



## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD**

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Parish Secretary: Veena Miranda

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Acknowledgement of Country :** We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, Elders and communities and the spirit that binds us in our dreams and aspirations on Dharawal country. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

### *2nd Sunday of Easter- Year C*

#### *Divine Mercy*

*26th & 27th April 2025*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### Entrance Antiphon

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

##### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-16)

*(The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily).*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 117)

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

**Reader:** 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.'

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

**Reader:** 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.

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

**Reader:** O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

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

##### SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
(1:9-13, 17-19)

*(I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever).*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word

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and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in the book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** John (20:19-31)

*(After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them).*

## Communion Antiphon

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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 6:00 pm.** (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday : 8:00 am & 10:00 am.**

### Weekday Masses :

**Mon- Fridays at 9:00 am**

**Saturday : 8.30am**

## RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday :** 5:15pm – 5:45pm

**Every Wednesday : NOVENA to our Mother Mary,**  
6:30pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

**Bible Study :** Fortnightly at 2:30 pm in the Logos Centre. April sessions are on 13th & 27th

**Sunday School :** Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the Logos Centre. (during the School Term)

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C

## **Thank You**

We would like to thank all those who helped and participated in the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

Big Thank you to all. God Bless!

## **Collection**

Good Friday collection for Holy Land : **\$ 2,145.00**

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Caritas Australia for Project compassion appeal :  
**: \$ 5,439.15**

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Thank You.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation :2025**

If your child is in Year 6 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please submit the application form as soon as possible.

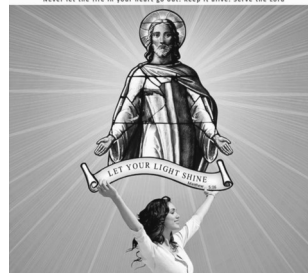
Parents Meeting : **Friday 2nd May 2025 at 7pm**  
(Meeting with parent/guardian and candidate)

Any queries, please contact the parish office.

**A Spiritual Retreat for Women** with powerful teaching and testimonies followed by a healing service led by Anastasia Rebello and team.

Come and Experience Women Alive

Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord



**Sunday 15th June 2025 (10:00am to 4:00pm)** at Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW 2250. For further details contact

**Maria D'Souza on 0447 057 078**

## **Baptism**

Through the waters of Baptism, **Sylvia McCartney Stonefield** Enters into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



26th & 27th April 2025

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## **Divine Mercy Sunday : 27th April 2025**

2:00pm - exposition of Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration, divine mercy chaplet and prayers, 3pm benediction followed by Holy Mass. All Welcome.

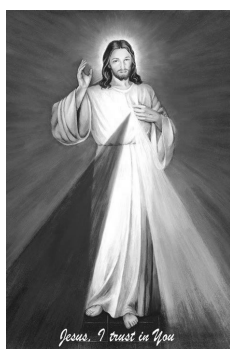
*This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is an Easter feast to commemorate the "oceans of Mercy" God has to share with us if we are open and willing to receive it.*

*Take time over these days to pray and reflect on God's abundant mercy. 'Jesus, I trust in You'.*

### **Divine Mercy Prayer:**

*Eternal God,  
in whom mercy is endless  
and the treasury of compassion  
- inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us  
and increase Your mercy in us,  
that in difficult moments  
we might not despair  
nor become despondent,  
but with great confidence  
submit ourselves to Your holy will,  
which is Love and Mercy itself.*

*Amen.*



## **Level 3 Catechist Diploma Course 2025**

All interested parishioners and catechists are encouraged to attend the Level 3 course. Taught by a variety of excellent presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The six-week course will be held in Rosemeadow on Fridays commencing Friday 2 May. Session will start at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm.

Morning tea is provided but please BYO lunch.

For more information and to register, please go to <https://dow.sh/CCD-Level>

## **Reflection : Learning from Thomas**

It's easy to make the mistake that believing was easier for those who saw Jesus than it is for us. The Gospels show that there were many people who saw Jesus and yet didn't come to have faith in him. Seeing is not necessarily believing. The act of faith involves a decision to believe.

In fact, the Gospel shows that even the apostles had their problems believing. Thomas wasn't

the only apostle to doubt the resurrection. All of them did. St. Mark tells us that when Jesus appeared to them on Easter evening, 'he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.' (16:14)

We can sympathise with the apostles. The crucifixion of Jesus dealt them a devastating blow. They had invested an enormous amount in Jesus. They had given up their jobs, and left everything to follow him. And suddenly he was gone. The more the reality of his death came home to them, the greater their loss appeared. The value and meaning of everything was threatened: their comradeship, their faith, their whole lives.

And then the incredible happened - he was once more in their midst. The first thing he did was to show them his wounds. Why this? Firstly, because those wounds helped to identify him as the one who was crucified. And secondly, those wounds were the proof of his love for them. Love is proved by deeds. Then he invited them to 'see and to touch'.

The example of Thomas is particularly enlightening for us. He showed a refreshing honesty. He made no attempt to hide his doubts. Doubt is often looked on as a sign of weakness. We tend to feel guilty about having doubts. But doubt can be a growing point, a stepping stone to a deeper understanding. It certainly was for Thomas, because he went on to give expression to the highest statement of faith in Jesus in the entire Gospel of John: 'My Lord and my God'.

