Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

16th April 2023

Divine Mercy

Today we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

Gospel, today's the Apostle personally experiences this mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord". It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: "On the third day I will rise". He wants to see, he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side. And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer.

Let us also remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: "Peter, don't be afraid of your weakness, trust in me". Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus, and he weeps. How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus – how much tenderness is there! Brothers and sisters, let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!

Let us think too of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus: their sad faces, their barren journey, their despair. But Jesus does not abandon them: he walks beside them, and not only that! Patiently he explains the Scriptures which spoke of him, and he stays to share a meal with them. This is God's way of doing things: he is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

Adam, after his sin, experiences shame, he feels naked, he senses the weight of what he has done; and

yet God does not abandon him: if that moment of sin marks the beginning of his exile from God, there is already a promise of return, a possibility of return. God immediately asks: "Adam, where are you?" He seeks him out.

Jesus took on our nakedness, he took upon himself the shame of Adam, the nakedness of his sin, in order to wash away our sin: by his wounds we have been healed. Remember what Saint Paul says: "What shall I boast of, if not my weakness, my poverty? Precisely in feeling my sinfulness, in looking at my sins, I can see and encounter God's mercy, his love, and go to him to receive forgiveness.

(Pope Francis' homilies)

Fr Anthoni Adimai, SdM

16 Apr: Feast of the Divine Mercy at St Peter Claver, Dulwich

We welcome all to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, 16 April at St Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. Exposition will begin at 1.30pm followed by reciting of the Chaplet and concluding with Mass.

A special collection will be held at Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday. No prior bookings are required. All are welcome to attend.

15/16 Apr: Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The Knights of the Southern Cross SA will complete their Centenary Celebrations with a "Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving" of the "Mackillop Cross". This is to celebrate the life and work of St. Mary MacKillop. The Cross will be on display in the Cathedral on 15 and 16 April. This beautiful cross was made from the discarded floor boards of the original school founded in Penola by St Mary MacKillop. Two identical crosses were made from the narrow floorboards by the KSC team of Penola in 1986. The first cross was presented to Pope John Paul in 1986 and second cross was presented to the then Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Edward Clancy and remained in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney for many years. All are welcome to come and pay their homage during this special occasion.

Easter Edition of the Southern Cross

Please take home a free copy of this month's edition of *The Southern Cross* from the church foyer. The Easter edition includes all the latest news and events in our local Church community including parishes and Catholic schools. You can also view the online edition at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



Regular Mass Timings

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St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses Sat : 6pm(Vigil)

Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

<u>Confessions</u> Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm

Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

<u>Public Holidays*</u> 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral *Except 26 January and 25 April - Mass at 9am ONLY at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions (Thu): 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguese) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

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 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is

good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, have mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do no be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Liturgies & Activities (17th Apr - 23rd Apr)

Mon St Kateri Tekakwitha

Fri St Anselm

Sun Third Sunday of Easter

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Rosalia Mastrocinque (SPC),

Domenica Treccasi (QoA)

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Giuseppe Musico, George Fernandes and Isidoro & Michelina Annichiarico, Jacquie DeAngelis, Barbara Cho and Harry Miragentis.

Queen of Angels: Michael Ferrabetta, Antonio Rosario, Caterina Ielasi, Saverio and Anna Sergi

Holy Name: Bruno Bosco, Carmela Paola and Rosa Zarolo.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver:

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Annunziata Monterosa, Maria Therese Cummins, Fidy Ruivivar, Maryellen, Brian & Rosemary Brazier, June Cochrane, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Msgr. Robert Egar, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, Julie Nelson, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'cruz, Shaun and Joseph Coleiro

19 Apr: Child Safe Environments Briefing

All volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90-minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on Wednesday 19 April 2023 in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish Hall, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide from 10:30am – 12:00pm. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

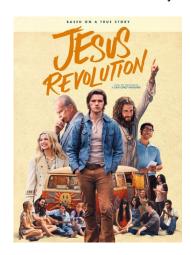
Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session**, either via email (please provide your name, parish, volunteer role and a contact telephone number) childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au or please call 82108159. Thank you for your part in helping us to provide care and safety for our children and young people.

