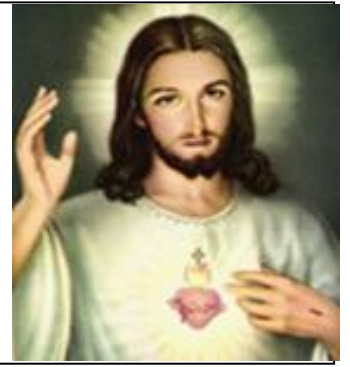


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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month
at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 5 May

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) Sunday 24 April 2022

The Doubts of Thomas and the Divine Mercy

Of all the Apostles, perhaps Doubting Thomas experienced the Divine mercy most dramatically. He was mad that Jesus had failed. He was brooding over it, nursing his anger and sorrow in solitude. So, when he finally heard the news of the Resurrection, he wouldn't accept it: "Unless I see the mark of the nails... I will not believe."

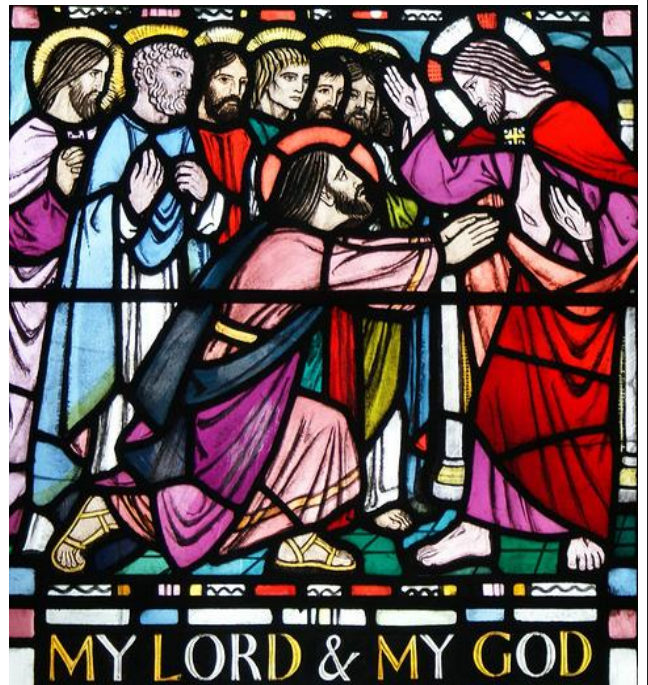
A week later, on the second Sunday after the Resurrection, Divine Mercy Sunday, Thomas is with the other Apostles, still locked inside the room and inside their fears and doubts. Jesus comes through those locked doors once again, and wishes them peace. And then what does he do? Right after he greets the whole group, His very next words are for Thomas: Touch my wounds, Thomas; believe in me! What look do you think was in Jesus' eyes at that point? I think he was smiling. He was glad to oblige Thomas' stubborn request. He wasn't offended by the Apostle's hesitation and resistance. He was just eager to get Thomas' faith back.

And Thomas sees this, and he sees that Christ humbly lowers himself to Thomas' level, letting him touch him, letting him feel Christ's real, physical presence... And Thomas falls on his knees and is the first Apostle to proclaim his faith in Christ's divinity, calling him "My Lord and my God", the very titles given to God throughout the whole Old Testament.

How about us? We are all Doubting Thomases. We all resist God's action in our lives in one way or another, get mad at Him, don't trust

Him, and rebel against Him. And it is precisely in those moments and those corners of our lives where Jesus wants to show us His boundless mercy, come down to our level, and win back our faith.

https://www.epriest.com/homily_packs/build/18



MY LORD & MY GOD

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
16-April 7:30pm Holy Sat Vigil	volunteers	Terry Murphy
23-Apr-22	Rohan Lemos John Kmaid	Mary Harb
30-Apr-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
24-Apr-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
01-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard
24-Apr-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
01-May-22	Robert Dullard Volunteer	Margaret Bannan

Cleaning Roster:

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Dorothy Morrow (funeral Wed 27/4 at 11am)

Filippo Anfuso (RIP 16/4)

Livinia De Napoli

Fernando Sambuco (funeral Fri. 29/4 at 11am)

Frank Furnari

Lam Wai Yee Tansy (RIP 15/4)

We Commemorate

Crocco, Moretti, Gelain, Rizzo, Bradshaw, Borowicki & Valier-D'Abate families

Maria & Peter Tran

Pedro De Melo & J J De Melo (1 month)

John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,

Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,

Teresina & Valter De Stefani,

Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin

and all deceased members of the

Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.



