunch
goodies to share and \$5



Please join us for:

9.15am for Mass

10am for Breakfast/Brunch (provided by all)

10.45am for Deacon Sone's Talk: "Living Our Lady's Fiat (Yes)
in Everyday Life"

11.30am for 'Round Table Discussions'

11.50am for a 'Schoenstatt Response' from Sr. Elizabeth Foley

Bookings for seating purposes – to Angela organiser at
angandricksenon@gmail.com or Andrea at the Parish Office.



From Fr Mani's desk...

He is risen indeed! Happy Easter!!!

We are so accustomed to hearing of Jesus risen from the dead that we could say, "Oh yea...we know all about it" and miss the grace of this holy season of Easter. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave and death is only the door to beyond. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us than what we see and experience in this life. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God.

When we really think about our life we have only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the next life, and if you are not preparing for your own resurrection, you are like a train that has become derailed. What happens to a train that gets derailed? It goes nowhere. Can you take your house to heaven with you? Can you take your car or any possession of this world with you to heaven? No way. Well then, why are you so busy that you have no time to respond to the One who loved you first? It is God you wants to meet you in the next life, isn't it?

St. Paul says, "For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body." (Phil 3:20).

St. Francis de Sales said, "Our life is no longer ours, but it belongs to the one who gained it for us by his death." (TLG VII, Ch. 8).

May this be the best Easter ever for you and your loved ones!

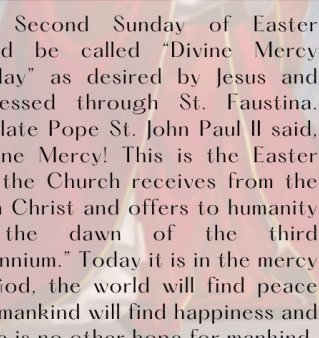
Let joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

We are always grateful to the good- hearted people, office staff, Acolytes, musicians, singers, liturgy team, readers, RCIA team and all who helped somehow or other to make our Easter Triduum devotional, solemn and meaningful celebration.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Family Catholic Church Menai will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, everyone is welcome to receive in great abundance the gifts of His resurrection.

Sunday, 7 April 2024



The Second Sunday of Easter would be called "Divine Mercy Sunday" as desired by Jesus and expressed through St. Faustina. The late Pope St. John Paul II said, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." Today it is in the mercy of God, the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness and there is no other hope for mankind.


Friday 29 March 2024

Novena to Divine Mercy starts.

Sunday 7 April 2024

- 2pm:** Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.
- 3pm:** Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
- 3.20pm:** Holy Mass
Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.

Our Lord said these words to Saint Faustina

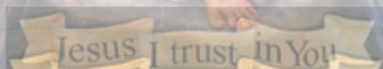


"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy". (Diary, 687)

"The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death" (Diary, 754).

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same" (Diary, 844).

"Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731).



Jesus I trust in You