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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A

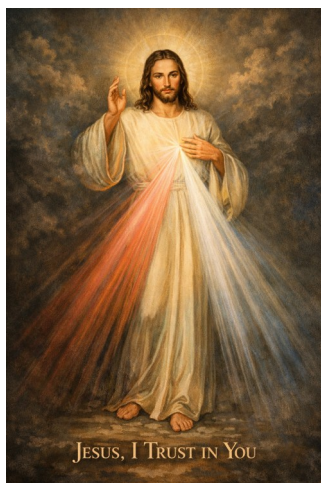
12TH APRIL 2026

DIVINE LOVE IN A HUMAN HEART.

Divine Mercy: Jesus, I trust in you. 'On the first Sunday of Lent, February 22nd, 1931. Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Maria Faustina Kowaiska who reported the event in her spiritual diary. DIVINE MERCY OF MY SOUL.

It is Divine Mercy Sunday for us today. What is Jesus saying to us here and now.? Jesus is both human and divine and wants each and every person to develop a deeper and more meaningful loving relationship with him as a true friend and companion as life unfolds for each or us. "See this heart which has loved so much but receives so little in return." Jesus said this to St Margaret Mary. During Lent prior to our recent Easter celebrations, we were encouraged to renew our faith and trust in God's merciful love through greater efforts to reflect, respond and purify our lives by God's grace which is freely giving to us through our reception of the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion. We are made in the image of God who loves us always and wants to be loved in return. MT.22;27. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You must love your neighbour as yourself." We read in today's Gospel the sudden appearance of Jesus to his disciples in the enclosed locked room which is believed to be the room of the Last Supper.

We can image the surprise and the joy filled response of those gathered and to hear the words of Jesus, "Peace, be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you". Remember what Jesus had previously said to his disciples in JN. 14.19. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you." When we invite Jesus into our lives our 'locked doors' are opened and the presence of the Holy Spirit helps us to overcome the obstacles which are testing our faith and trust in God's design for us. Just as the disciples were entrusted with the mission to go out to the whole world so we also have that mission to take Jesus within us into the world around us. There are many people in our lives who do not know God. Sometimes we too can feel lost in the darkness of fear, doubt, loneliness and isolation. God seems so far away. We are never alone but Satan does try to take hold of us; we then can remember to put our trust and hope in the One who loves us the most and hold on to that truth. The people who walk in the darkness have seen a great light."(Remember the symbol of the Easter candle.) We can confidently say with St.Thomas. "My Lord and my God." When saying this we affirm our belief in the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ as God in human flesh. "Doubt no longer but believe that God is near and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward. (PT. 1. 9) ALLELUIA.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
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

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

From Our Anniversary Book

Kathleen Ibbott, John O'Donnell, David Jarrett, Catherine Blackaby, Violet Ethel Webster, Wanda Sheehan, Marian O'Rourke, Vida Legro, Enid Miller, Fr. Joseph Howe, Sr. Anne Wilkinson-Thompson, Cecilia Waters, Maria Asuncion Cerda Pimentel, Roy McVilly, Honorah Ryan, Francis Fitzpatrick, Fr. Gerard Kelly, Julian Browning, Gerald Collins, Elaine Dawn Mawer, Harold Thornhill, Marie Webster, Muriel Clark, Ellen McGlone, Edwin Matuszek, Mirko Franov, Kevin Andrews, Paul Falconer, Francis O'Neill, Stephen Gallagher, Veronica Burke

May they rest in peace !

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.



Divine Mercy Devotions & Holy Mass Schedule **St. Mary's Cathedral - Hobart -12th April 2026**

2:00 PM – Holy Hour begins

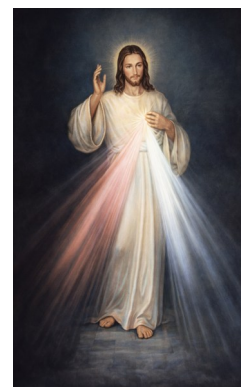
- Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Priests proceed to allocated areas for Confessions

2:10 PM (approx.) – Rosary

2:40 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM – Prayer & Benediction

3:15 PM – Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tony Ireland



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Lord, we ask you to bring peace to the Middle East. Protect those who are suffering and guide leaders to choose justice, mercy, and reconciliation. May your peace overcome all violence and fear. Amen.

