



Welcome to

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Mt Pritchard

Together as one in Faith



Under the Pastoral Care of the Scalabrinian Fathers Year B Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 7th April, 2024

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Fr Anthony Fregolent, CS

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Mass Times

Weekday:

Monday to Friday 9.15am

in English

Saturday 8am

Weekend:

Saturday: Vigil 5pm; 7pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am (Italian),

10.30am, 12pm (Spanish)

4pm (Vietnamese), 5.30pm

Daily Devotions

8.45am Mon, Tues & Thursday: Rosary

8.45am Wednesday: Novena

8.45am Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet

8.30am Saturday: Devotional prayer

7.30am 1st Sat. of month: Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm-5pm in the Church

Baptism:

Celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

of the month at 2pm and every Saturday

at 11am. Attendance at a Baptism

Preparation Evening is compulsory.

Marriage:

Wedding arrangements must be made at

least six months in advance. Attendance

at a Pre-Marriage Course is encouraged.

Anointing of the Sick:

We are pleased to administer Sacrament of the Sick to those in need.

The Eucharist will also be brought to

those who are ill or housebound.

OLMC Parish School: 9610 2371

Principal: Michelle McKinnon

Provincial Assembly of the Scalabrini Missionaries

Parishioners are advised that all our priests will be absent from the Parish to attend their Provincial Assembly from Monday (afternoon) 8th April until Friday 12th April.

During their absence, there will be **NO** Holy Mass at 9.15am but it will be replaced by a Eucharistic celebration from Tuesday 9th April until Friday 12th April, with readings, prayers and distribution of the Eucharist.

Normal hours will resume on Saturday 13th April.

MEETING WITH THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES

On Tuesday 9th April at 6pm the Scalabrinian Missionaries, gathered in the Provincial Assembly, will celebrate a Holy Mass in our church and we have the opportunity to meet them and celebrate with them.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Holy Mass.



Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April

Parishioners are invited to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the 7th April at 5.30pm which will include Holy Mass, Adoration, procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confession. Please see poster on the noticeboard.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (Sunday after Easter Sunday).

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Divine Mercy is a Roman Catholic devotion to the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. The three main themes of the devotion are to:

ask for and obtain the mercy of God;

trust in Christ's abundant mercy; and

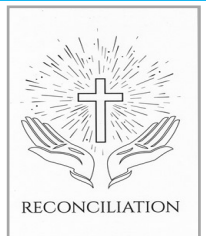
show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them.

The devotion is due to the apparitions of Jesus received by Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska, who is known as the *Apostle of Mercy*.

The Divine Mercy devotion is followed by over 100 million Catholics around the world.

Changes to Confessional Doors

In accordance with Safeguarding Guidelines, the Confessional doors have been modified to include acrylic see through panels with a design embossed on them. (see picture opposite).



RECONCILIATION

Please do not replace this bulletin—take it home with you.



Don't Forget
Daylight savings ends **this Sunday**.
Turn your clock **BACK** before you go
to bed on Saturday night.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 22nd June at 10.30am and 2pm.

Registration: Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm in the Church.

On the evening, please bring copies of:

* Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion certificates *
\$20 enrolment fee (cash only).

Please pick up a flyer from the table at the doors of the Church for full details of Sacramental program for the year.



Do you have any outstanding Project Compassion boxes or envelopes at home? Parishioners are asked to bring in donations as soon as possible so that all money can be sent to Caritas to distribute to those in need.

Help Stop the 'Equality' Bill

NSW Parliament will soon be debating a bill tabled by Alex Greenwich MP. While marketed as an 'equality' bill, the bill will have disastrous impacts on vulnerable women and children, as well as for faith communities. Amongst the proposals are the liberalisation of prostitution and surrogacy laws, the ability for a person to self-identify their sex on official documents and the stripping away of religious protections in our laws.

A parliamentary inquiry is currently underway and the community is asked to fill out a short survey (scan QR code) to express their views. Parishioners are encouraged to raise their voices against these proposed laws. The survey closes on 14th April 2024. See flyer on noticeboard.



Oremus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024

Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. Join an online 3-week short course in which practical approaches to prayer in our parishes will be considered.

Dates: 18th April and 2nd May

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm

For more information and to register, go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

Day of the Unborn Child

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb and it is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn.

An initiative of Family Life International, there will be a street procession on **Sunday 14th April** following the 10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by Archbishop Julian Porteous. All welcome. Invite family and friends as we process for life!