**If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RRHAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.

There will be **no free parking available** at the Adelaide Cathedral Carpark on the day. However, there are a number of public car parks in the area in Gawler Place, Roper Street and at the Central Markets which offer parking for a fee. There are also public transport options with stops in Wakefield Street (bus) and Victoria Square (tram).

23 Apr: 'Jesus Revolution' screening

The BICC are hosting a private screening of a new release movie called "Jesus Revolution". The movie will be screened on Sunday 23 April at the Wallis Cinema, Level 1, Mitcham Shopping Centre. Tickets are now available at \$20 per person. Pre-booking is preferred as limited tickets will be available on the day.



The Burnside Inter-Church Council is raising funds for Pastoral Care Workers in local schools. All proceeds will help provide extra hours for our PCWs, which means more opportunities to support children, families and staff who need it.

Kindly visit the Parish Office on 39 Wakefield Street, to purchase your ticket. Last day to purchase tickets is 21 April. Office hours are Mon to Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm.

25 Apr: ANZAC DAY

There will be only one Mass at **9am** at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on ANZAC Day -Tuesday 25 April. The day commemorates the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand military personnel who have died during war. All are welcome to attend. No bookings necessary.

25 Apr: No Holy Hour

There will be no Holy Hour in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Tuesday 25 April. Please note the same and inform your friends and family. The inconvenience is regretted.

27 Apr: Knitting Group Recommences at Dulwich Hall

Following our usual summer break, the first meeting of the Knitting Group for 2023 will be on Thursday 27 April in the Hall at Stuart Road, Dulwich, across the road from St Peter Claver's Church, starting from 10.30 am. All parishioners and friends are welcome. Some have been enquiring about our start date, as those who attend find it an enjoyable and relaxing day. Stay, knit and have morning tea with us, or call in for a chat. If you wish, bring a light lunch and stay longer. We had hoped to start in March this year but neither coordinator is available to host an earlier start.

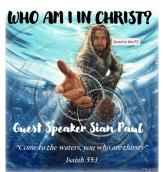
If you have spare balls of 8 ply wool, we would appreciate your donation to help our knitters. We knit or crochet 25cm squares to make into rugs for local people in need. We need help to join squares into rugs, if that would be a better match for your skills. Further dates for the year are the 4th Thursdays of the month - 25 May, 22 June, 27 July, 24 August, 21 September. For further information, contact Cheryl (0417 015 338) or Julie (0468 636 190).

May 2023: Rosary by the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Prayer Group of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish will recite the Rosary at the Mary Mackillop Plaza outside St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral every first Saturday of the month at 8.30am starting from May. All are welcome to join in.

20 May: "Who Am I in Christ?" A Youth Retreat by Charis SA

Charis SA invites all young people, families and all who wish to be inspired to a "Youth Retreat" reflecting on "Who Am I In Christ" on 20 May 10.30am to 3.00pm at St Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. It will include Praise & Worship, teaching, activities, reflection, Mass and Adoration. Please contact 0450651900 to register. Tea & Coffee provided. All Youth are welcome.



Latin Mass Community Announcements

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Weather permitting, there will be a BYO picnic after the 9.15am mass at Mellor Reserve, Beulah Park (Tennis Courts available), with Divine Mercy Devotions in Holy Name Church at 3pm.

This Tuesday and Wednesday Frs McCaffrey and Sofatzis will be in Sydney for a meeting of the FSSP priests of Oceania. Therefore will be no Masses at Holy Name on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The other Mass times are as normal

(Fr McCaffrey will be on annul leave from 20th to 26th April.)

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr McCaffrey or Fr Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

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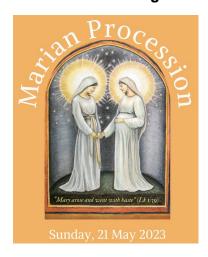
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Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Damian Wyld, Anthony Green (Benedict Green and Anna Ross' son), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

21 May: Marian Procession 2023 Save the date and Change in Venue



The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 21 May beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) processing up King William St into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the *Feast of the Visitation* in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place. However, it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Each year, our parish runs a series of instruction for adults who are interested in joining the catholic faith. This is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The 2023/2024 sessions will start in late August 2023.

If you are interested in joining this group, or even have an interest in finding out more about the catholic faith, you are invited to contact the Parish Office on 8210 8155, or you can email the office on acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Support the Caritas Network in Türkiye-Syria

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

Your generous donation means Caritas partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.