

## MASS TIMES AND PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: **No Mass**  
 5.00pm: **Saturday Vigil Mass**  
 10.30am: **Sunday**  
 6.00pm: **Sunday**

### Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: **No Mass**  
 8.00am: **Saturday**  
 8.30am: **Sunday**

### Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)  
 10.30am: **Friday No Mass until 28th April 2023**

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
 4.00pm - 4.30pm: **Saturday**

### Sacred Heart Church, New Town

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**After 9am Mass: No Novena**

**ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN MARY**

7.30am: **Saturday**

### St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 6pm - 12am: **Friday**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A - 16TH APRIL 2023

My dear parishioners,

### Feast of the Divine Mercy Special Mass

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**

2pm – Adoration/ Divine Mercy  
 Chaplet & Prayers/ Reconciliation  
 3pm - Benediction  
 3.15pm – Divine Mercy Mass



**Daylight saving** - The clocks went back an hour, 3am, on Sunday 2nd April 2023.

**On Saturday 15th April 2023 - The Saturday Vigil Mass time has change to 5pm.**

**The Diocesan Priest Plenary will take place from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of April** in the North, please note that during that week **there will be no Weekday Masses in the parish**. For pastoral needs please contact the Passionist community.

Regular Parish Weekday Masses will resume from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April onwards.

### Anzac Day Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Mass Times

@ 7.30 am – St Mary's Cathedral  
 @ 9.00 am – Sacred Heart Church

### Parish special Collections during the Lenten season:

Project Compassion – \$ 2477.75.  
 Good Friday Holy Land Collection - \$ 867.80.

In Christ, **Fr Leonard.**

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Administrator:**  
 Fr Leonard Caldera

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 Nick MacFarlane  
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**St Mary's  
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 Parish**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We celebrate today the feast of God's Mercy. God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Saviour and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, which were instituted to sanctify us.

The first part of today's Gospel (verses 19-23), describes how Jesus entrusted to the apostles His mission of preaching the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation. This portion of the reading teaches us that Jesus uses the Church as the earthly means of continuing His mission. It also teaches us that the Church needs Jesus as its source of power and authority, and that it becomes Christ's true messenger only when it perfectly loves and obeys Him. The risen Lord gives the apostles the authority to forgive sins in His Name, together with the power of imparting God's mercy to the sinner, through the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy. In the liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God for centuries through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Gospel text also reminds us that the clearest way of expressing our belief in the presence of the risen Jesus among us is through our own forgiveness of others. We can't form a lasting Christian community without such forgiveness. Unless we forgive others, our celebration of the Eucharist is just an exercise in liturgical rubrics.

The second part of the Gospel (verses 24-29), presents the fearless apostle St. Thomas, in his uncompromising honesty, demanding a personal vision of, and physical contact with, the risen Jesus as a condition for his belief. Thomas had not been with the Apostles when Jesus first appeared to them. As a result, he refused to believe. This should serve as a warning to us. It is difficult for us to believe when we do not strengthen ourselves with the fellowship of other believers. When the Lord appeared to Thomas later, He said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed." Thomas was able to overcome his doubts by seeing the risen Jesus. Modern Christians, who are no longer able to "see" Jesus with their eyes, must believe what they hear. That is why Paul reminds us that "Faith comes from hearing" (Rom 10:17).

Thomas, the "doubting" apostle, makes the great profession of Faith: "My Lord and my God." Here, the most outrageous

doubter of the Resurrection of Jesus utters the greatest confession of belief in the Lord Who rose from the dead. This declaration by the "doubting" Thomas in today's Gospel is very significant for two reasons. 1) It is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our Faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as demonstrated in His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of His Resurrection from the dead. Thomas' profession of Faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Jesus. 2) Thomas' faith culminated in his self-surrender to Jesus, his heroic missionary expedition to India in A.D. 52, his fearless preaching, and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom in A.D. 72.

We need to meet the challenge for a transparent Christian life -- "I will not believe unless I see." This "seeing" is what others demand of us. They ask that we reflect Jesus, the risen Lord in our lives by our selfless love, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service. The integrity of our lives bears a fundamental witness to others who want to see the risen Lord alive and active, working in us. Christ's mercy shines forth from us whenever we reach out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized, as St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) did. His mercy shines forth as we remain open to those who struggle in Faith, as did the Apostle Thomas in today's Gospel. We should be able to appreciate the presence of Jesus, crucified and raised, in our own suffering and in the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, thus recognizing the glorified wounds of the risen Lord in the suffering of those around us. Let us have the courage of our Christian convictions to share our Faith as St. Thomas did, and to recognize the "nail marks." We are not to keep the gift of Faith locked in our hearts, but to share it with our children, our families and our neighbours, always remembering the words of Pope St. John XXIII: "Every believer in this world must become a spark of Christ's light." "We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain long after our own experiences of resurrection. Our 'nail marks' remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering, are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God that we experience from others and that we extend to them. The "nail marks" of Jesus are all around us in the lives of those walking their own Calvary's. Jesus calls us to be willing to place ourselves in the pain and struggle of others and bring the joy and peace of Easter into hearts, entombed in winter cold and darkness." (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

## REFLECTION –DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A

### We Too Are To Be Apostles of Mercy

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter, designated Divine Mercy Sunday for the whole Church by St John Paul II at the canonisation of St Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy, on 30th April 2000.

