



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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**May our children flourish** *St Christopher's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN IN OUR CARE

## Divine Mercy Sunday / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

15 / 16 April 2023

**WORSHIP TIMETABLE**

**St Christopher's Church**

**MONDAY**  
Holy Rosary 9.00am  
Communion Service 9.30am  
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group (after Mass)

**TUESDAY**  
Holy Rosary 9.00am  
Mass 9.30am  
Italian Rosary (after Mass)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Holy Rosary 9.00am  
Mass 9.30am

**THURSDAY**  
Holy Rosary 9.00am  
Mass 9.30am

**FRIDAY**  
Holy Rosary 9.00am  
Mass 9.30am

**SATURDAY**  
Mass 5.00pm

**SUNDAY**  
Mass (Italian) 8.30am  
Mass (English) 10.30am

**St Augustine's Church**

**SUNDAY**  
Mass 9.00am

**Baptisms** (bookings only)

- Every second and fourth Saturday at 11.00am at St Christopher's Church
- Every second and fourth Sunday at St Christopher's Church
- Every third Sunday at St Augustine's Church
- Baptism Welcomes every first Sunday.


**Parish Sacramental Program**  
For school aged children attending a non - catholic school. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

**Weddings** (at least 6 months in advance)  
Please contact parish office.

**Reconciliations**  
Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

**Anointing of the sick**  
As requested.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**Recently deceased:**  
Domenica Mascarò  
Felicita Francescutti

**All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:**  
Angela Arena, Pasqualina Nava

**FIRST READING***Acts 2:42-47****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

***The word of the Lord.***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Response:***

***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.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **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.**

**SECOND READING***1 Peter 1:3-9****A reading from the first letter of St Peter.***

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will

guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

***The word of the Lord.***

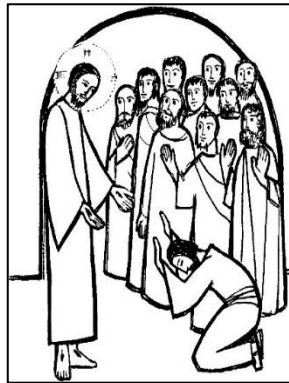
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***John 20:19-31****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

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 word of the Lord.***

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (THE FEAST OF MERCY)**



Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains at least 14 passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church.

There is a very close link between the meaning of the Divine Mercy image and the liturgy of the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). On that day the Gospel reading throughout the Church is about the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, and about the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The rays of blood and water flowing from the Saviour's pierced Heart and the wounds on His hands and feet recall the events of Good Friday.

*"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 299) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." (Diary 699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 965)*

The conditions required to receive such a great grace are: to place complete trust in God, to carry out acts of mercy, to be in a state of grace (having received the sacrament of Confession), and to receive Holy Communion.

The preparation for the Feast is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796)

On Sunday, 30th April, 2000, (the canonisation of Saint Faustina and Feast of Divine Mercy), Pope John Paul II announced to the world, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter (first Sunday after Easter), which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."



**Prayers of the Faithful Response:**  
*Lord, hear our prayer!*

**Exploring the Word**

Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm.

The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are Mystagogy - a type of teaching where the newly baptised (neophytes) learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This Mystagogy is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus.

This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.



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### BANK TRANSFERS

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St Christopher Parish account numbers are as follows:

#### Church Account

CDF Bank (NAB)

BSB 083 347

Account 716 209 715

*To pay our Parish operating costs; Pastoral Care and Sacraments; Maintenance*

#### Presbytery Account

CDF Bank (NAB)

BSB 083 347

Account 666 212 720

*To support the Priest of our Parish; sick and retired Priests; Priests in needy Parishes; the Archbishops*

## The Divine Mercy Feast

**16th April 2023**

at St Christopher's Church  
34 Roberts Road,  
Airport West 3042

Celebrant  
Rev Fr Kishore



The **FEAST** of  
**DIVINE MERCY**

**Start Time - 2:30pm**

Chaplet and Rosary  
Followed by Feast Mass,  
Procession & Veneration  
of St Faustina's Relic



I desire that the whole world know  
my infinite Mercy. I desire to grant  
unimaginable graces to those  
souls who trust in my mercy.

Jesus to St Faustina, 687



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413. I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

Please return all donations



### PARISH FINANCES (weekending 8 / 9 April 2023)

**Thanksgiving:** \$175.00  
**Presbytery:** \$68.00

*Thank You for your Support!!*