

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of Children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledge its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the Police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone (02) 9390 5813 or via email SafeguardingEnquiries@SydneyCatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest. The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the Police.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE

You must keep your personal details up to date so that you can be contacted about your Working with Children Check (WWCC). Go to <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/apply-wwcc/update-or-upgrade-your-wwcc-details> for more information. Please provide the Parish office with a copy of your WWCC. Thank you.

The Catholic Weekly

IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

- Archbishop Fisher shares reflections on women, joy of new Catholics
 - Pope Leo preaches peace in his first Easter as pontiff
 - Pope Leo names Bishop Daniel Meagher for Rockhampton
 - Michael Cook: Pope Leo and Pete Hegseth
 - Philippa Martyr: the proof of God's mercy.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

The Secret of The Holy Face
AUSTRALIAN TOUR

TOUR DATES: APRIL 16 - 27, 2026
SYDNEY - CANBERRA - ALBURY - MELBOURNE

SPEAKER: FR LAWRENCE CARNEY
AUTHOR: THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE: "THE DEVOTION DESTINED TO SAVE SOCIETY"

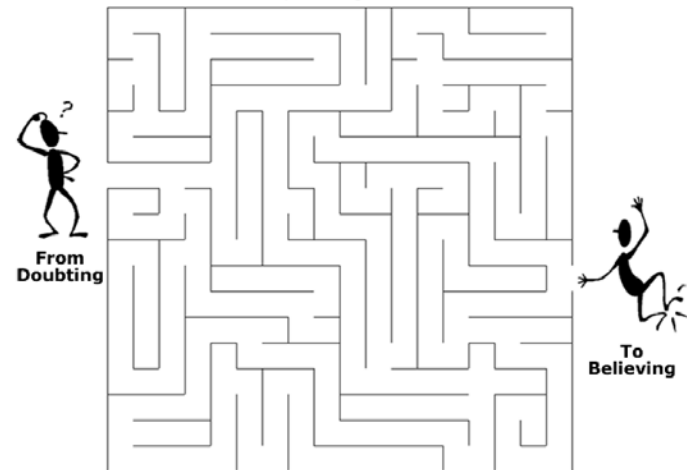
Hearfelt Community PAROUSIA

"JOIN THE RANKS OF SAINT THERESE AND OTHER SAINTS IN THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FACE AND CONTEMPLATE HIS FACE TO HELP RESTORE CHRISTENDOM"

KIDS CORNER

Believe it or not — he is risen!
John 20:19-31

Stop Doubting and Believe



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:27 (NIV)

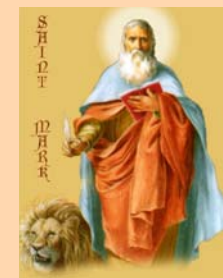
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

- SAT 11 APR—St Gemma Galgani
- SUN 12 APR—**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
- MON 13 APR—St Martin I
- TUE 14 APR—St Abundius the Sacristan
- WED 15 APR—St Abbondio
- THU 16 APR—St Bernadette Soubirous
- FRI 17 APR—St Potentienne
- SAT 18 APR—St Deicola
- SUN 19 APR—St Martha of Persia
- MON 20 APR—St Wiho of Osnabruck
- TUE 21 APR—St Anselm
- WED 22 APR—St Agapetus I, Pope
- THU 23 APR—St George, St Adalbert
- FRI 24 APR—St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- SAT 25 APR—**ST MARK THE EVANGELIST**
- SUN 26 APR—St Cletus
- MON 27 APR—St Louis Grignon de Montfort
- TUE 28 APR—St Peter Chanel
- WED 29 APR—St Catherine of Siena
- THU 30 APR—St Pius V, Pope



PARISH PLANNING WORKSHOP PROCESSIONS
WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL | 7.00PM - 8.00PM

PARISH RENEWAL TEAM
GOMAKEDISCIPLINES.ORG.AU

PASCHAL EUCHARIST
19 APRIL
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
ST MARYS CATHEDRAL

REGISTER NOW

A celebration for the New Catholics of the Archdiocese of Sydney.
Enjoy Holy Mass and fellowship with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Didaskō
FAITH FORMATION 2026
The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Apr Introduction to the Eucharist (Free Event)
Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv

May The Eucharist in Scripture
Dr Mario Baghos

Online via Zoom
Cost per month: \$35 per person (+ BOOKING FEES)
\$100 for Parish Groups, in-person gathering (+ BOOKING FEES)
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

We are called to reach out to everyone with the Love of God.

NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES:

Mon–Sat: 9:00am
Sat: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8:00am & 10:00am
Youth Mass: 7:00pm
(First Friday of the Month)
Tongan Mass: 2:00pm
(Last Sunday of the Month)
Filipino Mass: 3:00pm
(First Sunday of the Month)

RECONCILIATION: Wed 6:00pm–6:45pm,
Sat 4:00pm–5:15pm

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Wed 6:00pm–7:00pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by appointment, please contact the office.