The whole magnificent epic of Jesus' death and resurrection is about God's mercy. The loving kindness of God towards His children is the great theme of all the Scriptures. It is deeply infused into the history of the Chosen People in the Old Testament and comes to its fullness in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, in the New Testament. In every age this amazing Divine Mercy, the power of God's love for us, needs to be received anew, revered and shared.

St Faustina Kowalska, from her hidden life in a convent in Poland in the 1930's, proclaimed the amazing power of God's mercy. She was to tell the whole world of God's great mercy and that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

Jesus told her that "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my Mercy" (*St Faustina's Diary #300*).

Jesus also said to Saint Faustina "My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this. ... I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me" (*St Faustina's Diary #742*).

As we celebrate the amazing mercy of God, who is rich in mercy, forgiving all who repent and ask for His help, let us go out with God-given power to do His mercy, to speak His mercy and to invoke His mercy through prayer, for all those people we know who desperately need to be healed through the loving kindness of the Heart of our God.

This is our privilege. This is our calling. This is our life in Christ.

**Deacon Nick MacFarlane**

**From Our Anniversary Book:** Mary Smith, Brendan Cook, William Hartnett, Lily Rose, Christopher Richardson, Caroline Banks, Rosemary Monk, Sheila Mills, Annie McDermott, Eileen Cowie, Rhueben McCallum, Michele Chew, Abigail Carter, Anthony Chisholm, Brian Quigley, Fr. Peter Murphy, George Ward, Sr. Philomena Mary Healy, Ken Lowrie, Mary Johnston, Carmel England, Charles Flynn, Harry Clarke, Victor Miller, Amy McLure, Renee Elizabeth Chandler, William Corby, Monsignor Bernard Rogers, Maria Lewicki, Bortolo Gesiotto, Salvatore Amorosa, Jessie Viney, Dulcie Rollins, Sr Ignatius Traynor PBVM Sr Philomena Bourke PBVM and Sr Benigna Keller.

**May they rest in peace !**





**Easter joy as new members are baptised into the Church. Hearty congratulations and a warm welcome from St Mary's Cathedral Parish community.**

**WHAT'S NEW?**



*Are you interested in becoming Catholic.  
Please contact 62086236*



**MATES & DATES**  
*The Art of Connection*  
6 - 8 pm | Black Buffalo Hotel  
Every Monday from May 8 - June 19  
Finishing with an optional bush dance on June 24  
Guest Speakers | Food & Drink available from the bar

Archdiocese of Hobart

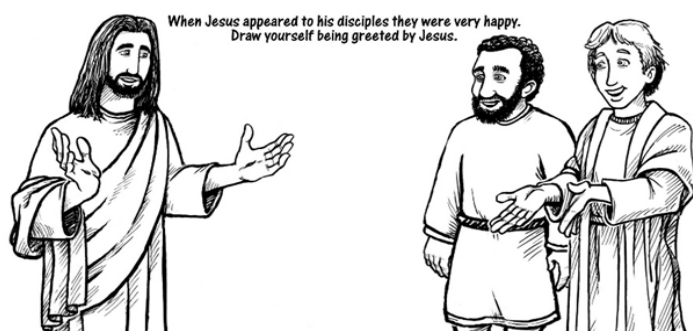
**When:** Mondays, starting May 6, from 6pm-8pm  
**Where:** Black Buffalo Hotel, 14 Federal St, North Hobart  
**Who:** Anyone over 18

More information: [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto:rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au)

**24:7 YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**NEW TOWN**  
YOUTH GROUP TASMANIA  
2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH  
4.00 - 6.00 PM  
**FUN | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP | FAITH**  
SACRED HEART COLLEGE | PARISH CENTRE  
NEXT TO THE MUSIC ROOM ON THE SACRED HEART CAMPUS  
**FOR EVERYONE IN YEARS 6-12**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
ANGELA 0410 414 459 | SAM 0400 460 277

**INTERESTED and you are** in Years 6 to Year 12.  
Contact Angela 0410 414 459 or Sam 0400 460 277

## Children's Corner



What do you think it would feel like to be re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again?

### The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. **R. Alleluia.**  
For He, whom you did merit to bear. **R. Alleluia.**  
Has risen as He said. **R. Alleluia.**  
Pray for us to God. **R. Alleluia.**  
**V.** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.  
**R.** For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

### Let us pray

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



## READINGS OF THE DAY - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 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.'
2. 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.
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.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### Gospel Acclamation

**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

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.

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 17th April	John 3: 1-8
Tuesday 18th April	John 3: 7-15
Wednesday 19th April	John 3: 16-21
Thursday 20th April	John 3: 31-36
Friday 21st April	John 6: 1-15
Saturday 22nd April	John 6: 16-21

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33	Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21	Luke 24:13-35

**Pray and Reflect on the Word of God**

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.