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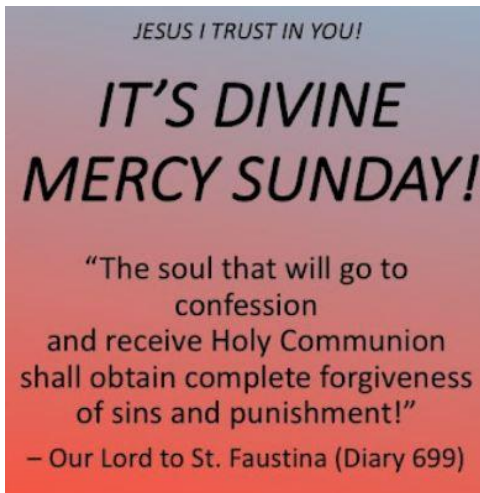
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Sunday, 7th April 2024
Monday, 8th April 2024
Thursday, 11th April 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr



WEEKEND MASSES: **Saturday** Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: **Monday – No Mass, Office Closed**
Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY: Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:40am and 4.15pm And by appointment

BAPTISMS: Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 1st Saturday of the month at 4pm
& Each Thursday 5pm – 6pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Please see our home page on our website for details

PARISH SECRETARY: Thursday & Friday 9am to 3pm
(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired.

LET US PRAY FOR

Recently Returned to the Father: Guiseppe Tarzia, Omid Akbari (37yrs, water-tubing accident), Adriano Ross

In Loving Memory of: Zofia Mucha, Giovacchino Mariani, Emigdio Penano, Norma Day, Rosita Tagliano, Ivan Fernandez, Mara Markovic, Georges Makari, Damia Makari, Peter Makari, Louis Arida, Tony Arida, Joseph Fernandez, Lily Fernandez, Mel Fernandez, Norman Chestney and Taniela Funaki

“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for the sick: Andrew Ros, Latifi Joseph Bishara, Susan Abood, Eileen Smith, Olivia Sheilds, Jessica Tungul, Antony Lisica, Navjot Singh, Roger Shi, Mary Zheng.

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

Roster for 2nd Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Teresa Di Paolo Jeroen Vandenbosch	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Mark Wang-Shi Barbara Mucha	Elia Saulekaleka
Sunday 10am	Karen Abood Sesilia Anasi	Sione Anasi



In Loving Memory: It is with sadness that we advise of the death of Mr Guiseppe Tazia.

Viewing & Rosary: Tuesday, 9th April at 5pm

Funeral mass: Wednesday, 10th April at 10:30am at St John of God Church.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to his family; our thoughts and prayers are with them.

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION We wish to thank all of you who donated to the Holy Lands Collection. This year, we requested that you give generously due to the effects of war and you heard. We raised \$2675.00 for this valuable fund. We thank you for your generous donations.

CLERGY CONFERENCE There is **No Mass** next week on Monday (as usual), Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Mass and other liturgies will resume on Friday, 12th April 2024. Our Fr Richard will be absent from the parish from **Monday 7th – Thursday, 11th April 2024** due to attending the Clergy Conference. Fr Epeli of St Joachim's Lidcombe has advised they will have their usual weekday Mass at **9am on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 7pm on Wednesday.**

FACEBOOK Our Facebook at the moment has lots of information about events going on within the Archdiocese of Sydney. There are plenty of opportunities to expand your knowledge and to get involved. Take a look by going on to our Facebook page, save the dates and sign up.

HELP STOP THE 'EQUALITY' BILL Equality Legislation Amendment (LGBTIQA+) Bill 2023 - NSW Parliament will soon be debating a bill tabled by Alex Greenwich MP. While marketed as an 'equality' bill, the bill will have disastrous impacts on vulnerable women and children, as well as for faith communities. Amongst the proposals are the liberalisation of prostitution and surrogacy laws, the ability for a person to self-identify their sex on official documents and the stripping away of religious protections in our laws. A parliamentary inquiry is currently underway, with the community invited to [fill out a short survey](#) to express their views. We encourage you to raise your voices against these proposed laws. The survey closes on 14 April 2024. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vp9hllknxEObgN2_R2mBwKUb-E9sLYtNjeESRyYnllxUNFdJOUJCVFk3QVI2QzhQSVRLTkhSUUw0Qy4u

PURPOSE CAMP 2024 Purpose Camp is back for 2024! The Sydney Catholic Youth team and Youth Leaders across the Sydney Archdiocese are working hard to make this year's high school camp bigger and better! If you are currently in years 9-12, have the time of your life these upcoming holidays with tons of friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussions, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year, so get on board now or miss out! **DATE AND TIME:** 9:30am, Monday 22 April - 1:00pm, Wednesday 24 April, 2024 **WHERE:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753. **COST:** \$250 To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1179693> Sydney Catholic School students can receive \$150 off the camp. Only 70 spots are available with the discount, so get in quick!

SUNDAY READINGS

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: 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24 R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Anyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ 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.

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' **Alleluia!**

Gospel 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

The Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday, completes the Octave of Easter, a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the blessing of His continuing presence in our midst. The Gospel reading for this Sunday recalls the encounter between St. Thomas and Jesus after the Resurrection. Faith is a great gift. But the story of doubting Thomas shows just how frail is the human container in which this gift is carried.

At Sunday Mass, we relive the experience of the disciples on the evening of Easter when the risen Lord appeared to them and greeted them with the words, "Peace be with you." One of the greatest mistakes Thomas made was to cut himself off from the community and walk alone, it was only when he re-joined the community (eight days later) that he encountered the Risen Jesus, and so found faith again. Seeing the Risen Lord, Thomas rekindled his faltering faith. In many ways we are like Thomas, because we too are troubled by doubts. And so, we turn to the Risen Lord, and ask him to dispel our doubts as he dispelled those of Thomas. Jesus, I trust in You!

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin. Jesus shows them his wounds (these serve to identify him as the same one who was crucified) and bestows peace on them. Jesus then inaugurates the mission of the church. "He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" This mission is the exact same mission he received from the Father (a mission accomplished by his death and resurrection): the reconciliation of people with God, through the forgiveness of sins. This is a constant reminder for us that the Lord's Mercy has no end.

Faith Matters: "Mercy" ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, March 30, 2008

Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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