**O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Monday 25th April	Anzac Day
Tuesday 26th April	St Mark, evangelist
Wednesday 27th April	St Louis Grignion de Monfort
Thursday 28th April	St Peter Chanel
Friday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena
Saturday 30th April	St Pius V



Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate
Ashish & Hannah

for their Wedding
celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church
on Saturday 23 April



May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



Welcome before Baptism

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community
Maverick Mendoza & Orlando Farina,
in preparation for their Baptisms on 30 April & 1 May.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Killian & Jarlath Guing & Aoife Brennan

for their Baptisms on 24 April 2022.



Last Week's Collection: 17/4/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$2,303

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,108

Holy Land: \$1,256

Project Compassion: \$1,035

Easter offering: \$302

Thank you for your kind generosity!



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



"Honour your father and mother" is a solemn commitment. It is not just about our own father and mother, but about the old age of life... We received the love of our parents, of our grandparents, and now we return this love to them..



Two special Masses as we emerge from COVID

Two special Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli in May to recognise and remember some of those whose lives have been especially affected by the COVID pandemic:

Mass of Thanksgiving for Health and Aged-care Workers

Sunday 1 May 2022, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

(Feast of St Joseph the Worker and May Day),

Employees in the aged- and health-care service sectors are invited to attend this Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, with hospitality to follow.

Mass to commemorate those who have died during the COVID pandemic

Sunday 22 May 2022, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

This Mass will be offered for all the departed who could not be mourned properly or whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.



The LEST WE FORGET ceremony at the Sydney Town Hall will be televised LIVE & COMMERCIAL FREE on Channel 7 from 3.30pm on Anzac Day.

This special Anzac Day commemoration will feature the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra alongside:

The Royal Australian Navy Band, Lancer Band (Army), a Full Orchestra & Choir also featuring musicians from the Sydney Youth Orchestra and the Australian Military Wives Choir
PLUS Normie Rowe, Mark Vincent, Amelia Farrugia, John Schumann, Simon Tedeschi, Judy Nunn, Bruce Venables, Donald Macdonald and Australian Veterans from Malaya, Vietnam, Cambodia, East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq.



Thank you! from all at Caritas Australia!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

Please return your Project Compassion boxes this week



Accommodation Sought

A family (mother and two children) is anxiously seeking accommodation in Preston that is affordable to their circumstances and accessible for the mother's place of work and children's schools. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 if you are able to advise or refer us to access a unit appropriate to a small family situation.

With thanks,

St Vincent de Paul Preston Conference



Meditation on Jesus

For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

John 15:4; "Abide in me and I in you".

Saturday 30th April, 2022

From 11am – 4pm.

At: **Janssen Spirituality Centre,**

22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Vic

RSVP Tel: 03-97626625 or Email:

enquiries@janssencentre.org Or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



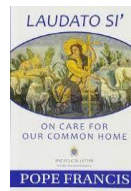
An Invitation for young adults

Do you hunger for something more?

Re-Generation is excited to announce its next event: 'Be Filled: A night of food, faith and fellowship'. Our culture promises love and happiness but often leaves us feeling empty and alone. We invite young adults to come and taste the food that truly satisfies: the eternal love of God. Be inspired by sound, teaching, uplifting music and meaningful connections. An evening not to be missed!

Saturday April 30, 7pm-9pm Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, (entrance off Barkly Street) East Brunswick

Register now: www.trybooking.com/BYONZ



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis writes:

"So far, I have attempted to take stock of our present situation, pointing to the cracks in the planet that we inhabit as well as to the profoundly human causes of environmental degradation. Although the contemplation of this reality has already shown the need for a change of direction and other courses of action, now we shall try to outline the major paths of dialogue which can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us (LS 163).

In 2015 when Pope Francis published his Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, he was anticipating that the environmental crisis would get worse, and he was fearful of the impact it would have on the most vulnerable people in poor communities around the world. His principal message is that we hear the cry of the Earth but also the cry of the poor.

In the past, popes have written letters to the faithful in the Catholic family, but Pope Francis wrote this letter with the whole population of the world in mind. The environmental crisis brought about by global heating and depletion of ecosystems is not just a Catholic problem, it is a universal problem, and everyone is called to respond to the need to undergo an ecological conversion, that is, that every decision we make must be made with the health of the Earth in mind. He calls each one of us to be a faithful custodian of our common home.

Saint Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology, please bless our struggling common home.



Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022. Booking, payment & more information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Joke Corner

An atheist was complaining to a Catholic friend. He said, "Christians have their special holidays like Easter and Christmas. Jews have Passover and Yom Kippur. And Muslims also have their special days. Every religion has its holidays but we atheists have no holidays. It's unfair and it's discrimination!"
"What do you mean atheists have no holidays?" the friend said. "People have been observing a special day in your honour for years."
"What do you mean? the atheist said. "When is there a special day honouring atheists?"
"Every April 1," said the friend.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

First reading Acts 5:12-16

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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 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**

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. **Response**

Second reading Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

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 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 a 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.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen

from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in 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, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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