

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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.

Response

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John
Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

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. The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 20:29

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

10th / 11th April 2021

EASTER SEASON



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The whole group was united, heart and soul.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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.'

Response.

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.

Response.

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ACOLYTES & READERS		6pm Vigil	8am	10am
APR 10 / 11	Acolytes	R MORFUNI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
	Readers	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
APR 17 / 18	Acolytes	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
	Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
APR 24 / 25	Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	A STANTON
	Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
MAY 1 / 2	Acolytes	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG
	Readers	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
MAY 8 / 9	Acolytes	M MORELLI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
	Readers	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
MAY 15 / 16	Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	A STANTON
	Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
MAY 22 / 23	Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
	Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
MAY 29 / 30	Acolytes	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
	Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Ted Cotter. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Giovanni Vertellini.

One Voice - The Voice

Continues in April every Thursday and Sunday @ 7.30pm in the School Hall. Also, as Disciples please invite others to reconnect to Christian Life through these Catechesis.



Jesus Christ provides answers to the questions in our daily life.

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April 2021.

St Therese Church Denistone 2-4 pm:

- 2-2.50pm - Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Reconciliation available.
- 3pm - Mass

Novena of Divine Mercy Chaplets to be prayed from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday.

Catechist Helpers needed!

Our catechists at Denistone East Public School need your support. Can you help in the classroom by giving them 30 mins of your time each Tuesday? Please consider this! Please speak with Fr Roberto after any Mass this weekend.



Mass Attendance Count for 2021.

This will take place over 4 weekends in May. This will be a very useful tool in helping us to more accurately gauge the impact of COVID on parish attendance.



Parish Council Update - Meeting 21st April.

At the April Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:

Liturgy – Services during Holy Week and Easter went well and appreciated the work of all those involved. New readers added to the roster.

Maintenance – Reviewing requirements for repairing or replacing the roof. The working bee was well attended.

School – Fr Roberto continues to conduct visits to the school.

Flowers on the Altar.

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry, so please consider if you can help out once a month. A great idea is to do it with a friend and use it as a catch-up time for you both. We ask the rostered volunteers to buy the flowers they are to arrange and once they give the receipts to Gayle in the Parish office all monies will be reimbursed.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Brothers and Sisters,

Since the year 2000 the Church has been celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. This happens on the Second Sunday of Easter. On this day, we are called to keep rejoicing about the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and also rejoice in the merciful love God has for everybody. St John Paul II wrote: *"Believing in God's love means believing in his mercy."*

In the Scriptures, we read about the incredible mercy of God towards the poor, the sinner and the humble. He promised mercy to those who keep his commandments. The people of Israel failed many times to keep God's covenant, but they kept always turning to God their Father, trusting in his mercy. God is always described as a God slow to anger and rich in mercy.

When Jesus comes, he does not only speak about mercy many times, but he is God himself who is mercy. His life and death are a testimony to the mercy of God, especially on the cross.

So, what is it then? Well, on Divine Mercy Sunday we celebrate God's eternal love for us, showing us his compassion and helping us to get out of darkness into his wonderful light of grace.

Just over a century ago, through St Faustina Kowalska a Polish nun who received visions of Jesus, the Lord called us to a renewed awareness and trust in his mercy. Christ asked St Faustina to institute the feast on this day. And according to St Faustina writings,

the Lord manifested his desire of helping people to be saved through his mercy. Many are forgetting God, and in spite of the suffering and death of Jesus, people are still getting lost for all eternity. Jesus wanted to throw a lifeline through this feast, to all sinners as another chance to be saved and be forgiven. It is a last chance for sinners who are in danger of perishing and drowning in sin and despair; and he is doing it because the day of God's justice is getting closer.

"Souls perish in spite of my bitter Passion. I am giving them...the Feast of my Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of my mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near." This is what he said to St Faustina.

There are certain conditions that need to be met to obtain this mercy on this Sunday.

You are encouraged to participate in special prayers and devotions, here in our parish this Sunday from 2 to 3pm. But there are TWO important conditions:

1. The celebration of the Eucharist this weekend. An extra 3pm Mass THIS Sunday will be said, but you are welcome to participate at any Mass this weekend.
2. Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory be), be well disposed to repent all your sins and recite the Our Father and the Creed before an image of the Divine Mercy Image.

The Chaplet which was given to St Faustina and you can get a leaflet from the entrances of the Church.

Please take this opportunity to receive God's merciful love.

