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18th & 19th April 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

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.'

I was thrust, 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.

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

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

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Recently Deceased: Pasquale Troiani, Betty Jubber

Anniversaries:

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovens, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Darren McInnes, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You

**are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.**

Amen.

RECONCILIATION

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six month's notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday: 9.00am - 3.30pm
Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm
Office: 9739 5977
Emergencies: 0448 658 418

PASTORAL WORKER

Wednesday 10.00am- 3.00pm
Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS

Phone Parish Office on
9739 5977

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact the Lilydale Centre on
1800 305 330
Mon-Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,
Contact Parish Office 9739 5977

Divine Mercy Sunday - reflection

Helena Kowalska (1905–1938) was born into a poor, working class, Polish family. One of ten children, she had minimal educational opportunities, and began working as a house keeper at the age of sixteen. Her family upbringing was deeply religious, and from her earliest years, Helena had a desire to serve Jesus Christ with her entire life. This predestined soul, was granted mystical experiences even in her teenage years, which drew her to join the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at the age of twenty, where she took the name Sr Maria Faustina. Here, she fulfilled the most basic and menial tasks in the convent, as porter, gardener and kitchen-hand. From outward appearances there was nothing remarkable about Sr Faustina, yet she was to be

Christ's chosen apostle to bring the message of Divine Mercy to the world. On the 22nd February 1931 Jesus appeared to St Faustina bearing the wounds of the Passion but clothed in the light of the resurrection with red and white rays streaming from his side. St Faustina was instructed to spread the devotion to Divine Mercy, and was told to "proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God!"

She was also given the seemingly impossible task of promulgating a new Feast in honour of Divine Mercy on the Octave of Easter, on which day the floodgates of Divine Mercy would be poured out on all those who seek God's forgiveness. In God's providence a young Polish Pope, John Paul II would ascend to the chair of Peter in 1978. On 30th April 2000 Pope John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine as a feast for the Universal Calendar. During this same Mass, the first ever Pontifical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, St Faustina was canonised. The message of Divine Mercy is inseparable from the message of Easter: it in no way detracts from our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ! The Sunday following the first Easter, Christ appears to the apostles in the upper room, he breathes on them, and says: "receive the Holy Spirit; those whose sin you forgive, they are forgiven!" Christ's work of reconciling sinners to the Father continues in the Church in every age. In our own times we take recourse to the merciful heart of Jesus with renewed confidence and fervour: "Jesus, I trust in you!"



For very good reason, the phrase 'we are living in very

strange times' is being

uttered over and over. It is easy to be confused and confronted by what is happening around us, and we need to look for God's healing presence in every situation, no matter how dire the circumstances. For he does, indeed, bring good from every disaster. We are unable to worship together physically this Easter, which has been a source of great sadness for so many around our world. But in the solitude imposed upon us, we have also been gifted with the potential for a unique experience of personal relationship with Jesus, who remains unimaginably close to each of us, no matter our distance from others. In this time of lock down, we are invited to lift our hearts in desire to our God, and many have simply used the silence of Holy Week to contemplate Jesus' generosity and humility in his Passion, death and resurrection, and his great love for each and every one of us, no matter our attitude to him. With our minds and hearts, we have had the opportunity to quietly wonder as Jesus is washing the feet of his disciples, and as he is feeding them with his Body and Blood, gifting us all with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the quiet corners of our homes, we have been invited to stand at the foot of his cross, appalled and desolate as we live through his Passion and crucifixion alongside his beloved mother. And now, each of us is invited to rejoice in the dazzling light of his resurrection from death, and to recognise our own potential as his personal, much loved

friend and disciple. Fr Francis prayed the Holy Week ceremonies for each of us, his parishioners, from St Patrick's church this Easter, and Fr John prayed them from St Brigid's church, Healesville, as he was scheduled to do this year. **The link for Fr John's ceremonies, recorded and posted to You Tube is <https://bit.ly/StBsHville> where you will find the ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.** Each Sunday, from now until the resumption of Masses, it is our intention to record the weekly Sunday Mass and to post it online. Legally, only 3 of us can be physically present, the Priest, a lector and the camera operator, but each and every member of our human family is carried in the prayers of these Masses and everyone is encouraged to look for them if you have access to the internet. It is therefore possible to attend Mass each and every day from our own homes during this time of lock down! The app Universalis can be downloaded for free, giving a limited version of the readings for each day. As Fr John prays the Easter Sunday Mass, you can pause the video and read through the readings of the day, resuming the video when you have allowed time for God's word to sink deeply into your soul. The Word, and Spiritual Holy Communion can continue to nourish us daily, or as often as you wish, no matter where we are or what our personal circumstances may be. For those without the internet, you can still join your desires and prayers to those of your parish family, who continue to carry each and every one of us directly to the heart of God.

Prayer is powerful, no matter its source, it starts within each of us as its centre, and joins the prayers of others as it is gathered to the gentle and loving heart of God. No one is excluded or left abandoned. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with us in each and every moment, whether we are alone or one of a vast crowd. We rejoice together, 'the Lord is risen! Alleluia, alleluia'!!



Parish staff are still available by phone to pass on any information you may need, and to care for your family in this time of stress and uncertainty. Debbie's phone number is 0448 664 731 and Sharon's is 0448 658 418. Parish email: lilydale@cam.org.au

WHAT YOU CAN DO!!
As we all go into shutdown mode, social isolation is a real danger. **Please set yourself the goal to ring at least one other person you know each day, to help keep everyone connected.** The sky is the limit when it comes to how many elderly, sick, lonely or vulnerable people you could speak to by phone. Staying in contact with family and friends is Psychological First Aid, and a lot of fun!

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS
Your parish still needs your help to survive financially. Please consider placing your donation in the letterbox slot, to the right of the area under the verandah, outside the Parish Office. If you wish to donate via electronic funds transfer (EFT), please ring Sharon on 0448 658 418.



Project compassion boxes can be left at the office on Friday mornings or you can donate directly to Caritas Australia.

Combined Parish Car Raffle has been postponed. **New Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm.**
Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020