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11 April 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment
Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10am Parish Hall

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick –9am

Sunday 11 April
Parish Choir—9am-11am

Thursday 15 April
Parish Social Craft Group
Parish Hall—11:30am

Sunday 18 April
Youth Choir—9am-11am



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.” (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Easter marks the end of our solemn eight days of reflection of the mystery of the resurrection. Today we are

told the story of Thomas and Jesus. Thomas is very like us, an ordinary person with doubts and fears in his life, struggling for faith. Having experienced the reality of Jesus’ death, he doubts the reality of Christ’s resurrection. He needs proof. Verifiable proof!

When Jesus himself provides that proof, Thomas proclaims, ‘My Lord and my God’. This is the first proclamation of the divinity of Christ and at the same time it is an affirmation of the reality of his humanity. And just as his divinity was humanised, so now his humanity is glorified. However, notice that the text does not tell us that Thomas did what Jesus suggested. It seems that when he is faced with the truth of the resurrection, Thomas no longer needs to feel the wounds of Christ for himself. It no longer matters. His Lord and his God is welcoming him into full faith and Thomas accepts gladly.

Pope Francis tells us, ‘The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.... With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew.’ How can we embrace the resurrection more fully? In what way can we provide help for those who still doubt? How do we acknowledge their doubts and help their faith in Christ grow.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE CHAI

At our 2021 Easter Vigil our RCIA Candidate Michelle Chai celebrated the sacraments of initiation

Baptism
Confirmation;
and Holy Communion.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 12 April.

On Tuesday 13 April to Friday 16 April the Parish Office will be open from 9am - 12nn .

NURSING APPOINTMENT

Arrupe House, Pymble, is a community of retired Jesuit priest and brother. One experienced Registered Nurse is required for a.m. shift duties on permanent part-time or casual basis. Email: secretary@canisius.edu.au or Mobile 0437 040 711 (Fr Michael McShane SJ)



Prayer for a Youth Minister at Corpus Christi Parish

Novena to Our Lady of Knots

Our PPC see the need for a Youth Minister in our parish, among other things. Imagine if our parish was bursting with young people making their own unique contribution to this parish and even wider, we would be greatly blessed.

What a pity if this does not happen!

To answer this need we need God's direction and blessing. In order to fulfill this need we need God's help, so we are organising a Novena prayer to our Lady, the Undoer of Knots, beginning on Sunday 25 April.

To register for the daily Novena to be sent to you email box, please email office@corpuschristi.com.au or click the link in this weekend's e-News.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU...

To all of our parishioners who volunteered their time and efforts to make our Easter Triduum a truly special celebration of great and holy days— they include our musicians and singers; readers; flower arrangers; acolytes; altar linen ministers; liturgy team; all who contributed; and especially our Carmelite community for their unconditional support. Wishing you a very blessed Easter. From Fr Greg and the Parish Office team.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

In his Easter Sunday message, Pope Francis has urged the international community to overcome delays in vaccine shipments, *"especially in the poorest countries."*

"Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care. This is even more evident in these times when all of us are called to combat the pandemic." Pope Francis said.

"Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight. I urge the entire international community, in a spirit of global responsibility, to commit to overcoming delays in the distribution of vaccines and to facilitate their distribution, especially in the poorest countries."

Previously, Pope Francis had reminded government and business leaders that *"in the face of a challenge that knows no borders, we cannot erect walls. All of us are in the same boat."* During Holy Week Pope Francis arranged for the Vatican to provide vaccines against Covid-19 for over 1,200 of the poorest and most marginalized people in Rome.

The global COVAX vaccine initiative, supported by the United Nations as a way to distribute vaccines to poorer countries, has warned of supply delays in March that will affect millions of doses. The United Nations officials, governments, advocacy groups and others have been pleading in recent months with manufacturers to do more to speed up and broaden production of COVID-19 vaccines and ensure fair distribution.

Our Deepest Sympathy - Marie Martin

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Marie. Marie's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi at 11am on Tuesday 13 February 2021. May Marie experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Patricia Meek

Recently Deceased: Marie Martin

Please pray for the ill:

Maria Martin; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.



The Feast of DIVINE MERCY

Prayer & Worship Service

SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2021

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Our Lady of Dolours, Archer/Kirk Streets, Chatswood

"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to my Divine Mercy"
(Our Lord Jesus Christ to St Faustina, Diary Page 132)



Join us in the celebration of the Feast of Mercy

- Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- Silent Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Praises of Divine Mercy
- Blessing of Divine Mercy images
- Benediction

Reminder: The 9-day Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday (2nd April) and ends on Easter Saturday (10th April).



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Next get together **Thursday 15 April 2021 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.
Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

**Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)
Are You the One Who is to Come?**

May 1 Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne
The challenge and the blessing of responding to Jesus as the Messiah.

**Weekend Retreat—Cost: \$300 per person
Praying with Saint Teresa of Jesus**

April 16-18. Presenter: Fr. Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD
St Teresa guides us towards a state of sublime surrender to God, where in silence we will be taught in an interior way.

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 or email: bookings@mtcarmel.com.au
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- ◆ End of lease cleaning

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**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER
INTENTION
FOR APRIL**

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

The Word

Sunday 11 April 2021: 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

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

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. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. *(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

From the first letter of St John 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 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 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.