



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus, to grow as his disciples, using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 16TH APRIL 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1Pet 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Response:

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Alleluia!



Divine Mercy Sunday

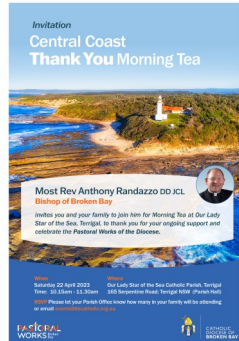
The story of Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as ‘the Feast of the Divine Mercy,’ is thousands of years old. However, the official recognition of the day was only authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” Since that declaration, it has been marked in the General Roman Calendar as a religious observance celebrated by Catholics worldwide.

The significance of the day can be attributed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced visions from Christ himself. Born in 1905, she served her parish well and communed with Jesus on several occasions where he communicated with her that he wished to be “a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.” St. Faustina, also known as the ‘Secretary of Divine Mercy,’ died in 1938 in Krakow at age 33 after suffering from Tuberculosis.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a space specifically designated for those who feel unworthy of God’s love and Jesus’s acceptance. In a vision, he told St.

Faustina, “I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.” Divine Mercy Sunday, from its advent, has been a source of reconciliation with faith and God’s mercy. It provides a specific day on which people from all walks of life can humble themselves before God, and ask for his mercy, love, and forgiveness, which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it. It is also about forgiveness and mercy, how Jesus offered his to us, and how we should act in kind throughout our lives.

Thank you Morning Tea with Bishop Anthony Randazzo



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay invites you and your family to join him for Morning Tea at Our Lady Start of the Sea, Terrigal to thank you for your ongoing support and celebrate the

Pastorals Works of the Diocese. **When:** Saturday 22nd April 2023, at 10:15am to 11:30am. **Where:** Our Lady Start of the Sea Catholic Parish (Parish Hall), 165 Serpentine Road. **Please RSVP** by 19th April to Parish office with name and how many people attending.

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children’s Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon—Communion Service
Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am
1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

Weddings

By appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Fri 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men’s Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations



This weekend there will be special donation / fundraising envelopes available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch

Sunday 7th May everyone is welcome to attend the **Mother's Day Lunch** at Halekulani Bowling Club. Door open at 12noon. Cost is \$40 per person (includes; 2 course lunch, tea, coffee, and live entertainment) tickets to be booked and paid for by 23rd April. Please contact Charlie on 4393 9998 or 0404 194020 or Tony & Rita on 0448 742 591 for more information.

Salesian Thought

Spiritual benefits do not inflame us unless we behold the eternal will which destines them for us.
(Treatise on the Love of God, Book 12, Chapter 12)

Women's Breakfast 22 April

The Women of our Parish are invited to get together for a Women's Breakfast at Warnie's Café from 8am to 9:30pm on 4th Saturday of the month, to get together and support each other. The next one is on Saturday 22 April. For more information or to book, please contact Ellen Mobile 0423 916 014.

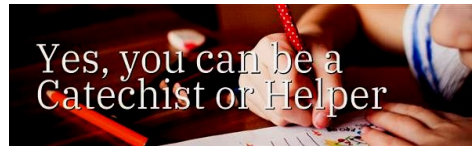
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Funeral Liturgy Information

The parish is now offering a document to plan your own funeral liturgy. The document will come in an envelope for you to fill out and then seal and return it to the parish office, where it will be kept confidential and secure until requested by your family. This is an opportunity to have your final wishes planned and give your loved ones a guide on what you would like for your funeral, which will relieve some stress for your loved ones when you pass away. If you wish to receive the information please contact the parish office during office hours or see Fr Philip.

Catechist News YEARS 3 AND 4 CATECHIST NEEDED!



We need help from someone special to teach the lovely children in a Year 3 and 4 class on Wednesdays from 12.25pm - 12.55 pm.

Have questions or need more information ring Kerrie Dederer (Catechist Coordinator) on 0402 815 633.

You can also contact Alison Newell on 8379 1638 at CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine).

If you would like to explore, visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/ccd for further information about training and curriculum.

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

Baptism Information Night



Our next Baptism information session is on **Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please contact the parish office to register for the information night, if you wish to have your child (under 8 years of age) baptised.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 17 April
Tuesday 18 April
Wednesday 19 April
Thursday 20 April
Friday 21 April
St Anselm
Saturday 22 April
Sunday 23 April

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$114.50



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **April will be on Thursday evenings 27th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is



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Please remember our sick: Jeff Gill, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: John Mulheron, Beryl Moloney, Agnes Rodger, Elizabeth Walker, Rose Calleja, Carmen Dee, Jason Anthony, Jean Paul, Michael Conneely, Brigie King, Alberta Sedicol, Joseph Job.

Recently Deceased: Fr John Keeble, Pauline Bramble, Betty Denehy, Carmel Hancock, Pauline Caulfield, John Walshe, Doreen Winning, Emmett McCourt.



Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

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

**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.**

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 in 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 Sunday of Easter, Year A

Second Reading

St Peter 1:3-9

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 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 when 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 of which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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 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 hands; 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 in him you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.