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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 13 April 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 2

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:28-40)

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"*

- <sup>28</sup> Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' <sup>34</sup> And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.  
<sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.  
<sup>37</sup> As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!'  
<sup>39</sup> Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'  
And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. <sup>40</sup> He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed are you,**  
**who have come in your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher,  
ancient doors. Let him  
enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts,  
he is the king of glory.

**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed are you,**  
**who have come in your**  
**abundant mercy!**



Gospel: Please pick up a copy of 'The Passion of Our Lord' (green or blue sheet) available in the foyer.

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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:** 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

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

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11)

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to

Death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



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

Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Kathleen Branley, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey.

*We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested:*

Megan Pettitt, Lucia Cristiano, Ronald Ball, Teresa Jacob, Felicity Thomas, Maria De Bellis, David Stephenson, Cassie Fonseca, Joseph Alam, Thomas Trutwein, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Ken Olliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

*Recently Deceased.*

Giuseppina Gallo, Steven Carlo Kopjar, Julia Chalita and Carmelo Schifilliti.

*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 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

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and

Resurrection you have set us free.

## 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, reawaken 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.**

## 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.
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- † **Children's Liturgy** - Not in the School Holidays
  - † **Daily Rosary, Rosary** at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

# THE Catholic Weekly

**SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 2025**

PULPIT POINTS

- ♦ Faith leaders gather at opening of Sydney's newest cemetery
- ♦ Parishes prepare for 7 churches Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday
- ♦ Celebrating 30 years since Evangelium Vitae
- ♦ Why parents should watch Adolescence
- ♦ Greek Easter biscuits recipe
- ♦ Encounters in street evangelisation

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## THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Saint John the Evangelist describes the impending events celebrated throughout the Easter Triduum as the hour of Jesus. We should consider the events of the Triduum as a single, salvific event. In fact, the beginning of this single event is the Lord's Last Supper. As we hear in tonight's Gospel, "Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father." (John 13:1) Holy Thursday is rightly considered the moment that Our Lord instituted the Holy Mass. For this reason, it is a day of exceptional devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the hosts consecrated at that Mass are solemnly processed to a beautifully adorned altar of repose (these hosts will be distributed at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord). The faithful are then encouraged to keep vigil with Our Lord as he enters into his Passion. The atmosphere should be prayerful and meditative. The liturgical books instruct that once midnight passes, any continued adoration should take place "without solemnity" as the focus of the faithful shifts to the Christ's Passion.

## WHY DO CATHOLICS VEIL THE CRUCIFIXES, STATUES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH?

The Catholic Church recommends the practice of veiling statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, in order to heighten our senses and build within us a longing and anticipation for Easter Sunday.

We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. The last weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

ROSTER FOR 19/20 APRIL: (3RD WEEKEND) SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION YEAR C		7.30pm	8.30am	10.30am	OTHER
	ACOLYTE	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Counters: Allen Oliver's Team
	READERS	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Children's Liturgy: Not in the school holidays
	WARDENS	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Aeralife Aged Care: Mona
	MUSICIANS	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Luce & Vanessa
	PIETY STALL	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	



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](mailto: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.

## From Fr Mani's desk...

### Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and rising in Him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments -- one of glory and one of suffering - the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the drama of His trial culminating in His crucifixion, death and burial.

We need to answer 5 questions today: 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as He wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of His Palm Sunday procession?

2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Am I a barren fig tree? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

3) Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with His whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does He approve of my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my heavenly Father.

4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? Let the palms remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life.

5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, carrying Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?

### BAPTISMAL CANDLES



There is powerful symbolism in having your Baptismal candle at Easter Masses. We will light them for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises as a sign that each person is professing that we believe in and follow Jesus, our Risen Lord, our Light.

Please bring your own Baptismal candle or, if you don't have one, any other candle.

KINDLY REMEMBER TO INCLUDE SOMETHING TO STOP WAX FROM DRIPPING ONTO THE PEWS AND CARPET IN OUR CHURCH.

Thank you to the parishioners that brought in the palm leaves.



#### R.C.I.A.

**REAL CHURCH IN ACTION**  
For Nigel, Larissa, Lucas and Jarrod who through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

During this time of Lent we are called to a profound conversion of life. The steps being taken by our Candidates are a model of the steps we all take during Lent, steps to the profession of our faith in the Risen Christ at Easter.

### PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

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



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HOLY FAMILY



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH DINNER DANCE



JUNE

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7:00 PM

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE NEXT WEEK  
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TICKETS COST \$85  
THIS INCLUDES FOOD, A  
COMPLIMENTARY DRINK AND  
ENTERTAINMENT





**Save the Date!**  
**St Patrick's**  
**Women's Retreat**

Saturday, 03 May  
11.30am - 3.30am @  
St. Patrick's Sutherland

More information coming soon

*Women's Mini Retreat*

**WITH FR CHRIS ALAR MIC**

*Modesty: Why is it Important Today?  
Explaining the Faith*

**FRI MAY 30, 10:30am to 2pm**

**St Joachim's  
Parish Hall, Lidcombe**

**TICKETS \$30 (includes lunch)**



- **10:30am** Welcome message by Salwa Elias
- **10:45am** Opening Prayer by Fr Chris Alar
- **11:00am** Talk by Fr Chris – Modesty: Why is it Important Today? Explaining the Faith
- **12:00pm** Angelus followed by Q&A
- **12:15pm – 12:55pm** Lunch
- **1:00pm** Holy Hour of Adoration
- **2:00pm** Closing prayers

Register at: Women's Mini Retreat with Fr Chris Alar MIC  
Tickets, Fri 30/05/2025 at 10:30 am | Eventbrite

*The FEAST of OUR LADY of*  
**FATIMA**



**Saturday, 10 May 2025**

**Vigil Mass at 6pm** followed by procession

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima  
in a candle-lit procession around  
St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the  
needs of the Church and our world.



