

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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7th APRIL 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday Year B / 2

Parish Priest

Father Phillip Alstin

This Octave Day of Easter is, also celebrated as *Divine Mercy Sunday*. The readings today show us examples of both *acts* of mercy and *words* of mercy.

Parish Secretary

Robyn Grave

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 8—11.30am
Wednesday 1.30—4.30pm
Thursday 1.30—4.15pm
Friday 1.30—4.15pm

The first reading gives us an inspiring description of the early Church. Those who loved and followed Jesus were not yet called “Christians”; they are described as “the community of believers.” As we continue to read through the Book of Acts during the Easter Season, we will see *actions* that put flesh on the teachings of Jesus. We will see that to be a believer is to *do something*. This description of the early Church does not say that the Christians only believed and prayed. What is described are the practical actions of people who have been changed by coming to know Jesus Christ. With great faith and trust in him and in his Church, they even sell their properties and give the proceeds to the Church, to be used according to the needs of all.

Parish Finance Council

Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

Parish Pastoral Council

TBA

Their witness challenges our natural tendency to rely on our money and possessions. We tend to feel more secure if we have some property, or some money in the bank. We profess our reliance on God, but in the back of our minds, we think that if we face trouble we will need something else to save us – meaning our financial resources. The idea of giving to the Lord the very things that make us feel independent and secure can be frightening! No doubt the early believers had qualms about giving up their material possessions and living with “everything in common,” but they did it, and found freedom and inner peace. As we ponder their actions, we are led to question: Do we *really* trust in the Lord’s care for us? If the Lord asks us to give up something, can we do it? Are we able to utterly abandon ourselves to God’s care?

St Anthony’s School

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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord’s Day

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Part of the problem is our tendency to consider relying on the Lord as a net loss for us, when in fact it is a gift. We may not realize that the more we lean on financial security, the more we subtly distance ourselves from the love of God, our Savior. The Lord is inviting us to let go of what seems like a safety net but is actually a trapping net. As he lovingly guides us to rely more completely on him, he moves our hearts to care for the poor and to support the Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after weekend
Holy Mass
After Tuesday 9.30am Mass

Mercy is revealed in today’s Gospel by the words and actions of the Risen Lord Jesus. He comes to the Apostles, who are in bondage to fear, hiding behind locked doors, and he speaks words of comfort, beginning with, “Peace be with you.” These words are not simply a greeting but a precious divine gift. When we are paralyzed in guilt, shame, and fear, only God can free us. He gives us the gift of his peace, inner peace, based on the knowledge that he is with us, that he loves us.

Adoration

Tuesday 7:00pm –11.00pm
concluding with Angelus.

Wednesday

9:30am Adoration
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

Next Jesus shows them his wounds, not as evidence *against* them but as signs of the victory he has won *for* them. And he sends them forth as ambassadors of his mercy. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” *Send* is an action word! The Lord does not want us to hide, to stay safe behind locked doors. He prescribes *action* for his followers, and he gives us the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can accomplish his will.

Contact for Adoration

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Thomas, who was not there on Easter night, missed the celebration and the gift. However, we learn from his experience that Divine Mercy extends beyond all the limits we set for it. Even if we have been far from the Lord, even if we have doubted, or refused to believe, Jesus still loves us. His wounds are still evidence of his love, never of condemnation. He truly wants us to know him, the One whom we can address as, “My Lord and my God!” When we know the Lord Jesus and experience his merciful love, we have a precious gift to share with others. On this feast of Divine Mercy, let us celebrate the mercy of the Lord and be the witnesses he sends into the whole world with the joyful message: *His mercy endures forever!*

Rosary Times

Maria Goretti Chapel

Mondays 5.30pm
Tuesdays 8.50am
Wednesdays 6.00pm
Fridays 8pm - Via Telephone
Messenger App (Contact Grace
Via the parish office number)

Why do I tend to put my trust in the false promises of the world and not in the Lord who gives eternal life? What prevents me from relying totally upon the Lord? When have I experienced Jesus’ gift of peace while in the midst of a difficult trial?
Mary, teach me to always profess, “Jesus, I trust in you!”



