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# OUR PARISH

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass **BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am. **MARRIAGES** By appointment at least 6 months notice.

# Thought of the Week

"He who knows how to forgive, prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." - St. Faustina

## 2nd Sunday of Easter/B DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the

significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know however, availly what



know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognise him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

I wish to thank all volunteers who prepared the flowers and helped for our Easter celebration. Your help has been greatly appreciated

Fr Danai Pastor

# Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

# Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Check Group Allocation and Collection of workbooks & bibles this weekend. Catechist's formation meeting will be on

Thursday, 2nd May at 3:30pm. Sessions will commence on the 6th May until the 8th June.

## We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Deny Biordi, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise). Please keep in your prayers the soul of the Recently deceased: Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depratro, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Marija Bakic Other deceased including: Emmanuel Attard, Joseph Fenech, Pasqualino Verduci, Maria Marando, Teresa Catanzariti, Rodolfo Hernandez, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Manea, Joseph & Vincenza Debono, MariaTeresa Badolato, Anita Wilson, Rhonda Fleming, Maria & Giuseppina, Angelina Piredda, Maria Rosaria Saliba, Giuseppe Gasparre, Vincenzo & Giovannina Vaccaro, Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Ditthavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttil, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Andelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. May they rest in peace.

Other Intentions: Maria Bugge, Kata





Monday	9:10am Mass—MIPS Yr1-6
8th April	10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian)
Tuesday	9:10am Communion Service
9th April	4:30pm Legion of Mary
	7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
Wednesday	9:10am Communion Service
10th April	9:40am Rosary
	3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary
Thursday	9:10am Communion Service
11th April	Followed by adoration for an hour.
Friday	9:10am Mass
12th April	7:00pm Praise & Worship—JHPGroup
	7:30pm Rosary—Disciples
Saturday	11:00am Baptism
13th April	5:00pm Reconciliation
	6:00pm Vigil Mass—Carmelite Priest
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Easter
14th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
	8:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest
	10:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest
	11:00am Filipino Mass
	6:00pm Mass —Carmelite Priest

# **Celebrating Community**

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Vic & Medy Dandan!





# WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF **FAITH**

Alexander James Aniag who will be baptised this weekend. The next baptismal information evening will be on Thursday, 18th April at 7:30pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.

# Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

From the Liturgy Office...

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrated on the Sunday following Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday is a day for all Catholics to reflect on Jesus Christ's immense love and mercy, despite our sinfulness. This day of commemoration



was inspired by St. Maria Faustina Kowolska, a Polish nun who recorded messages of Christ's mercy. After Pope John Paul II canonised St. Faustina in the year 2000, he added this special day to the Church's official calendar.

Divine Mercy Sunday underscores Jesus' incarnation as a profound demonstration of God's mercy, offering reconciliation with God and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us that even death cannot sever God's eternal love. As followers of Christ, we are called to embody and share this mercy, being signs of hope and healing.

The following is the 3 o'clock prayer Jesus gave to Saint Faustina:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Jesus, I trust in You.

God bless.

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 APRIL: For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Blessed Sacrament is in the church tabernacle. Catholics are asked to show reverence and adoration whenever passing in front of the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved. This is typically done by genuflecting, although if unable, a profound bow from the waist is acceptable.



# 3rd Sunday of Easter 13/14 April 2024

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	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	J Baulman	R Sofia	A Redoblado	M Perrone
Minister of the Word	G Daly	M Tran	R Agostino	R Ilagan
EMHC	F Di Marco Volunteer	A Froio G Kruk	L Labbozzetta Volunteer	M Oliveri Volunteer
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath	T Pham M Vargas	T Dacanay-Lo	A Perrone
Altar Servers	J Daly A Daly L Daly	l Sofia	J Batros C Labis	E&A Fleita M Nicolaou
Welcomers	F Guerrero			M&T Mico A Tomic
Piety Stall	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 2 N&P Redo- blado M Dandan	Altar Linen : A Fleming	Flowers: T Seraglio G O'Connell	Cleaners: B Cuka A Karoomi E Kemi T Safar	

# Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

love is everlasting.

1st Reading Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading 1John 5:1-6

Responsorial
Psalm

Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good, his

Gospel John 20:19-31

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Next Weekend: Acts 3:13-15,17-19
3rd Sunday of Easter 1John 2:1-5

Mary Immaculate Primary School now enrolling Kindergarten 2025. Applications can now be submitted online by going to www.mibossleypark.catholic.edu.au

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### safeguarding enquiries@sydney catholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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