For more information, visit [sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession](http://sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession)

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**ALIVE**  
**men's weekend**

when was the last time you felt  
**FULLY ALIVE?**

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# Alpha

## IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

What is life all about  
and what have we been  
put on this earth for?

For some people this  
searching includes  
GOD, and for others, it  
doesn't.

Regardless, the  
question of "IS THERE  
MORE TO LIFE  
THAN THIS?" is  
universal.

ALPHA is a series of conversations  
about Life, Faith, Meaning & God.  
It creates a safe space for people to  
ask questions and get connected  
with others. Alpha runs all around  
the world and shares a common  
theme;

- Connect – Have a meal together
- watch a Talk via video and
- Conversation in small groups

Alpha is for everyone; all backgrounds, all contexts, and all  
ages. ALPHA welcomes people from all walks of life. It  
explores life's big questions with other people in a friendly,  
non-judgmental environment.

Testimonies from those that have attended Alpha previously, say  
that it changed their lives.

Alpha at Holy Family Parish begins on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at  
7pm in the Church Foyer. Registrations are essential, so please  
pick up a registration form in the church foyer or email us on the  
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Lk 23: 1-49

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### PASSION SUNDAY

Crowds of people saw Jesus ride a donkey into the  
city of Jerusalem. The people cheered, "Blessed is  
the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
Draw some of the symbols of Passion Sunday.

## Historical Context

### Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as  
a deterrent against insurrection  
and rebellion. Not only was it an  
agonising death it was usually a  
slow, drawn out death – taking days  
to die. Victims were always crucified  
in public settings; alongside main  
thoroughfares or on hilltops outside  
a city. The victims were left on the  
cross for weeks while birds and wild  
dogs ate their bodies. The idea of  
crucifixion was that nothing was  
left to bury as this was the ultimate  
domination and humiliation of the  
rebel. The account of Jesus dying  
within a few hours is very unusual.



### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the  
tradition of King David as many had hoped for,  
but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and  
the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle  
in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in  
his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary  
change of the religious and political systems so as  
to establish the reign of God. Why did he  
renounce marshalling human and angelic  
warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does  
not want the destruction of those he has created  
out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that  
an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of  
Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people  
(as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus  
laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some  
wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem,  
do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves  
and for your children.' He knew that they suffer  
grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in  
barbaric reality in our own time with women  
being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror,  
trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of  
sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church  
of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist  
Church of the first three centuries, may enter on  
a new period of reflection on these issues,  
grappling with the desire to protect the innocent,  
yet always challenged by the man on a donkey,  
Divine Prince of Peace.

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# Easter Triduum



**Holy Thursday – 17 April**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7.30pm**

Adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass until **12am**.

*There will be a special collection for Project Compassion.*

**Good Friday – 18 April**  
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross - **10am**

The main ceremony for this day is

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - **3pm**

*A collection to support the Holy Places will be taken up after prayers of intercession. Envelopes are available on the pews.*

**Holy Saturday – 19 April**  
No morning Mass

Easter Vigil - **7.30pm**  
(No 5.30pm Mass on this day)

**Easter Sunday – 20 April**  
Masses **8.30am** and **10.30am**  
(No 10am Mass on this day)

## RECONCILIATION TIMINGS:

### GOOD FRIDAY

- after Stations of the Cross (~ 11:15am)
- after the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (~4:30pm)

### HOLY SATURDAY

- 10am—11:30am



# HOLY THURSDAY 7 CHURCHES

17 APRIL 2025

Walk alongside Christ on the night of His betrayal by selecting seven participating churches for your pilgrimage.

With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night.

## SUTHERLAND DEANERY

### CARINGBAH - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

### COMO / OYSTER BAY - ST JOSEPH

210 Oyster Bay Road, Como

### CRONULLA - ST ALOYSIUS

5 Nicholson Parade, Cronulla

### ENGADINE - ST JOHN BOSCO

46 Waratah Road, Engadine

### GYMEA - ST CATHERINE LABOURE

123 Gympie Bay Road, Gympie

### MENAI - HOLY FAMILY

10 Anzac Road, Menai

### MIRANDA - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

50 Kiora Road, Miranda

### SUTHERLAND - ST PATRICK

136 Flora Street, Sutherland



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You're encouraged to visit 7 Churches within your deanery from the list above. You may wish to remain in silent prayer before the Altars of Repose otherwise download or pick up the 12 page guide to help you with your reflections.

# 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, 27 April 2025

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 18 April 2025

Novena to Divine Mercy starts.

## Sunday 27 April 2025

- 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, 841).

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

COPIES OF THE NOVENA OF THE DIVINE MERCY CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOYER.  
NOVENA COMMENCES ON GOOD FRIDAY