Here on earth, there is no such thing as absolute certainty about spiritual things. If there was, then faith would not be necessary. Absolute certainty can lead to arrogance, intolerance, and stupidity. 'The man of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a man of faith.' (Thomas Merton)

Every community could do with a character such as Thomas, that is, someone who has the courage to ask the questions no one else dares ask. Such people are truthful, and they help to keep the others truthful too. They upset the believers by demonstrating the fragility of their faith; they upset the sceptics by making them feel the torments of the void.

Having overcome his crisis of faith, Thomas, went on to bear courageous witness to Jesus, and became one of the greatest missionaries of the early Church. According to tradition, he brought the Gospel to Persia, Syria and India, where he was martyred. Thomas was the first of the apostles to die for the faith.

Jesus invites us to draw close to him in faith and to look at his wounds. Even though we can't touch him physically, we can draw close to him spiritually. And we too are called to bear witness to others. Our task is to make Christ 'visible' in the world. That's the way it was with the first disciples. Once they had seen Christ, they felt compelled to make him known to others. The world today is full of doubters and unbelievers. The only way they will be converted to belief is if they can 'see' Jesus and 'touch' him in his followers. But if his followers have no wounds of love to show them, the unbelievers are not likely to be convinced.

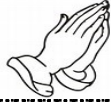
May we deserve to be numbered among those whom Jesus declared blessed, namely, 'those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

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## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Thanksgiving** : Steven Bakulic / Stipe Bakulic / Lil / Skoczylas Family /  
 Special Intention : Joshua and Taylah /  
 Birthday : Suhendra Prajitno / Bobby Mathew

## This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



- \* Dr Lydia de Jesus
- \* Dr Joycelyn de Jesus
- \* Jaypee Masangkay
- \* Aida Dayao
- \* Maria Vu
- \* Alan & Margaret Raisbeck
- \* Mick Jones
- \* Noelene Bartlet
- \* Wally Skoczylas
- \* Carmencita Palma
- \* Dr. Cyd Orosco
- \* Agatha Go Ay Nio
- \* Resty Perez
- \* Vivian Martin
- \* Andrea Tuazon
- \* Nelia Ambat
- \* Arman Diola
- \* Antoinette Lie Njoek Djin
- \* George Serrano
- \* Sarah
- \* Adela Montalua

- \* Eva Silang
- \* Carole Dimayuga
- \* Selda Dimayuga
- \* Nancie
- \* Mason Dulalia
- \* Jun & Charo Doctors
- \* June Carroll
- \* Fellie Duggan
- \* Stanislava
- \* Anthony Smith
- \* Elizabeth Messain
- \* Danica Kutle
- \* Eliza
- \* Jake Valte
- \* Lita
- \* Monique Yongching
- \* Romulo Cabrera



## THIS WEEK MASSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF :



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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ✠ Gregorio Damicog Sr.                          | ✠ Rosemarie Maher     |
| ✠ Rufino Artuz Jr.                              | ✠ Colin Waldon        |
| ✠ Mabel Artuz                                   | ✠ Vida & Ari          |
| ✠ Jelena Vukovic                                | ✠ Felizardo Berioso   |
| ✠ Jose Thomas Kuttikattu                        | ✠ Felicidad Berioso   |
| ✠ Apolonia Nunag                                | ✠ Aalap Ghosh         |
| ✠ Rogerio Pineda                                | ✠ Ivor Collom         |
| ✠ Jose Cabacungan                               | ✠ Edward Bittar       |
| ✠ Guadalupe Cabacungan                          | ✠ Loretto Kreltszheim |
| ✠ Manuel Crescini Sr.                           |                       |
| ✠ Michael McManus                               |                       |
| ✠ Elizabeth Boson                               |                       |
| ✠ Anotnio, Epipanio, Eugenia, Cristino          |                       |
| ✠ Clifford, Teresa, Margareat, Cecilia, Vincent |                       |
| ✠ Deceased Members of Quiah family              |                       |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory                        |                       |



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**SVD Prayer** : *"May the darkness of sin and night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the spirit of grace, and may the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all. Amen"* **Saint Arnold Janssen**

**Parish Prayer**: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the loving and supportive environment in our Parish, where people of diverse backgrounds come together to encounter You in the Holy Eucharist and glorify Your name in prayer and song. We pray for all priests and parishioners who have given their time and service to You through ministries in the Parish and local community. We pray that through the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit we may continue to grow stronger in faith and spread your message of love and forgiveness. All of this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ through the intercession of His Mother Mary. Amen.*

## Roster for Next Week - 3rd & 4th May 2025

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| <b>(1) First Reading</b> | <b>(2) Second Reading</b> |
| <b>(3) Ministers</b>     | <b>(4) Altar Servers</b>  |

### 03/05- 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Pierre Rochecouste                    | (2) Shamila D'Souza |
| (3) Terry B / Teresa B / Irma G / Jisha J |                     |
| (4) Nerayo / Neejay Santos                |                     |

### 04/05- 8.00 am

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Koreti Faaso                        | (2) Louise Phillips |
| (3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Alla B |                     |
| (4) Shakira & Audrey Liutai             |                     |

### 04/05 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Jackie Heeraman                        | (2) Marc Ghignone |
| (3) Carmen A / Marc G / Nancy K / Eileen P |                   |
| (4) Jayson Huynh / Tomjo Rinson            |                   |

### Church Cleaners (03/05)

### Exodus

Sue Titmarsh / Geoge Hogan  
 Harold & Pierrette Maurice