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MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

There are a number of resources available for you to ATTEND MASS at HOME:

† Mass for You at Home—broadcast on channel 10 on Sundays at 6.00am

† Masses online:

- 9.00am Diocese of Wollongong—www.dow.org.au
- 9.00am Archdiocese of Sydney—www.sydneycatholic.org



*Churches are not being closed.
Buildings are being closed.
You are the Church!
You are to remain open!*

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Second Sunday of Easter

“We have seen the Lord.” That is possibly the best reflection for us in this COVID-19 lockdown. The Apostles had locked themselves in a closed room (only for a weekend), afraid of the crowds. Then Jesus comes and appears to them. They were not at peace, and so Jesus gives them his peace: “Peace be with you”. The Apostles doubted his presence, so Jesus showed them his hands and his side. This filled them with joy. Eventually even Thomas found the same joy with the same signs of touching Jesus.

The heart of the message for us of course is Jesus’ final remarks: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” We have not seen the physical Jesus in the flesh to touch and believe, as these Apostles did. We cannot even gather together in the same way as we always have for communion around the Eucharistic table. We are isolated and alone.



There is a cartoon going around that depicts the devil saying to God: “I have closed all the Churches!” To which God responds: “No, I have just opened up a church in every home.” This is not the same as the Church gathered around the Eucharist as a large body of the people of God. But it is the same Church where we can meet God anyway. God is opening a place in every home. God can enter closed rooms and closed lives where we are afraid and isolated and bring Peace. God can help us to believe in the unseen. We pray for that peace and belief in these difficult times. We pray too for those who are alone in their isolation with nobody around their table. And we pray that we will all gather together again soon to celebrate the risen Lord of our faith.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A
YEAR OF MATTHEW
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



My Lord and
my God

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the Apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in various houses and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

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

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.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. 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 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: a birth into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2020 —
THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER - YEAR A

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35





DONATIONS for PROJECT COMPASSION

- Please return Project Compassion donations to the parish office.
- Alternatively, you can bank your donation and make a transfer to the parish account:
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Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446
Reference: Caritas2020 [YOUR LAST NAME]
 Email your remittance advice notice to: enquiry@holyfamily.org.au
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BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00004265
Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation
- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:
Commonwealth Bank
Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446
- For Planned Giving Envelope contributions, please either:
 - drop your envelopes off to the parish office,
 - hold on to them until we continue having Masses in the church,
 - OR make a direct transfer payment to the parish account (details above), and reference your envelope number.

Easter Offerings



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

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1 **Make an act of faith**
 Come up with your own prayer or use a traditional one to express to the Lord our faith in his real presence in the Eucharist.

2 **Make an act of love**
 Say a prayer that expresses your love and gratitude to the Lord. Thank Him for his infinite love as well.

4 steps for **Spiritual Communion**

3 **Express your desire to receive him**
 As you are not able to physically receive the Lord, express your desire to receive Him in your heart.

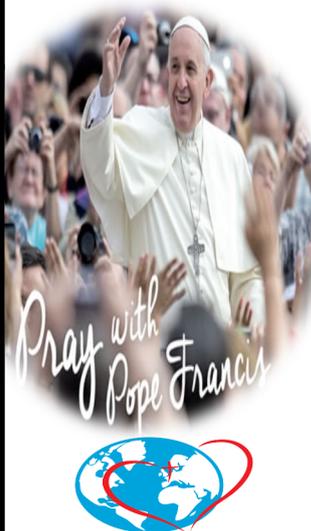
4 **Invite Jesus to come into your heart**
 With a humble and contrite heart we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

During this time of lock-down, you may still receive the Eucharist. Someone from your family will need to come to the Parish and collect consecrated hosts in a suitable container (preferably a pyx) and handle this with the necessary sacredness. We would prefer if you came regularly rather than take home large amounts.
Contact Fr Gregory on 0487 778 154 over the Easter break if you need any assistance.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)



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Mission: You are apostles in daily life, walking a spiritual path called "Way of the Heart," working to serve Christ's mission.

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DIVINE MERCY Sunday

APRIL 19, 2020

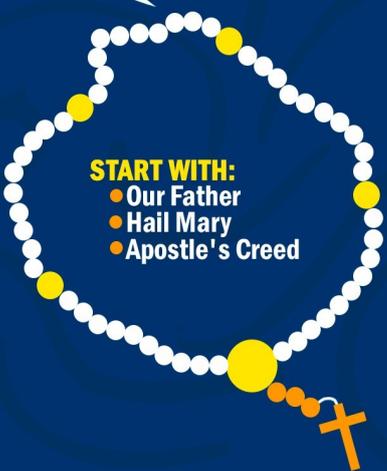


During the Great Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy has also become a key theme in the teaching of Pope Francis, and he declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which ran from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the document announcing the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis explains the relationship between justice and mercy:

If God limited himself only to justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what St Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: "For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified" (Rom 10:3-4). God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.

Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, n 2.

Chaplet of DIVINE MERCY



START WITH:
 • Our Father
 • Hail Mary
 • Apostle's Creed

• Eternal Father, I offer you the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement of our sins and those of the whole world.

• For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us

3 TIMES AT THE END
 Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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presided over by Pope Francis.

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10A BST | **7P** AEST



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