PIETY SHOP— Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



Seeking Answers? Discover the Catholic Faith

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic looking to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, we invite you to explore the beauty, history, and depth of the Catholic Church through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

Join Us for an Inquiry Night

- **When:** Tuesday, 2nd June 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Where:** St. Mary's Cathedral Parish (Meeting Room)

This is your invitation to begin a journey of discovery. Come and see what the ancient faith has to say to our modern world.

For more information or to register your interest, please visit <https://forms.gle/8qJhwrziNz2eW6KU6> to express your interest.

Perspicere
to look through

Join priests and men of the Archdiocese as we look deeper into the vocation of the priesthood
A day-in-the-life testimonies | Live panel | Adoration & Benediction | Breaky burgers & Soccer

SATURDAY, 18 APRIL 2026 | 9:30AM - 1PM

ST JOHN'S OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

38 St John's Circle, Richmond (behind the Church)



Archdiocese of Hobart

UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY A GIFT FOR US!

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY? Instituted by Pope John Paul II

JESUS IS UNIQUE! FULLY HUMAN, FULLY GOD. Two Natures, One Person! Jesus is special.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT? TO FREE US FROM SIN & DEATH. JESUS LOVES US WITH ALL HIS HEART.

JESUS IS A TWO-FOLD GIFT!

1. GOD'S GIFT TO US! TEACH, CARE, SAVE US. JESUS CAME TO SAVE US.

2. OUR GIFT TO GOD! WE OFFER JESUS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

THE MAIN PRAYER FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD. JESUS CAN intercede for us! PRAY THIS PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OUR WORLD.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU?

JESUS IS ALWAYS YOUR FRIEND! LET ME LEAVE YOU!

HE FORGIVES YOU FIRST! LET ME HELP YOU!

WHEN WE MESS UP, HE HELPS US GET BACK UP! LET ME RESTORE THINGS!

LOOK FOR THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE! RED RAY: BLOOD & EUCHARIST. PALE RAY: WATER & BAPTISM. KNOW JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP YOU IN TRIALS!

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?

- PRAY FOR MERCY
- TRUST IN JESUS!
- BE KIND TO OTHERS!

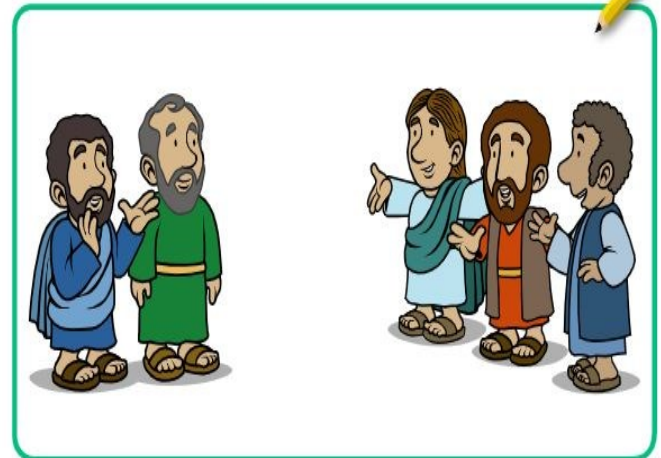
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Jn 20:19-29

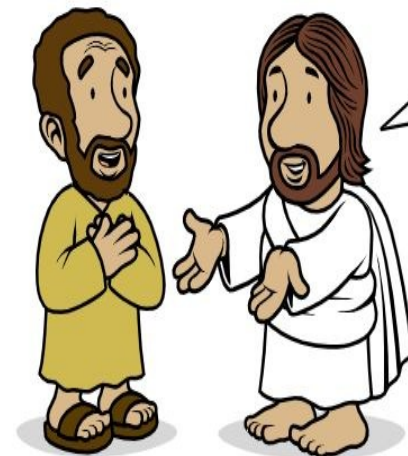
My name is

Have faith and you will be blessed

A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



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.

READINGS OF THE DAY—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading—Acts of the Apostles 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—Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

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. 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.)

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. (R.)

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 - 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 13th April	- John 3:1-8
Tuesday 14th April	- John 3:7-15
Wednesday 15th April	- John 3:16-21
Thursday 16th April	- John 3:31-36
Friday 17th April	- John 6:1-15
Saturday 18th April	- John 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19th April 2026

First Reading	- Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11
Second Reading	- 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	- Luke 24:13-35

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