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APRIL

Month of the Holy Eucharist

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

—MyCatholic.life



giveness of sins and punishment" (#699).

A third way is through the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in order to "receive great mercy at the hour of death" (#687).

A fourth way is by honouring Jesus' passion at the three o'clock hour, described as "the hour of great mercy for the whole world" (#1320).

A fifth way is through an apostolic movement to spread the message of Divine Mercy. God is calling each of us not only to receive His mercy but to spread that mercy to others.

We should see the messages in Saint Faustina's Diary as messages God especially desires we learn and live today. With Saint Faustina's death in 1938, the messages were revealed. After decades of study, Pope John Paul II canonized Faustina in 2000 and established the universal Feast of Mercy on the last day of the octave of Easter.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, ponder the profound significance of this new form of devotion for the Church and world. We need God's Divine Mercy to flow from the gates of Heaven upon us more than ever. Only in Heaven will we understand the full depths of God's Mercy. For now, we must trust all that He has revealed through his humble servant Saint Faustina and respond to the requests He has given to us through her. Commit yourself to the various ways God has called us to call upon His Mercy and do so with as much vigour and devotion you can offer Him. The following is the three o'clock prayer Jesus gave to Saint Faustina.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (#1319). Jesus, I trust in You.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to find ways, centred on the love of God, to provide a welcoming Parish, a place of spiritual nourishment, and a home to a community that supports everyone and encourages them to contribute their gifts.

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

2:42—47

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2—4, 13—15, 22—24

R. 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'. **R.**
- I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**
- 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

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PETER

1:3—9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

20:19—31

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 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'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 19 APR 26—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Acts 2:1, 22—33

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1—2, 5, 7—11

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:17—21

Gospel: LUKE 24:13—35

The Word of the Lord



PARISH / LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers Needed

CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help especially during our Sunday liturgies. If you're able to, please send your details to the Parish Office via email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au stating which ministry you'd like to help—Collector, Lector, Choir, Eucharistic Minister etc. For more information / registration details, go to: <https://Liturgy.SydneyCatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support and God bless you.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—REMINDER

During Holy Hour (Adoration & Benediction) from 6:00pm to 7:00pm every Wednesday evening, Father will also be available for confession. All Welcome.



LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Our church is cleaned by volunteers. Please place any rubbish you have into the bins at the entrances, or take them home with you. If you can help clean our church, inside & outside, please contact the office on 9759 1280 or email admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au. Thank you for keeping our church clean.



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass
Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028

Sunday 12 April
Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass times:
8:00am - Morning Mass
10:00am - Mass for Volunteers
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Mass

Confessions: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Happy Birthday
Deacon Christopher (12 April 26)

ANZAC Eve Mass

Friday, April 24th, 2026
6:30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Bus trip to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.
Sunday 17 May.
Bus leaves at 7:30am - \$50 a ticket.
Breakfast provided, please bring your lunch. Bus returns at 2:30pm.
Contact Georgette (0421 286 180) or Kalala (0434 988 030) for more details.

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer requests and intentions. Email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au Phone: +61 2 9759 1280
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY—APRIL

2nd—Vincent Keogh; 3rd—Ilda Simoes Wright; 4th—Gin Camilleri; Libera Berton; James McNally; 5th—Veronica Logan; Pelagia Martin; George Siao; Harry Ritchie; 6th—Margaret Ellen Philpot; Paul Lenh Pham; Remedios Nuyda; 7th—Shelton Petris; 8th—Eileen Rayner; Maria P Colela; Joan Belbin; 9th—Coral Hadley; 10th—John J Ewing; Vincent Toohey; Maria G Milazzo; James Humphries; 11th—Win Feeney; Helen Busuttill; Edna Nay; Mgr Lex Johnson; 12th—Dadlan Morrissey; Matthew Johnson; 13th—Sr. Inez McKane; Alfredo Perla; 14th—Anthony Rapinett; Albert Worth; John Campbell; Edward J Grennan; Francis Keating; Alec Swanson; Loris Boumoussa; 15th—James P Kelly; 16th—Ellen Berry; Frank Stewart; 17th—Giovanni Tomc; Edward F Julie; 19th—Maree Berkery; Bernard Wilson; 20th—Mella Khoury; Eileen Manix; Rosina Cachia; 21st—Catherine O'Connor; Mary Greaney; 22nd—Johnston McGovern; Mona Morris; Charbel Tadros; 24th—Cecil Thomas (Tomo) O'Brien; 25th—George Goldstein; 26th—Joseph F Mongan; Marie V Cush; Mangan (Joe); 27th—Louis Formosa; Alexander C Cummings; Arthur McNally; 28th—Arthur Geale; Nora J Salmon; 30th—Edmund S Kearney; Gerry Estepa; Thomas Cosgrove.

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick. Our Elderly Parishioners. Parishioners celebrating their birthdays.

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.