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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)

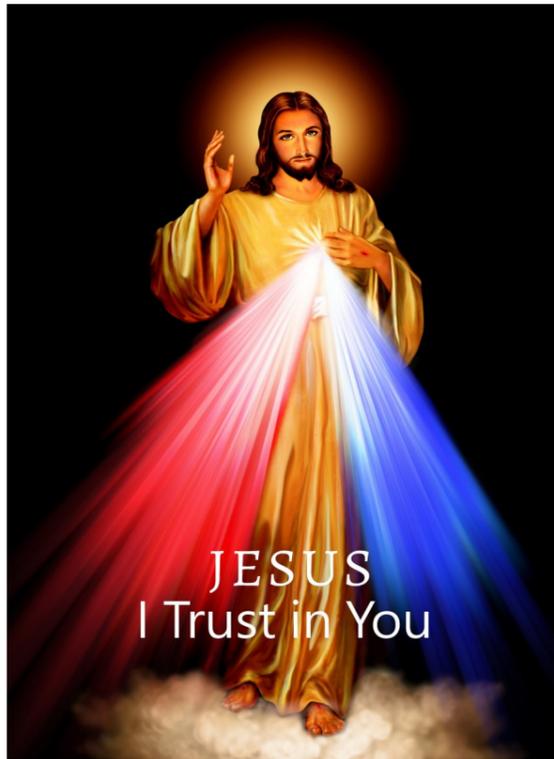


16th April 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday

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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF THE DIVINE MERCY



The readings for Divine Mercy Sunday Year A (the 2nd Sunday of Easter) help us reflect on the boundless mercy of God. The first reading tells how the early Christian community lived in peace, sharing with each other. The psalm reminds us that God's love is eternal. The second reading speaks of having faith in the resurrection. And in the gospel Jesus shows mercy to Thomas, even in his doubts

- **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ** – This is a central theme in the readings for Divine Mercy Sunday Year A, as it is through Christ's resurrection that we receive mercy and forgiveness for our sins. The readings testify to the fact that Jesus conquered death and sin, and that through his

resurrection, we are able to experience new life and hope.

- **Divine Mercy and Forgiveness** – This theme is particularly evident in the Gospel reading of John 20:19-31, where Jesus appears to his disciples and offers them peace and forgiveness. He commissions them to carry out his mission of forgiveness and mercy and grants them the power of the Holy Spirit to do so.

- **Faith and Trust in Jesus** – Throughout the readings, there is an emphasis on the importance of faith and trust in Jesus. This is particularly evident in the story of Thomas, who initially doubted the testimony of the other disciples, but ultimately came to believe through his encounter with the risen Christ.

- **Witnessing to the Resurrection** – The disciples were called to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, and this remains the mission of the Church today. Through our words and actions, we are called to testify to the reality of the resurrection and to share the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness.

- **The Gift of the Holy Spirit** – The readings emphasize the importance of the Holy Spirit in empowering the disciples to carry out their mission. It is through the Holy Spirit that they are able to forgive sins and to be witnesses to the resurrection.

- **God's love and compassion for humanity** – The readings reveal the depth of God's love and compassion for humanity, as demonstrated through his mercy and forgiveness. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers us the gift of new life and the hope of eternal salvation.

The power of faith to overcome doubt and fear – Finally, the readings for Divine Mercy Sunday Year A show us that faith has the power to overcome doubt and fear. Like Thomas, we may struggle with doubt and uncertainty, but through faith and trust in Jesus, we can experience the peace and joy that comes from knowing the risen Christ.

<https://young-catholics.com/5404/divine-mercy-sunday-year-a/>

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays - 9.15am -10.30am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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We, The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



A total of \$5,212.00 was raised for Project Compassion and \$2,033.70 was raised for the Holy Land Commissariat. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023—IMPORTANT DATES:

Please include the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Communion.

First Communion: Sat 29th & Sun 30th of April at 11am

Confirmation: Sunday 2nd July

Reconciliation: Friday 17th November



We warmly welcome **Addison Emmonds** who will be Baptised this weekend and **Harry & Joshua McLoughlin** who will be Baptised next week.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Devotional Prayers 2.30pm-3.30pm Sunday, 16th April at St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy.

Cleaners for 21st April: Mabel Torres, Christine French, Brian Nairn, Veronica Jordan.

Readers for 22nd & 23rd April:

Sat 5pm—Marie Andrews & Mary Rose Barlow

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan & Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Joesie Cameron & Michael Dixon

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken & Marian Bowyer

St John the Baptist School Centenary Anniversary: On June 22nd at 11.00am the Bishop will be celebrating Mass at St John the Baptist School. Everyone is invited. As part of the celebrations the school will have a display of memorabilia. If you have any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share can you please contact Jane Rutherford on janerutherford69@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 and Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Easter Offering envelopes: The Easter offering envelopes are for the welfare of retired priests. This is our way of showing our appreciation and gratitude for their loving Ministry. Envelopes are available in the Church.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The 2023 Diocesan count will take place over the #4 weeks of May: 6&7 May, 13&14 May, 20&21 May and 27 & 28 May.



Cash Housie at Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy. Proceeds benefit the Parish.



We pray for James McCulloch and Joanna Michael who will celebrate their marriage on 16th April. May your love for God and your love toward one another continue to grow day by day in your new life together. Congratulations!

Thank you Morning Tea: Bishop Anthony would like to welcome clergy, office staff, parishioners and their families throughout the Central Coast to a Morning Tea on Saturday, 22nd April between 10.15am and 11.30am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal. See the invitation below. Can you please register your attendance with the Parish Office or email events@bbcatholic.org.au.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favour with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading 2: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Keep Us In Your Prayers— pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Caterina Zdilair, Brian Walsh, Bruce Illfeld

Anniversary: Pedro & Damiana Bulual, Raelene Pitt, Bob Scholte, Rita Jacobs

Remembrance:

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilair, Loraine Wanless, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Serge Fauvette, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Susie Simmons, Chris Dowling, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt



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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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