

GOSPEL (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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SHORT HOMILY:

Today, we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday*, a feast that flows directly from the heart of Easter. It is the day Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples in the upper room, offering them the gift of peace and the power to forgive sins. "Peace be with you," He says—not once, but three times. Then, He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

In this moment, *Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the channel of Divine Mercy in the Church.* He does not condemn their past failings—Peter's denial, their abandonment—but offers healing and trust. Even Thomas, full of doubt, is not rejected but invited to touch the wounds of mercy and to believe.

The Acts of the Apostles show us the powerful effects of this mercy: healing, unity, and awe. The early Church became a sign of God's compassion, where even the sick sought the shadow of Peter for healing. Mercy made the Church a place of hope.

In the Book of Revelation, St. John sees the Risen Lord in glory, who declares, "Do not be afraid... I was dead, and now I am alive forever and ever." Divine Mercy reminds us that the victory of Christ over sin and death is for all time. His mercy endures forever.

On this special Sunday, we are called not only to receive mercy but to become ambassadors of mercy—to forgive, to reconcile, to lift burdens, and to reflect Christ's compassion in our homes, our parish, and our world.

Let us pray with trust: "Jesus, I trust in You." And may our trust lead us to share this mercy, especially with those who need it most.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

DROMANA PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. AMEN.

Please bring the **Project Compassion** boxes or envelopes back to the Church or to the Parish office. We have to gather our donation together and send them to Caritas Australia thank you for your generosity



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ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
|you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING (Acts 5:12-16)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping -mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem,

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bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117:2-4, 22-27)

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 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.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. R.

SECOND READING (Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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!

(Readings continued on the back page)

Our Lady of Fatima

CATHOLIC CHURCH + ROSEBUD

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ROSEBUD AND DROMANA PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick especially: Trevor Ives, Maria Hammer, Gordon Ives, Katie Elson, Lorraine Backway, Shirley Gardiner, Ron Keating, Harry Sullivan, Hamish Gubbins, Colleen Cooper, Miah Debernardi, Jean Robertson, Mick Millman, Raelene Watt, Jenny Brewer and Vilma Canavan , and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength. We pray for those who died recently, especially for whose anniversary occurs about



As we all are truly saddened by the death of Holy Father Francis, We pray for our beloved Shepherd, that the Lord may grant him eternal rest and reward him for his tireless service to the Church. A memorial Mass is organized by the Melbourne Archdiocese at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday at 1.00PM . If you can please attend this Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation
On 15th of May His Grace Bishop Antony Ireland our Auxiliary Bishop will Confirm our Fathima School Kids. Please keep the young-ones in your Prayers.

REGULAR EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DROMANA. ALL ARE WELCOME

- Join in **praying the rosary** half an hour before each weekday Mass.
- Novena Prayer** of Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Tuesday following 9.30am Mass.
- Choir Practice:** Every Thursday at 3.00pm. New singers welcome.
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** Every Friday at 2pm, followed up with a cuppa & chat!
- Monthly Morning Tea:** Enjoy a chat and socialize over a cuppa with your fellow parishioners in the parish hall second Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass.
- Monthly Prayer Group:** 1st Monday of the month @ 10.00am Church.
- St Vincent de Paul Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month @ 4pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome. Any enquires please contact the office.

COLLECTIONS
1st Collection for Presbytery Supports our Parish Priest and the Supply Priests of the Archdiocese. 2nd Collection for Church Supports our respective Parishes.

PHONES OFF
Please turn phones onto silent or off, and maintain prayerful quiet in the Church.

MASS TIMES
Wednesday 9:30am
Friday 9:30am
Saturday 9:30am
Sunday 9am, 5pm

HOLY HOUR (FORTNIGHTLY)
FRIDAY 10.00 AM - 11AM
CONFESSION 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

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Tuesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Sat Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 11:00am

HOLY HOUR (FORTNIGHTLY)
THURS 10.00 AM - 11AM
CONFESSION 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

To all our first-timers, visitors, and regular parishioners welcome everyone! We celebrate the gift of you to the parish. We hope this Holy Mass celebration blesses you abundantly.

20th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima – Rosebud

We thank God for the past 20 years, blessing us with this beautiful House of God, Save your date and join us as we commemorate **this Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud, on May 4, 2025. A Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, followed by a Community High Tea. All are welcome! You are invited to bring a plate to share. Please Meet Geraldine, Kathy and other ladies group if you have questions**

Please Keep **Fr. Jacob** in your prayers as he celebrates the 28th year of Ordination on 29/04/2025. May God Bless him with the Grace to persevere in his calling and continue to serve faithfully in the vineyard of Christ

50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary Celebration
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Dromana

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate 50 golden years of God's blessings, as our parish has stood as a beacon of faith, prayer, and community.

Join us for this momentous occasion as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Saturday May 31 2025. A Solemn Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM, followed by a Community BBQ Dinner filled with joy, fellowship, and fun!

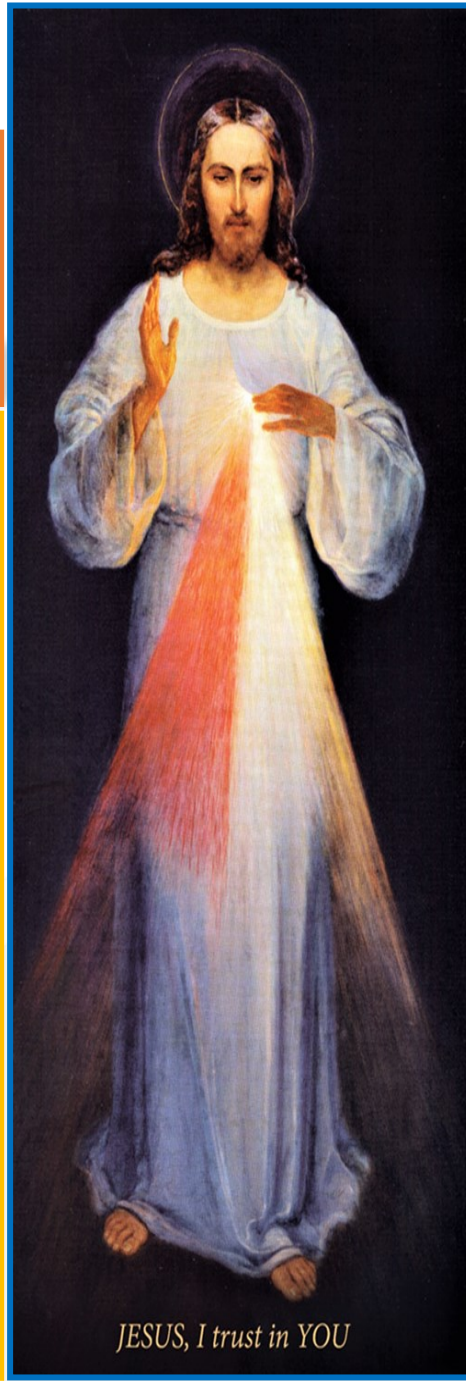
All are welcome! Bring your family, friends, and a plate to share as we mark this special milestone together. Please contact Phil Lynch, Anne Marie or other committee members.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy

- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
- O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!**
- Our Father. Hail Mary. The Apostle's Creed**
- Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
- For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world (Say 10x)**
- Repeat "Eternal Father" (4) & For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (5) 4 times.**
- Conclude with: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world 3 times.**

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