

Information desk

The Covid-19 plan: as at 31 March 2021

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keep our communities safe.

Places of worship must be supervised by a COVID Marshal who must have a copy of their training certificate available when conducting COVID Marshal duties and be clearly identified as a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please write your name & phone number in the Register upon entry.

2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.

As of March 31, seating restrictions are as follows

3 persons per 4 square metres

We can have 75% capacity without Face Masks – Our total number is 256.

4. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.

5. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.

6. Keep the social distancing requirement when leaving the Church after Mass.

7. Please don't go back to the entrance door. Entry and Exit rule must be followed for your safety.

8. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.

9. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM



In these dark months of the #pandemic, let us listen to the Risen Lord as he invites us to begin anew and

never lose hope. #Easter

Let us never tire of seeking the risen Christ who gives life in abundance to those who meet him. To find Christ means to discover peace in our hearts. #Easter

Sunday Collection	04/04/21
First Collection	\$ 1,416.35
Online Giving/Cash	
TOTAL 1st Collection	\$ 1,416.35
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 600.00
Electronic Giving	
Open Plate	\$ 1,231.75
TOTAL 2nd Collection	\$ 1,831.75
Good Friday Collection	\$ 792.95

CWL

Tranmere CWL members are visiting the MacKillop Precinct on Monday 19 April beginning with lunch at the Cafe then a tour of the Museum. Please join us. For more information or to book a spot please Contact Josie on 0422498472



CHRISTIAN THEMED EASTER EGG HUNT

Thankyou to Nancy Ngure and the Youth Group for organising the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday.

There were lots of lovely treats for the Children & the Youth put some selected passages from the Bible with them especially for Easter. We hope everyone had a good time & shared their goodies with their families.

Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

As we journey towards the first Assembly of the Plenary Council in October, the Thematic Discernment Papers have been released in “Easy English” versions. These versions have been simplified and provide explanations throughout of the meaning of commonly used terms. These new releases are available on the Plenary Council website.

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/tools/>



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In many

places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

Anyone who would like a House Blessing, please contact the Parish Office



Thank you Thank you



We are blessed with many generous people in our Parish. Some who donate their time others will cover the costs for purchases for items needed. We have a new Banner in honour of St. Joseph made beautifully by Philomena Koo. Philomena has also kindly given this as a donation to the Church. We sincerely thank Philomena for all her work in producing this wonderful Banner for our Church.

We have also received another kind donation of Disinfectant Wipes. Thank you Giulia Giuliani for organising this for us.

Some other costs incurred recently have been sponsored by Rosa Kothe, and Nancy Ngure kindly sponsored the Egg Hunt along with Egg donations from Stephanie Roach. To these wonderful people & all those who support us in so many ways each week. May God Bless you all.



PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind after Mass has concluded.



Parish Bulletin

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Divine Mercy Sunday, Year B

10th / 11th April 2021

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Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Parish Secretary

Karen Taylor Tue – Fri

WHS/ Finance Officer

Divya Paul Monday

Police Checks Unit

Hiacinta Msoni Monday

Sacristan

Weekdays: Michael Pierce

Sundays: Terence Yeow, Clare Boyle, & Roger Worth

Mass Times

Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary

Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Every Friday before Mass

Novena to St. Joseph

Every Wednesday after Mass

School Principal

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LOVE HEALS

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. **Our Lord's Divine Mercy Sunday grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners! It is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Mercy! This year Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11th**

In celebration of DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, after 10.30AM Mass this week, we will spend some time in Prayer saying The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please join in this time of Prayer & Devotion.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.”

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.”

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11th, 2021

"Put your finger here,
and see my hands;
and put out your hand,
and place it in my side;
do not be faithless,
but believing."



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MONDO

What did St. Thomas
reply to Jesus? Use every second
letter to fill in the blanks!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.



Jesus, I trust in You!

Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle: Across: 2. Thomas 5. nails 7. Lord 9. Father
10. side 11. spirit. Down: 1. rain
3. Hole 4. Spirit 6. atonement 8. peace.
Front page: My Lord and my God!

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After eight days, Jesus came in and
stood among them.

Entrance Antiphon 1 Peter 2: 2

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

First Reading Acts of Apostles 4: 32-35

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

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R. 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.'



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.

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.

Second Reading First letter of St John 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation John 20: 29

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

Communion Antiphon John 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



HOMILY on Easter II (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 11, 2021

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35, I John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

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Introduction: The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only-begotten Son to become our Saviour and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

Scripture: The first reading, taken from Acts, stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started persecuting them. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and the mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teachings read at the worship service. The second reading: taken from John's first Letter, deals with practicing both corporal and spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's Old Testament commandments and focusing on Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us, with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves us also demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed Divine Mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Message for life: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. **b)** Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. **c)** Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

Rosters for 17 / 18 April 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Time Commentator / Reader

6:30 pm Bronwyn Gleeson

Chris Platten, Giulia Giuliani

9:30am Stephanie Roach

Grace Yeow, Kevin George

Children's Liturgy: See you all back for

Term 2 – Sunday 2nd May

Count Team No: 7

Lino Beltrame, Pia Beltrame

Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski

Altar Roster Doreen Ryan & Nancy Ngure

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before
the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER

For those staying after Mass you will find some
sheets on the small table in the centre of the Church
Please take one to assist you with the Prayers.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Departed souls:- Angello Giuliani

1 Month Mass: Maria Cogo

Anniversary: Eric Labrooy

and all the Deceased Relatives and Friends of our Parish

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them;
present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for John Joseph Elavumkal (Fr. Roy's Father)
and the sick of our Parish



Thank you!



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