THE DIVINE MERCY - TRADITION

It is through the Sacred Scripture and Tradition that God reveals Himself and His ways. Christian revelation is contained in Scripture and Tradition. Tradition is the process by which divine revelation, coming from Jesus Christ through the apostles, is communicated and unfolded in the community of the Church. Jesus Himself has entrusted His mission and message to His disciples and has given them the guarantee in the fulfillment of their task. So He made the living Church the medium through which His saving message should reach mankind: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... and I am with you always to the close of age" (Mt 28:19).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes it thus:

80 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move towards the same goal." Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age."

81 "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit." "And [Holy] Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound, and spread it abroad by their preaching."

96 What Christ entrusted to the apostles, they in turn handed on by their preaching and writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to all generations, until Christ returns in glory.

97 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God" (DV 10), in which, as in a mirror, the pilgrim Church contemplates God, the source of all her riches.

98 "The Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes" (DV 8 § 1).

99 Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith, the People of God as a whole never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply, and to live more fully from the gift of divine Revelation.

100 The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him.

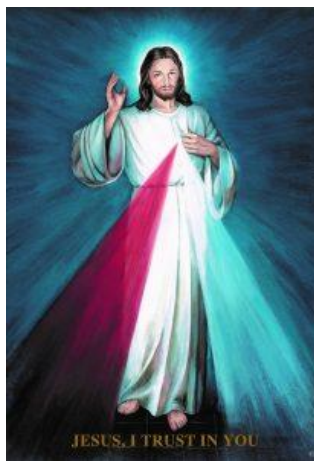
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/tradition>

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Polish nun and mystic, **St. Faustina Kowalska** (1905-1938), reported that the Lord repeatedly asked for a "Feast of Mercy" to be celebrated each year on the first Sunday after Easter. When Saint John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in 2000, he formally established this feast day in the Church's calendar, naming it *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Here is one entry from St. Faustina's Diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, in which she records a private revelation from the Lord about this feast:

"On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. 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 forth 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" (*Diary*, 699).

From Community, Anawim. *Pondering the Word - The Anawim Way - Vol 20 Num 4: Holy Thursday to Pentecost* (pp. 70).



TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—

Love your neighbour as yourself."

Mark 12:29-31

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3:

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



READERS OF THE WORD

FOR APRIL

Saturday—Reg Farnell

Sunday - Kevin Mark

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

SICK: Peter Freeborn, Perry Burns, Marie Oates, Romola Blowes, Amy Lopez, Amanda Razon, Douglas Robertson, Isaiah Noack, Alby Foster, EJ Orbase, Marie Emery, Michael, Apolo Gomez, Lorraine Boys, Phil Bawden, Patricia Kehoe, Chris Harwood, Rosemary Young

RECENTLY DECEASED: James O'Brien,

ANNIVERSARIES: Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Keain, Pat McClure, Giuseppe Marchesan, Ronda White, Maurice Spiers, Maroun Khabbaz, Stan Puczkowski, Barbara Bartoszek, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Angelo Simionato, Mons Horgan, Gerard Van der Jeugd, Anne Comas, Narciso Brion, Josef Neuhas, Relatives and friends of the Burns and Hill families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish. Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.*

On behalf of all the Parishioners we wish to sincerely thank Fr Azar for celebrating the Easter celebrations including Palm Sunday, and the Sacred Triduum. As Fr Azar mentioned on Easter Sunday, this was his first time celebrating Easter in the Western Rite as he is a Melkite Priest and followed all of our masses with those in the Eastern Rite.

We also wish to make a very special mention to our Parish Secretary Robyn Grave who has supported Fr Azar whilst Fr Phillip Alstin is on leave and who guided Fr Azar throughout each service, beginning on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Robyn from all of us at St Anthony's!

We also wish to thank our sacristan, altar servers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers of the Word, Choir members, musicians, decorator of the Paschal Candle, and all those who helped at the working bee, and other preparations including the veiling (and removing of veils) of the statues, putting up palm branches, setting up the Altar of Repose, and arranging flowers and gardeners. Our Parish is incredibly blessed to have many parishioners who so generously contribute their time and talents.

