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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR B - 7th APRIL 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

Sunday 7th April 2024

2pm-3pm HOLY HOUR

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

3pm Benediction

3.15pm MASS celebrated by
Archbishop Julian Porteous



HAPPY ARE THEY WHO HAVE NOT SEEN ME BUT STILL BELIEVE. (Jn 20 v 29)

During the sacrament of Baptism our souls were permanently endowed through God's grace with the blessed gifts (virtues) of faith, hope and love. The mystery of our life of grace continues today. Grace is the influence of the Holy Spirit; the ' traffic lights ' which guide our lives towards eternal union with our heavenly Father. Heaven in all its glory is our real home. In St John's Gospel (Ch14 v 6) we read that Jesus said to his disciples; "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one can come to the Father except through me." Jesus' belief and trust in his Father's will for him was unconditional amid horrific torture and selfless sacrifice so that for all generations down the centuries we have hope for eternal salvation from sin and eternal damnation. We occasionally sing the following hymn. 'Where there is charity and love there the love of God abides.' This love God has for us is a divine mystery. We are made because of God's divine love for us. We are created to be loved, to know love and to give love as God loves us. This is to find and appreciate the loving presence of Jesus in each person we meet during our life's journey .Thomas the practical disciple missed seeing Jesus but it was his need to be absolutely certain that the figure which was seen by the other disciples was indeed the Lord Jesus Christ. During the second appearance Thomas was invited by Jesus to see, touch and feel his sacred wounds. What joy, peace and gratitude Thomas would have experienced. St. Thomas declared that Jesus was and is today "MY LORD AND MY GOD ' The Lord has risen.' 'He is risen indeed.' Grace, mercy and peace be yours from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Daylight Saving - The clocks go back an hour, 3am, on **Sunday 7th April 2024.**



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday -Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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

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 9am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)
6pm-12am: Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)
Please contact 62086236**

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Priest Announcements

Dear Parishioners, as announced by His Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, Most. Rev. Julian Porteous, DD, on Sunday 17th March 2024, the current Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish, Fr Paschal Okpon, has been appointed as Parish Priest at Campbell Town commencing 15th April 2024.



Fr Steven Smith has been appointed as Assistant Priest of St Mary's Cathedral Parish.



As a Parish community, we wish Fr Paschal Okpon a blessed future and pray for God's graces on his new mission, and wish to welcome Fr Steven Smith warmly to our Parish.

The Parish will hold a farewell morning tea for Fr Paschal Okpon on **Sunday 7th April 2024** after the 10.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH

Come and join us every Friday night from 6pm –12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre Everyone is welcome.

Parish Office Closure:



The Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 17th April 2024 - Tuesday 30th April 2024, as the Parish Secretary will be on holidays. For urgent pastoral needs, please email: cathedral@aohtas.org.au

Project Compassion Lenten Fundraising:

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Project Compassion Lenten fundraising amount from envelopes and boxes received as of 31st March 2024 is \$3,015.15. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to Project Compassion in supporting their ongoing programs.

Good Friday Holy Land:

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Good Friday Holy Land envelope amount received is \$1,256.10 Congratulations to everyone who contributed and supporting their ongoing programs.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS



From Our Anniversary Book:

Marian O'Rourke, Vida Legro, Enid Miller, Fr. Joseph Howe, Sr. Anne Wilkinson-Thompson, Cecilia Waters, Roy McVilly, Honorah Ryan, Francis Fitzpatrick, Fr. Gerard Kelly, Julian Browning, Gerald Collins, Harold Thornhill, Marie Webster, Muriel Clark, Ellen McGlone, Edwin Matuszek, Mirko Franov, Kevin Andrews, Paul Falconer, Francis O'Neill, Stephen Gallagher, Veronica Burke, Sarah Cooper, Sr Ona Kaukenas PBVM

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Parishioners, family and friends are invited to **the LAUNCH of the book *Graced Beyond Telling***, by Missionary Sister of Service Corrie van den Bosch, at St Francis Xavier's Church Hall, 34 Anglesea Street, South Hobart, at **2:30 pm on Saturday, 13 April**. Please RSVP to Penny Edman, edmanpenny56@gmail.com or 0400 896 181 by COB on Wednesday, 10 April. Books will be available for purchase after the launch.

Holy Spirit Church Sandy Bay 90th Anniversary Celebrations:

Monday 13th – Friday 17th May 2024
7pm -8pm – Pentecost Retreat.
Festive High Mass on Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 at 10am. Anniversary BBQ after Mass



Feast of the Annunciation - Monday 8th April 2024

The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he informed her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

A Vision for Parishes – Encounter, Discipleship & Mission

In light of Archbishop Julian's Pastoral Initiative this year – **A Vision for Parishes – Encounter, Discipleship & Mission**, please explore www.evangeliumproject.com, our new Catholic resource to help inspire us on the journey to become missionary disciples!

Content is updated weekly and if you have any feedback, please email evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au



EVANGELIUM

The new Evangelium website full of resources to help form Catholics as missionary disciples is now live!



Scan the QR Code, or visit: www.evangeliumproject.com

MID-WEEK MASS
MULTI FAITH CENTRE, SANDY BAY CAMPUS
11:30am Wednesdays during Semester
Join the Catholic Student Society and Utas chaplaincy team each week in celebrating and offering Mass for the University of Tasmania students and staff.
Confession available from 11am.
1 Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay

THURSDAY THEOLOGY
MULTI FAITH CENTRE, SANDY BAY CAMPUS
From 4pm Thursdays during semester
Join the Catholic Student Society and Utas chaplaincy team for our second weekly gathering:
4:00PM: Tea, coffee and conversation
5:00PM: Quiet prayer and confession
5:30PM: Mass
6:00PM: Meal and Bible Study
1 Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay

HOLY GROUND
Wednesdays from 5pm during semester
Join the Catholic Student Society and Utas chaplaincy team for our weekly gathering:
5:00PM: holy hour – adoration and benediction
6:00PM: shared meal in Parish foyer
6:45PM: teaching and discussion
Donations to defray meal costs are welcome.
Holy Spirit Church – 275 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay

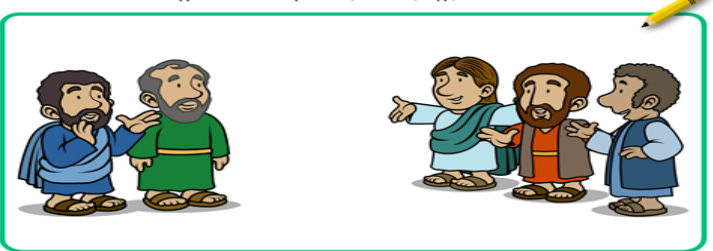
Children's Corner



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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



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 B

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4. 15-18. 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.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (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 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded
us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are 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 8th April - The Annunciation of the Lord

Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 9th April

John 3:7-15

Wednesday 10th April

John 3:16-21

Thursday 11th April - St Stanislaus, **bishop, martyr**

John 3:31-36

Friday 12th April

John 6:1-15

Saturday 13th April - St Martin I, **pope, martyr**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 5, 9

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

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.