 **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till 10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **Divine Mercy Sunday April 23/24** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Divine Mercy Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Rick Thomas | Chanelle Lobo |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr VittorioSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Victoria & Gemma Foster |
| **3rd Sunday of Easter 30/1 May** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am** |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Angelo Molino; Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis;; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Anthony Devola, Doreen New, Norma Moloney,** Mary Westhead**,** Conrad Lobo; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 17/4/2022 – $ 766.60**

**Loose Money: 17/4/2021 – $ 452.10**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

***THIS WEEK***

**April is the month of**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Mon: 25th April ANZAC DAY**

**Tue: 26th April ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

**Wed: 27th April St. Louis de Monfort**

**Thu: 28th April St. Peter Chanel, Martyr**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 29th April St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor**

**Sat: 30th April St. Pius V, Pope**

**SAFEGUARDING**

Continuing with our commitment to Safeguarding, we require all of our volunteers and parish groups to read, complete and sign new safeguarding declarations for the three year period ending 31 December 2024. For all our wonderful volunteers who have already signed the declarations last year, we thank you, but we do need new ones for the next three year period.

The completed forms are required by April 30. Please return to Fr Vittorio or email to the Parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks for all the wonderful work you do!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022**

In 2002, Pope John Paul II entrusted the whole world to the Mercy of God; and proclaimed Divine Mercy as the answer to all the world’s problems. Pope John Paul died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, leaving us this beautiful feast day, which is one of the greatest treasures of the Church.

This sacred day, allows the Faithful to obtain a PLENARY indulgence by following three conditions and devotions:

1. Sacramental Confession (within the octave of Divine Mercy)

2. Eucharistic Communion,

 3. Prayer for the Intentions of Our Holy Father, the Pope.

These must be done in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin, and take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy. OR, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you); (Note: this plenary indulgence is applicable to the souls in Purgatory).

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 23rd April 10:30am / Sunday 24th April 8:30am- 9am / 10am-10:30am

Mass10:30am - Parish Mass and blessing of Divine Mercy image, followed by Adoration, Benediction and Chaplet.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - ALSO known as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Reflection on the Gospel John 20: 19-31**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus’ own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus’ Resurrection.

Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus and the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ’s Church. The Church continues Jesus’ ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

This is the first duty of the Church: to evangelise. Annoucing the Gospel to all the nations is the duty of all the baptised.

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She wrote in her diary, "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale . . . After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature; Jesus I Trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." (Diary 47)

"**I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48)**

**Jesus, when asked what the rays meant said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls . . . Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter." (Diary 299)**

**ANZAC DAY MASS Monday 25TH APRIL 9.00AM**

When our Church was opened in May 1973 it was dedicated as follows:

“This Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is dedicated to the memory of the men and women of Australia who gave their lives in the service of their country. May they enjoy the peace of Christ forever.”

Later the Vietnam Narthex was built to commemorate those who served, suffered and died in the Vietnam War with the Narthex being opened in 1997 by Monsignor Gerry Cudmore the first Catholic Army Chaplain to serve in Vietnam, Monsignors Frank Lyons and John White and Colonel Colin Campbell. The Narthex features a roll of honour and a replica of the Vietnam medal.

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