

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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, 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.**

**SAFEGUARDING OUR COMMUNITY.**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**



## PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE

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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:	Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**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.**



**6 / 7 APRIL 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

	<b>SATURDAY 6.00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8.00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10AM</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>
<b>READER</b>	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEERS FAMILY
<b>PROJECTION</b>	A SHEEKA	NIL	P TREACY
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		LOUISE SPENCER / AMPIE CABANGON
<b>COUNTERS</b>	GROUP 9: VINCE MAMO CATHERINE MAMO PATRICIA HO		
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	<b>APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG</b>	

**13 / 14 APRIL 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>
<b>READER</b>	BARBARA CLARK	PAUL TREACY	CELINE LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
<b>PROJECTION</b>	T MORFUNI	NIL	NA
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		
<b>COUNTERS</b>	GROUP 1: THOMAS DABBAH QAISSER DABBAH PATRICIA BRODERICK		
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	NONIE HAHN	<b>APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG</b>	

**APOSTLES CREED.**  
 I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

**GLORIA.**  
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**PARISH NOTICES:**

**Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have died recently especially:

**Piero Scaglione**



We also pray for the departed:

**Nata Forte, Dorothy Clarke, Alec and Ester Ceccato and Bill and Tottie Raper.**

**Cuppa this weekend.**

All Parishioners are welcome to stay back for the parish "Cuppa" after the 10am Mass.



**Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Will be celebrated THIS WEEKEND at St Therese Church Denistone from 2pm-4pm.

**No Weekday Masses THIS Week.**

There will be no weekday Masses from the 8<sup>th</sup> April till 11<sup>th</sup> April inclusively as Fr Simon and Aruna Perera will be away attending a conference.



**Thank you.**

We sincerely thank all our wonderful volunteers for their great commitment and generous efforts during Holy Week.



Also, a big thank you for the magnificent flower arrangements that were a perfect donation for Easter to our parish. And naturally, thank you to all those who attended our Holy Week Masses, such a beautiful display of your faith and love for God and the Church. The love for God and our community continued at the Easter Vigil and overflowed into the evening with drinks and food.

**Hospital visits from your priest.**

If you are in hospital and need a priest or want to receive Holy Communion, please call the presbytery and we will organise for Fr Simon to visit you.

We have been in discussion with the hospital authorities for many years and even though we are getting closer to be able to resume weekly visits, by Fr Simon and our Eucharistic Ministers, we are still not there yet.



**So don't forget, if you are in hospital and don't let us know, then Fr Simon can't visit you.**

**Mass for the sick.**

Fr Simon will hold a Mass for the Sick on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Additionally, to help you plan ahead, we have put in the parish diary two additional Masses for the Sick later in the year. They will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and the 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

**Morning tea for Daily Mass parishioners.**

Fr Simon would like to invite you to attend a morning tea on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> April after morning Mass. If any of you wish to help organise and prepare for this, please speak with Fr Simon. There will be a couple more planned morning teas throughout the year on: 11<sup>th</sup> of July and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

**Holy Week collections.**

Many thanks to all those generous people who supported the parish with donations for:

- **Project Compassion – Caritas = \$4,547.60.**  
 This amount will continue to grow over the next few weeks as the money boxes are returned.  
**Don't forget to bring in your money boxes and envelope donations.**
- **Good Friday – Holy Land = \$ 1,519.45.**  
 This money will help preserve Holy Places.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

Divine Mercy Sunday is relatively new to the Church's liturgical calendar. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was St John Paul II who established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast for the entire Church. In his writings and homilies, he described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message for the third millennium. He also beatified and canonized Sr Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun associated with the message of Divine Mercy. This feast and devotion seek to re-establish the relationship of each person with God, recognising our sinfulness and smallness and learning to see our Lord as our true Saviour through his Divine Mercy.

**Project Compassion.**

**Thank You!**



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