We continue to pray for Fr Phillip on his recovery from surgery and we look forward to him celebrating Mass with us once again.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. John 12:26

CHANGE TO WEEK DAY MASSES

From Tuesday 6th February 2024 mass will be offered 9.30am Tuesday only

**All Sunday Mass times remain the same
Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am**

Wednesdays—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues concluding with Rosary & Vespers as usual. The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Benediction will not be offered.

Other Times - Reconciliation may be offered after Mass Tuesday.

Please return your Project Compassion Envelopes by 7th April 2024. Thank you for your support of Caritas.



Adoration at St Anthony's

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7.00pm - 11pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.05am Prayer for Priests

12.pm Angelus

6.00pm Scriptural Rosary

6.30pm Vespers



"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40

Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you are able to help with the roster or for any queries.

WHS EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Announced via microphone or spoken very loudly.

- 1. ATTENTION-ATTENTION- WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY.**
- 2. Please stand to evacuate the church now.**
- 3. Move to the nearest useable exit – take your personal belonging with you.**
- 4. PLEASE WALK – DO NOT RUN.**
- 5. When outside move to the North West corner of CAR PARK.**
- 6. Remain there until advised that it is safe to leave.**

Commentator/Priest: Direct someone to call 000 and if safe to do so – ensure all personnel have evacuated.



The **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL** raised much needed funds to provide Christmas hampers (just over 50), Foodbank vouchers, etc. to the needy in our area, so a big **THANK YOU** for your generous donations.

FOOD HAMPERS—We have been visiting between 8 to 12 homes each week and usually try to take a food hamper but sometimes our pantry runs low. We would really appreciate donations of any of the following items to be able to continue this service going forward.

Long life milk, cereals, pasta/pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned fruit, biscuits – savoury/sweet, tea bags/coffee, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT**

INTROIT

Quasi modo 1 Pet 2: 2

VI

AS newborn babes, al-le-lu-ia, long for pure spiri-
tual milk, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 139 (138)

- O LORD, you search me and you know me. †
You yourself know my resting *and my rising*; *
you discern my thoughts from *afar*.
You mark when I walk *or lie down*; *
you know all my ways through *and through*.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is ev-er-last-ing.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever. **R.**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **R.**

OFFERTORY

Angelus Domini Mt 28: 2, 5, 6

VIII

THE Angel of the Lord came down from heaven *
and said to the wo-men: "The One whom you seek has
risen, as he said he would", al-le-lu-ia.

Matthew 28: 7-10

- Then go quickly and tell *his disciples*, *
"He has been raised *from the dead*,
and he is going before *you to Galilee*; *
there *you will see him*."
- Then they went away quickly from the tomb, †
fearful yet *overjoyed*, *
and ran to announce this to *his disciples*.

COMMUNION

Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce Jn 20: 27

VI

STretch forth your hand, * and feel the place where
the nails were, al-le-lu-ia; and be not doubtful but be-
lieving, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 118 (117)

- Give praise to the LORD, for *he is good*; *
his mercy *endures forever*.
Let the house of *Israel say*, *
"His mercy *endures forever*."
- I called to the LORD in *my distress*; *
he has *answered and freed me*.
It is better to take refuge *in the LORD* *
than to *trust in man*;

Glory Be to the Father...

COMMUNION HYMN

Easter Glory fills the skies; Alleluia!
Christ now lives no more to die; Alleluia!
Darkness has been put to flight, Alleluia!
By the living Lord of light, Alleluia

See, the stone is rolled away, Alleluia!
From the tomb where once he lay; Alleluia!
He has risen as he said, Alleluia!
Glorious first-born of the dead, Alleluia!

Mary Mother, greet your Son, Alleluia!
Radiant from his triumph won; Alleluia!
By his cross you shared his pain, Alleluia!
So for ever share his reign, Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Ref: By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost
is now restored: in your resurrection be adored.**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **REF**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **REF**

Death has lost and life has won;
every newborn soul we christen
now becomes the Father's son:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **REF**