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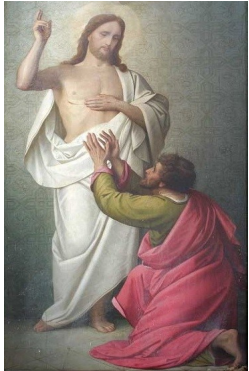
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR A - 12 APRIL 2026



“Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.” – St John Chrysostom

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

1. 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.’

2. 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.

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed by 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 had 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 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 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 13 April & Friday, 17 April - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 14 April - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Joshua McCosker and Steven Tubb; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Robert McCabe (brother of Fr Paul)

the sick: Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 6th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 7th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Wed 8th: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 9th: 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45 - 1.30pm Confession

Fri 10th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass, 4.30pm Holy Hour, 5pm - 5.30pm Confession

Sat 11th: 3.30pm Holy Mass - Ashford
5.15pm - 5.45pm Confession, 5.30pm Rosary,
6pm Holy Mass - Inverell

Sun 12th: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 10 May 2026, after Mass

Men's Breakfast: Wed 13 May 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Altar Society Roster For April: Margaret Robinson & volunteer

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Easter Dues

Envelopes will be available throughout the Easter Octave. These donations support the local clergy and that of the Diocese. Please donate generously.

Bottles of Holy Water

There are some bottles of Holy Water still available at the side of the Altar. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the Paschal Candle and other Easter expenses. Please return any old bottles to the office. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel near the altar.

Divine Mercy Devotions

Our Lord promised that He wants "to grant a complete pardon to the souls who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (from the Diary of St Faustina)

On 13 June 2002 St Pope John Paul II decreed a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church/chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for any sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (i.e. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!).

After the morning tea this Sunday, parishioners who wish to do a private devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet may do so inside the Church.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday Holy Hours

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday afternoons. However, parishioners may visit the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 8am to 12 Noon, and on Mondays from 8am to 1pm.

Use of Parish Toilet

A reminder that all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian when using the toilet or leaving the Church for any other reason.

Planned Giving

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to donate through the Planned Giving Program. These funds are greatly appreciated. As everyone is aware, the cost for everything is increasing and the Church's expenses (e.g. Insurances, utilities, etc) are also on the rise. We therefore ask those who are financially able to consider increasing the amount of your pledged giving. For anyone interested in joining the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 342

* Preface I of Easter Pg 36

* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Second Week of Easter commences on Pg 308