MINISTERS' ROSTERS 14th April

ACOLYTES

5.00pm J. Rodrigo
7.30am D. Muir
10.30am K. Lui
5.30pm J. Borsellino

MUSICIANS

5.00pm Songs of Praise
7.30am John Betsey
10.30am Anthony & Dominic
5.30pm Filipino families

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

5.00pm K. Merlino, J. Luppino
M. Campbell
7.30am C. Principe, T. Corcoran
10.30am M. Bustamante, K. Lui
5.30pm M. Stanislas

ALTAR LINEN

A. Paic

CHURCH CLEANING

Group 3:
F. Sannio

LECTORS

5.00pm A. Bonani, R. Negre
7.30am A. Chetcuti, R. Borsellino
10.30am T. Pham, M. Roberts
5.30pm Unrostered

PIETY STAND

5.00pm A. Clemente
7.30am T. Settineri/A. Polistina
10.30am L. Gava
5.30pm Unrostered



Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another. The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

Called & Gifted Discernment Process

The Called & Gifted Discernment Process is being offered exclusively for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. The process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives, and to motivate and equip them to participate in the mission of the Church. Discover how you have been blessed by the Holy Spirit to build the Kingdom of God!

Dates: 29th April – 15th July (8 sessions)

Mode: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$140 plus booking fees

To register and for more info: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/

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 4:32-35**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 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)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.
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 **John 5:1-6**
A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God

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 **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
ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Lord, We Pray Welcome Home Those Who Have Died

Monday 8th For the success of the Provincial Assembly of the Scalabrini Fathers
Saturday 13th Intentions of Offerer

Recently deceased: Milka Medjesi, Lucy Torrisi, Michelangelo Manna, Mario Dalla Zanna, Irene D'Annunzio, Maria Ritter, Marta Larrondo, Angela Jaworski, Rosina Vartuli, Emidio Alfonsi, Vicentia Ty, Thi Hiu Tio, Sister Joy Belt

Anniversary: Michelina Capra, Paulina Alimpangog, Felipa Alimpangog, Antonia Terrenal, Antonio Merlin, Rosaria Bologna, Vincenzo Fregolent

Deceased: Carlota Rosa, Filomino Rosa, Filoberto Rosa Morenito, Luciano Bologna

IN YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Emmaus Silent Retreat

From the 19th-21st April embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women. To register, go to: trybooking.com/CNSXX

Retreat Day for Liturgical Ministers

Date: Saturday 11th May 10am-4pm
Place: St Martha's Parish 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt

Fee: \$15. Registration essential.

To register, scan the **QR code** or go to **trybooking.com**

The doors open 9:30am. Morning tea and lunch provided. Free parking on site.



In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or next of kin. Specify on Mass Envelope your intentions to include person's name in Bulletin or call the Parish Office on 9610 1025.

Baptisms 6/7th April

We welcome these children into God's family and our parish community



Brielle Ly, Alina Nguyen

Weddings 6th/12th April

Two shall become one

Whitney Chieu Lam and David Vu
Dina Alakona and Behnam Almano
Rita Alqaselia and Wafer Tobya

Become a Greater Likeness of Christ!

Join Friar Ben Johnson online for a thought-provoking short course, titled 'Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology.'

Dates: 15th, 22nd, and 29th April

Time: 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Mode: Online via zoom

Cost per Course: \$35 for individuals (+ booking fees). To register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Purpose Camp 2024

Purpose Camp is back for 2024! The Sydney Catholic Youth team and Youth Leaders are working hard to make this year's high school camp bigger and better!

If you are currently in years 9-12, have the time of your life these upcoming holidays. There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussions, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith. See flyer on noticeboard.

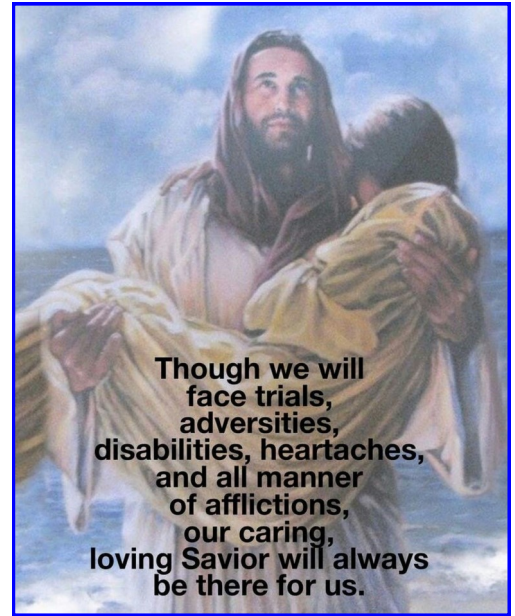
When: 9:30am Monday 22nd April to 1pm Wednesday 24th April, 2024

Where: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW

Cost: \$250

To book, visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1179693>



Though we will face trials, adversities, disabilities, heartaches, and all manner of afflictions, our caring, loving Savior will always be there for us.

Easter Raffle Draw

The Easter raffle draw has taken place. One parishioner from OLMC won a prize and the remaining winners were from the school community. All prizes have been collected.



Don't worry about other people's opinions of you. God never told you to impress people; only to love them..



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