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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass,
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; followed by Rosary
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary
	9.30 AM	Mass
	5.30 PM	Mass
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$3,651.00
Presbytery Offering	\$1,973.90
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Second Reading 1 John 2: 1-5

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in **April**

Church Cleaning —
(coming week)

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Janine Phillips	No service
	Reader	Chatarina Pereira	Belinda Liew	No service
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Volunteer	No service
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Kate Robinson	Hannah Chua	Yvonne Kumar
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James, Elizabeth Yambao, Anslam Diaz, Marlon Pereira, Therese Back

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Patricia Lawley (8th Anniversary)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

7 April 2024

First Reading 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.

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 or (R.) Alleluia.

- 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.)**
- 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.)**
- 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 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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

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 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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith. Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God. Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith. We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3.00 Pm

- Alleluia No. 1 No 15; Page 18

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- A new heart for a new world No 158; Page 158

COMMUNION SONG

- Give thanks No 17; Page 218

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet music

FINAL SONG

- Majesty, Worship His Majesty Text attached

MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

(Jack Hayford)

Majesty, worship His Majesty

Unto Jesus be all glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, Kingdom, Authority,

Flows from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His Majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

(Colossians 3:16)

'The Dawning Light of the Resurrection'



Friends, I sometimes reflect on the disciples of Jesus in what they had experienced between the time of Jesus' death and resurrection.

It would have been darkness for them; a questioning of everything they had come to know and had hoped for. Confused and in grief, utterly shaken and probably quite fearful for their lives. We know they were at the threshold between death and life. But God did not want them to drift into oblivion; lost and forsaken.

God instead shook them into a new creation that would change them and everything for all time. With the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were rocked out of complacency.

Because, at Easter, life had found a way.

The disciples were overjoyed, to be true, but it went far more than that. Nothing would ever be the same after the dawning light of the resurrection in their lives. Theirs was the experience of death defeated, filling them with boldness and conviction to go out.

And so it should be with us.

Easter is not a day in the calendar to wait for and then let slip by. Easter is an invitation to us into the story of Jesus' resurrection – into the story of the disciples – the move from our darkness, into a new light.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us the means to transform our lives into something much better. When we embrace Jesus' resurrection we truly can begin living—what a beautiful thought—we break free of all those things that bind us, that keep us in death. For Jesus' victory over death becomes our victory for life.

Easter is meant to rock us and shake us, so as to empower us.

May it be so for you this Easter.

Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, 2024

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU



Bl. Michael Sopoćko (St. Faustina's spiritual director) with St. Faustina Kowalska

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

WHEN: Sunday 7th April 2024

TIME: 1.00 PM – 2.45 PM Confessions
Rosery– Divine Mercy Chaplet
2.45 PM - Blessing of Divine Mercy Image

3.00 PM – Solemn Mass
followed by veneration of
St. Faustina's 1st class Relic.

WHERE: St. Elizabeth's Church
107 Bakers Road,
Dandenong North 3175

CELEBRANT Fr. Tadeusz Ziolkowski
Prayer Group: Hilda Remy 97954197

THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2024

Jesus said,

"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter ...

I want it to be venerated publicly. ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. ... The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls ... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonised Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. ... Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. ... My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross." (Diary 341, 48, 299, 326)

Jesus asked Saint Faustina:

"Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy . . . On the day of my feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them." (Diary 206)

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul." (Diary 1602)

Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My mercy are open.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

Saint John Paul II stated

"Whoever sincerely says 'Jesus, I Trust in You', will find comfort in all his fears ... There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy .. In the mercy of God, the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness." [7/6/1997 & 17/8/2002]

Pope Francis stated:

"Remember this well, and we can say it all together: 'There is no limit to Divine Mercy offered to all!' Let us say it together ... 'There is no limit to Divine Mercy offered to all!'" 6/4/2014

"Jesus' wounds are the proof of his love, that are the ever open channels of his mercy." Divine Mercy Sunday, 16/4/2022