



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy | Year A Cycle II | 12 April 2026



Fruit of Lent & Easter

John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Pope explained that this day is "the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole of the Easter mystery."

Jesus is the King of Mercy by his cross and resurrection. Risen from the dead, Jesus comes to the disciples gathered behind locked doors and greets them, "Peace be with you."

God's merciful and forgiving love through Jesus touches Thomas first, as if to assure us that no fault or failure is too great for God. Jesus breathes on the disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit for the ministry of forgiveness of sins (cf vv 22-23), as Jesus promised in the farewell discourse at the first Holy Thursday (cf Jn 16:7-11).

The Feast of the Divine Mercy sums up Lent and Easter, proclaiming mercy as the perfect fruit of the whole paschal mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

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Safe in the Knowledge

Whenever we feel doubt about God's love we should remember Thomas. Probably most of us would have reacted like he did. We too would have doubted until we had the evidence of our own eyes. However, we have been called to faith by our baptism. Our belief in the reality of the resurrection encourages us also to follow Jesus' teaching: gladly joining with one another; receiving Holy Communion together; sharing our food and belongings with people in need; praying together with happy hearts, safe in the knowledge of our salvation because Jesus promised it. We may not have seen him in the flesh, but we believe despite all our failings and doubts.

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Our Easter Celebrations

Our Holy Week ceremonies were beautiful, prayerful and reverent. The Easter Liturgies were joyous! Most welcome were our candidates who were fully welcomed into the Catholic faith. None of this is possible without the hard work of so many good people. We thank all who worked to ensure that the most sacred time of our Church Year was so wonderful: Fr Brian, Fr Rosan, Deacon Paul and Deacon Tony, and our guest Priests, Fr Hill, Fr Stan and Fr Durkin, Colleen and the RCIA team, Debra Vermeer & Anne Proust, Acolytes and Senior Servers, Junior Servers, Organists and Choirs, Readers, '12 Apostles', Flower Arrangers, Wardens, Lachlan our photographer, and the many more who assist in any way – thank you!



Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm
Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am
Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am
Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am
Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am
Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Welcome Visitors

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Easter holidays. We love to have you with us. If you have any queries, please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Rosan, Dcn Paul or Dcn Tony, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries, the parish office is open Monday to Friday 9:30am-5:00pm. Happy Easter!

Congratulations New Candidates!

Following on from our large Easter group we have more candidates coming into our Church. This weekend we congratulate and welcome Anna Sounantha who will be Received into the Church, being Confirmed and receiving First Eucharist. Shannon Exner and her three children, Marc, Bentley and Raegan Friend will be Baptised, with Shannon being Confirmed and receiving her First Eucharist. Congratulations to you all on this wonderful occasion.

Introduction to Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. We are looking to encourage more volunteers to take Communion to the Sick at your local hospital. The course will be held over five consecutive Wednesdays: 29 April, 6, 13, 20 and 27 May from 9am to 3pm at the Ambrose Centre behind the Church. Please speak to Fr Brian or contact Denis O'Brien on 0439 009 932.

Divine Mercy Feast

On this Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, where we may obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, an extraordinary grace promised by Jesus. To obtain such grace we must go to Confession within 21 days before or after that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on the day, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, and be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers.

"In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my Mercy. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful." – Diary of St Faustina

Reconciliation and forgiveness are ongoing tasks. In his homily on a Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Francis answered the usual objection: 'But I keep falling!' He said, 'God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.'

We thank Jesus for giving the human race complete and unmerited reconciliation. By confessing our sins and failings to God, we also confess our complete love and trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy, as we acclaim with Thomas, 'My Lord, and my God!'

2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

Communion Antiphon: Bring you hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



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Please Note

Happy Birthday Fr Brian!

Fr Brian celebrates his Birthday on Wednesday 15 April. Blessings to you Fr Brian!

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Opal Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

Parish Morning Tea

The Hospitality Team (Group 3) are hosting our next Morning Tea this Sunday 12 April in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. Parishioners are welcome to bring a plate to share.

Men's Group

The Men's Social Group will meet on Wednesday 15 April at 12 noon at Diggers Club The Entrance. All are welcome to join us for lunch and a chat. Enquiries: Lui 4388 9510.

Thank You from the Holy Land

Thank you to all who donated to the Holy Land collection. \$1,474.35 was raised.

Project Compassion

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes to the baskets at the Church doors.

Mothers' Day Lunch

Central Coast Santa Maria Committee invites you to a Mothers' Day Lunch at Toukley Golf Club on Sunday 3 May 12noon-4pm. Two course lunch and nibbles with DJ. \$45pp pay by 16 April. Contact 0404 194 020 or 0448 742 591 to book.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Sr Clare McCudden, Scholastica Lakra (mother of Fr Anselam Chatswood), Paul Kelberg.

Anniversaries: Beryl Moloney (4th), Leo Moloney (1st), Silvia Coleman. Jim Parker.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Dino Gava, Terry O'Neill, Sam Marmara, Charlie Borg, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammit, James Grima and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Borg, Marmara, Zammit, Grima, St Julian.

Sick: Margaret Mahoney, Christine Bailey, Richard Drover, Sophie (operation), Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahan, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

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Sacred Gifts

Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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