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## DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR C - 27th APRIL 2025

### A Celebration of God's Infinite Compassion

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, is a feast to reflect on the depths of God's love and forgiveness. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in the year 2000 during the canonization of Saint Faustina Kowalska, this feast invites the faithful to contemplate the mercy of God poured out through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not merely a celebration of a single aspect of faith, but a profound encounter with the heart of the Gospel: that God is merciful, and His mercy endures forever.



The origins of Divine Mercy Sunday are found in the mystical experiences of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who, in the 1930s, recorded her visions and conversations with Jesus in what is now known as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. In these revelations, Jesus expressed His deep desire for the world to know and trust His mercy. He told her, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners" (Diary, 699). Jesus also promised that on this day, the floodgates of His mercy would be opened, granting complete forgiveness of sins and punishment to those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast, but rather the fulfillment of what is already central to the Christian faith. The Gospel reading for this Sunday (John 20:19-31) recounts the Risen Christ appearing to His disciples, showing them His wounds, and breathing on them the Holy Spirit, saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." This encounter with the merciful Christ, especially through the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lies at the heart of the celebration.

The feast also emphasizes the call to trust in Jesus and be merciful to others. The Divine Mercy image — with red and pale rays representing the Blood and Water flowing from Jesus' heart — is a visual reminder of this mercy. Below the image are the words "Jesus, I trust in You," which summarize the essence of the devotion.

In celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are encouraged to perform works of mercy, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and to try to extend forgiveness and compassion in their daily lives. The message of this feast is both timeless and timely — in a world often marked by suffering and division, Divine Mercy Sunday is a beacon of hope, assuring us that no sin is too great for God's mercy, and no soul is beyond His saving love.



### MASS TIMES

**St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**  
**6.00pm:** Monday - **Requiem Mass**  
**for Late Pope Francis**  
**7.30am:** Tuesday - Friday  
**5.00pm:** Saturday  
**10.30am:** Sunday  
**6.00pm:** Sunday

**Sacred Heart Church New Town**  
**9.15am:** Tuesday - Thursday  
**7.00pm:** Friday - **Healing Mass**  
**8.00am:** Saturday  
**8.30am:** Sunday

**Lawrenny Court**  
(131 Hill St West Hobart)  
**10.30am:** Friday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**  
**4.00pm - 4.30pm:** Saturday

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY**  
**Sacred Heart Church, New Town**  
**After 9.15am Mass:** Wednesday  
**7.30am:** Saturday

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart**  
**6.00pm - Midnight:** Friday

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**SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS**  
*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE*



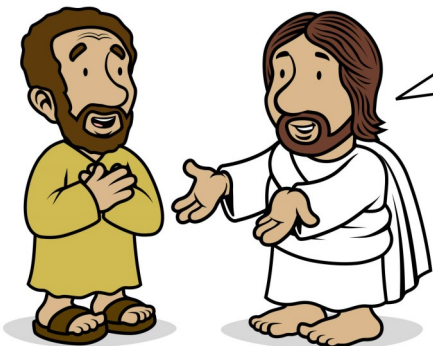
Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

**WHAT'S NEW?**

**IN THE PARISH**

**Children's Corner:**

Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. But later when he saw Jesus he did believe. Draw the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet.



Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**Chatter that Matters**

There is a movement in the Land with people looking for a more faith filled life and then asking do others really feel the same.

The Cathedral Parish is presenting talks by Tasmanian Clergy on their participation in a faith filled life. From scripture to tradition, from experience to still learning. But this is just to get us started as we then get to discuss and question the presenter as well as each other over a cuppa and a snack.

An opportunity to experience how we all can come together to form a faith filled community. An opportunity to show that "Chatter really does Matter". Every 3rd Tuesday of the month from May to October starting at 7pm and finishing no later than 8:30pm with Fr Chris Hope kicking us off on the 20th May on the first floor of the Cathedral Parish Centre.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Celebrations**

**Sunday 27th April 2025**

**2pm-3pm HOLY HOUR**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, and Sacrament of Reconciliation

**3pm** Benediction

**3.15pm** MASS celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous



**MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY**



The month of May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." - Pope Paul VI

**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.**

**JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 5:30 PM EVERY DAY**

**From Our Anniversary Book:**

*Florence Williams, Mary Morgan, John Maple, Sergio Giudici, Carmello Disipo, Peter Dodson, Giuseppe Mione, Archibald Lawler, Kate Scott, Marcella Saunders, Martha Krakowiak, Amelia Shelverton, Linden Lowe, Jago Dzelalija Antonietta Lufi, John Rose, Ernest Boughton, Barry Fisher, Lila Robertson, Molly McKeown, Walter George Bevis, Dorcas Elizabeth Saunders, John O'Kane, Ethel Boon, Lesley Mulcahy, Maria Lindo Giuseppe Mione, Cecilia Lawrence Martyn, Gwenneth Yvonne Sice, Marlene Elizabeth Burke, Florence Cook, Beatrice Jarrett, Michael Donnelly, Lloyd Abeysinghe, John Langdon, Helen Fletcher Holly Reeve, Michaela Bryson, Veronica Midgley, Ivan Mikan, Sr Janet Sexton (PBVM)*



**May they rest in peace!**



WHAT'S NEW?

# IN THE DIOCESE

## Requiem Mass for Holy Father Pope Francis

His Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous will be celebrating a requiem mass for the repose of our Holy Father, Pope Francis' soul.

**Date:** Monday 28th April 2025  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



## POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17 December 1936

21 April 2025

*May he  
Rest in Peace*

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta.

The Holy See Press Office announced on Tuesday, 22nd April that Pope Francis' funeral Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM in St. Peter's Square.**

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Dean of the College of Cardinals, will preside at the Mass, which will be concelebrated by Patriarchs, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, and priests from across the globe.

The Eucharistic celebration will conclude with the Ultima commendatio and the Valedictio, marking the beginning of the Novendiales, or nine days of mourning and Masses for the repose of Pope Francis' soul.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable **communities**, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!



### It's not too late to donate.

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Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

JESUS REPLIED,  
"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY AGAIN.  
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY." JOHN 6:35

## Healing Mass & Eucharistic adoration

**Fri 2 May 2025**

- Rosary at 6.40 pm
- Mass 7.00 pm
- Followed by Adoration & Prayer Ministry

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
1 CROSS ST, NEW TOWN

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



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## READINGS OF THE DAY – DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR C

### **First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. 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.' (R.)
2. 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.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
Is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### **Gospel Acclamation** John 20:29

**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 28th April	- John 3:1-8
Tuesday 29th April	- John 3:7-15
Wednesday 30th April	- John 3:16-21
Thursday 1st May	- John 3:31-36
Friday 2nd May	- John 6:1-15
Saturday 3rd May	- John 14:6-14

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year C**

First Reading	- Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2
Second Reading	- Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel	- John 21:1-19

**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.**