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Divine Mercy Sunday
8th April 2018

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

“I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.”

— Abraham Lincoln

A little girl walked daily to and from school. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trip to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got in her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly, each with the little girl stopping, looking up and smiling. Finally, the mother called over to her child and asked, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "Smiling, God just keeps taking pictures of me." - Unknown



Even in the midst of frightening events, one can still think of God and wittingly face the events with a positive note. The joy and hope which Easter brought us should not be overshadowed or dimmed by fear or hopelessness. The tsunami of Crucifixion swept away the dreams, expectations of the disciples and now they locked themselves at the Upper room for fear of the Jewish authorities. We can assume that they were discouraged, lacking in hope, and maybe even angry at their Master. Added to their confusion, the women who had gone to the tomb claimed to have seen Him alive. It is but natural for the people who have ‘stuff’ going on in their lives to retreat, withdraw and even hide. Probably, Thomas may have taken this approach as his absence is not explained. In this gloomy situation, Jesus appeared in their midst. The rest of the story is well-described in the Gospel of this Sunday. With the presence of the Risen Jesus, a new reality is born: a new hope, a new vision, a new serenity. They receive an inner peace. Their faith is now restored. We learn from the Scriptures as well as from the scholars that the first century Christians lived as if they were already raised from the dead. All afflictions, sufferings and even death could not rob them of the joy Jesus brought them. The gospel of today reinforces that our caring Jesus does not leave anyone indifferent, leaving them to be buried in their frustrations, despair and fear. He transforms our lives in every aspect as we open ourselves up to his creating Spirit.

Jesus will not allow anything to come between you and His mercy. No demon, no power, no curse, no sin, no anger, no loss, no bitterness can prevent you from accepting His full forgiveness. Only your will can separate you from Jesus, but the moment you ask forgiveness Jesus' mercy is yours.

“Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28-30)

“I am with you always, to the close of the age.”
(Matthew 28:20)

Jesus, I Trust in You!

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not dome justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"

The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus is so merciful towards us, we need to show mercy towards our own brethren. The world around us, even our own worlds of family, school, institutional church, and work is full of needy people: people who need material goods, people who need forgiveness, people who need encouragement, people who need guidance... People who need justice, People who need appreciation, acknowledgement and human dignity. In short, people who need to experience the bountiful mercy of Jesus. We are His friends and companions, the ones entrusted with the task of communicating that love and mercy.

God's blessings, Fr .Vince



The Kenthurst Country Fair
Sunday 6th May, 2018
We really need your help!

Check the foyer and grab some raffle tickets and sponsorship forms!

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A TRUE STORY

One of our catechists had asked her students to colour in a drawing of an angel. She was surprised to see one student colouring his angel black.

The catechist said, "Why did you colour the angel black?"

The student replied, "Teacher, it's because you always wear black, and I think YOU'RE an angel."

It's true—our volunteer catechists ARE angels to these children. They bring God's messages of joy, hope, and love to the students at Glenhaven, Dural, Annangrove, and Kenthurst Public Schools. If you can spare an hour on a Thursday or Friday, **please consider becoming a catechist!** Join this team of dedicated men and women who simply want to share their faith in their own humble way.

Training and materials will be provided. For details, please contact Maureen Jones [0419512252](tel:0419512252).



Let us pray for the children of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 11th and 12th April at 7pm.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **5th May** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the resource room behind the chapel.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for Confirmation, as well as lovely gift items for Baptism, First Communion, even anniversaries and birthdays!

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 3207.70

Easter Offering = \$ 795

Project Compassion = \$4439.30

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land = \$2613.25

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1610

Loose = \$ 2890.35

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 6607.35 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently **changed your credit card**, please phone the parish office on **96542260**.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Garry Perrin, Jennifer Johnson, Guilio Baldacchio, and Laurence Solvyns

For the dearly departed

Giovanni Battista, Giovanna Maria Luca, Vince Finocchiaro, Martin Mileto, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Paul Cascun, Paul Spina, Mary Spina, Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joe Culligan, the deceased of the Mulvihill & Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Evelyn Swinnerton, Pietro Ceccato, Ted Manning, deceased of the Ferraro family, John Grogan, Dell O'Connor, Eugenio Loccisano, Pasquale, M Tereso, Rosino, & Giuseppina Loccisano, Luigi Fuda, Giuseppina & Giorgio Fuda, Giuseppe Agostino, Giorgio Maiolo, Maria Peroni, Richard Brownlow, and Giovanni & Marietta Dominello

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Pope Francis

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Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer at

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***If you need Fr Vincent to fill in the Parish form, please ring the office (96542260) to organise a time to meet with Father on either the 17th (Tuesday) or 19th (Thursday) of April.**

DISCUSSION ON ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES: 16 APRIL

The Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair invites you to a Table Talk: WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION. Monday 16 April from 7.30pm-9pm at Holy Spirit Church (5 Todd Row, St Clair).

RSVP to Jacinta before Tuesday 10 April via admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 02 9670 8222.

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

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PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup – Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the Holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door.

It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The Holy Man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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	COUNTERS	(10 April) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan	
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