OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 90-92 Monash Street, Sunshine 3020

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-4.00pm; Friday 10am-3.00pm Other times - we respond when able to.

Sunday Masses: English - Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Mass in other languages: Chin -1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays 2.30pm; Burmese - 2nd Sunday Vietnamese - Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm Tongan TBC Weekday Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am; Tuesday 7.30pm, Friday 11am. Confessions: Saturdays 9.30am (English or Vietnamese) Novena: Tuesday 8.00pm

ALPHA (18 - 35 years) Register: scan QR A series of interactive sessions that explore life,

faith, meaning Dinner @ 7pm - 9pm Wednesday

Please keep us in your prayers as we move into the final 4 weeks of our Alpha program. New programs will begin soon in neighbouring parishes - (see noticeboard)

MASS INTENTIONS - 15-22 April 2023

5.30 pm William Martin RIP Anniv

Sun 9.00am Giuse RIP & Souls in Purgatory

10.30am Parish Intention

5.30pm Pro Populo

Mon 9.00am Winifred Remedios RIP Anniv **Tues 7.30pm Douglas Kay** RIP Anniv 12mths

Wed 9.00am Gatienne Bell RIP &

Richard Pascal RIP

Thurs 9.00am Parish Intention **11.00am** Parish Intention

9.00am Queen Elizabeth II RIP Birthday

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THANK YOU!





"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

Jesus invites you to spend some quiet time in Adoration Fridays 12noon -3.00pm

Week 4- April 22/23	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	Bradley Borges	Althea D'Souza	Tongan Choir	Filipino Choir
Extraordinary Ministers	Anita Mastroianni	Sr. Shirani Britto	Jennifer Godfrey	Filipino Choir
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Tongan Choir	A. Ramat / Choir

DIVINE MERCY Feastday today - Jesus' words to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge for souls especially for poor sinners....." The message is as easy as ABC: A - Ask for God's mercy B - Be merciful to others C - Completely trust in Jesus Special Divine Mercy Prayers and opportunity for Confession and Mass in many parishes nearby today including Deer Park, Kings Park, Werribee, Keilor East. (see the noticeboard). Vietnamese Catholic Centre, 95 Mount Alexander Rd, Flemington - 5.00pm Sunday Mass will be celebrated (in English) by Archbishop Comensoli.

His Mercy Endures: Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Peter 1:3-9: John 20:19-31

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.

Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God. We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.



We must walk by faith and not by sight -we must believe and love what we have not seen. Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people.

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

THANKYOU - Good Friday Collection - to maintain the religious places in the Holy Land. TOTAL: \$4331 (12.00pm Liturgy: \$1194; 3.00pm Liturgy: \$1244; 6.00pm Liturgy: \$1883.)

Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents

- •Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.
- •Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.