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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27 April 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 2

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
(Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16)

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) 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 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.)**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
(Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19)

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now

write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (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

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: 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.

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

Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dymna 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 :

Bridget Netto, 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.

Pope Francis, Packie and Cathleen McElhone, Kathleen Branley, Giuseppina Gallo and Steven Carlo Kopjar.

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

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

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

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

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.**

THE REGINA COELI (during Easter Season)

V. Queen of Heaven Rejoice, Alleluia

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R. For the Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life: Through the same Christ our Lord. 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.



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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

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

Pope Francis

(1936 - 2025)

"When it happens, I will not be buried in Saint Peter's but at Santa Maria Maggiore: The Vatican is the home of my last service, not my eternal home. I will go in the room where they now keep the candelabra, close to the Regina della Pace from whom I have always sought help, and whose embrace I have felt more than a hundred times during the course of my papacy. They have confirmed that all is ready. The funeral service was excessive, so I have arranged with the master of ceremonies to lighten it: no catafalque, no ceremony for the closure of the casket, nor the deposition of the cypress casket into a second of lead and a third of oak. With dignity, but like any Christian, because the bishop of Rome is a pastor and a disciple, not a powerful man of this world.

Though I know that He has already given me many blessings, I ask the Lord for just one more: Look after me, let it happen whenever You wish, but, as You know, I'm not very brave when it comes to physical pain... So, please, don't make me suffer too much."

(from the Autobiography of Pope Francis, Hope, 2025, p. 195)



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.

PLEASE NOTE: AS THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT REV ANTHONY PERCY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025 AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING 7 PM MASS OR ADORATION.

ROSTER FOR 3/4 MAY (1ST WEEKEND) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Christopher Fetherston Peter McLachlan	Paul Tyson	Bernard Tyson	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: Teachers TBC
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Robert Pedic/Tony Ibrahim	Heritage Aged Care: Terri
	MUSICIANS	Holy Family Singers	Gino (PowerPoint MP3)	Lisa (PowerPoint MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Francy
	PIETY STALL	Maria G	Priscilla	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.

Saturday, 03 May

You are warmly invited to...

*A Women's Retreat led by the
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Where: St. Patrick's Church Sutherland

Time: Registration at 8:45am, Mass at 9:00am -
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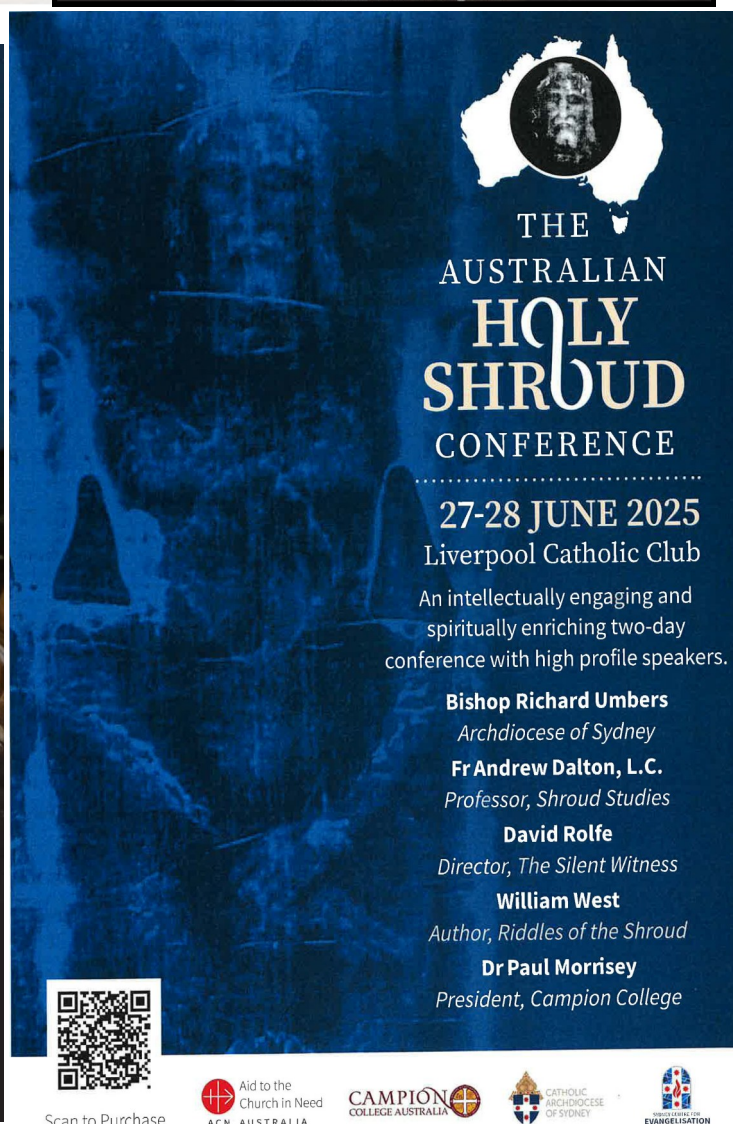
**The FEAST of OUR LADY of
FATIMA**

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.

[sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession)



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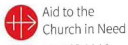



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From Fr Mani's desk....

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

All the readings of today describe the mercy of God. In the Gospel, Thomas is the spokesman of the Apostles. The disciples, though lived with Jesus, witnessed to his miracles and heard his teachings for 3 years, still they could not believe that He was risen and was present with them. They looked for a visual or tangible experience of him. They doubted how the crucified and Risen Christ forgave them who betrayed and abandoned him when he wanted it most. But the Lord appeared to them and forgave their lack of faith in his mercy. Today we are no better than those Apostles. Jesus continues showing his acts of mercy down through the centuries through the church. Jesus needed his church to make his mercy alive and real in today's world. The church also needs Christ for the power to be the messenger of His love and mercy. The world is full of sin and evil and only the mercy of God can redeem it; the church exists to carry out this plan of Jesus today.

Late Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024, said, 'fulness of life is realized in Jesus, not through fleeting pleasures but through a deep relationship with Him. The faithful should fix their eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus, encountering him in the sacraments and prayer.' Pope said that Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by St. John Paul II is a time to embrace God's mercy and to become instruments of mercy in their communities.

In the image of Divine Mercy, as shown to St. Faustina, Jesus shows his hands and his side, pointing to the wounds of the Passion especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. The two rays as Jesus himself explained to St. Faustina, represent blood and water. It reminds us that when the soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, saw blood and water flowing from it. The blood recalls the sacrifice of the cross and the gift of the Eucharist; the water represents the baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord made a special promise that he would grant complete pardon to the souls that would go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on this feast of Divine Mercy. 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.

Sunday, 27 April 2025

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.



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 sinners as hardened as the devil, if they recited this chaplet, they 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, 1730).

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.

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.

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Complete a registration form available at the Church or email us at the above address.*