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Divine Mercy Prayer— You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.



Morning Tea, Tuesday 18th April 2023, 10-12pm, Run by St Paul's Elderly Support Group, All Welcome. Speaker and IT help with mobile phones, ipads or tablets. Come along have a cuppa and get to ask questions about your phone, ipad or tablet.

Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture: *Aid to the Church in Need* is launching an annual *George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture* with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

One bedroom unit for rent, including heating and cooling. Call Shazz on 0405 256 916

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: *Brian Snaize, Betty Kent, Thomas Cassidy, Betty Kent, Samantha Stanton, Sylvia Fanfield, Rose Hurt, Tommy Kent, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, Recently Deceased: Anna Candy, Bernadette Borg, Thi Can Nguyen*
Our Dear Departed: *Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.*



Church Diary (Week beginning 16th Apr 2023)

Saturday 15th/16th Apr Divine Mercy Sunday **Baptism: Alexander Lawang**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Van Thi Le

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri
+ Jason Micallef

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy Hour

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 17th Apr 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
11.00am Lady of Knots
7.00pm Choir Practice
7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 18th Apr 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration
7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 19th Apr 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
7.00pm Mass

Thursday 20th Apr 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)
8.00am English Mass + *Freddy Brockdorf, + Maria & John Tay Gia & Giuse, + Giuse Nguyen*
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

2.00pm Benlynne
7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group
Friday 21st Apr 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy
7.00pm Mass

Saturday 22nd/23rd Apr **Baptism: Lorenzo Martello**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri
+ Sam & Jason Micallef, Phillip & Carmen Fenech

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass



TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR
[preverbs 3:5]



Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / A (OF DIVINE MERCY)

16 APRIL 2023

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.**

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FAITH: A PROMISE OF LIFE

How many times have you heard people relate stories and then say, aware that the story does not do justice to the experience, 'You had to be there'? When we read of those early days of the Church, when the community was so united in faith, love and prayer, we can find ourselves wishing to have been there. Imagine the disappointment of second-generation Christians who had missed out by only a few years! The story of Thomas' doubt, disbelief and disappointment would have been partly preserved to encourage such Christians. Decades later, they were invited to see that while they were not part of the original experience, their faith was all the more precious because it was not based on being an eyewitness. It also served as a reminder not to be too quick to idealise the early life of the Church; even then the road to mature faith was not an easy one.

Late in the first century, the first letter of Peter set out to build up the faith of a community that felt caught between the resurrection and Jesus' final return. Like us, they may have felt that they had missed out on something precious, but Peter reminds them that their faith is a tremendous gift and promise of the life that lies ahead. The road to a mature faith is not easy and there are problems to be encountered from both within and outside ourselves. These very struggles purify our hearts and prepare us for what is to come.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

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 Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

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 spoiled 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 had 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 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

Jn 20:29

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

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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