

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Today we hear the story of Thomas. Like Thomas, may the Lord open our eyes to the power of the Resurrection and transform our doubts and fears into confident faith and boundless joy. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Promoted by Sr. Faustina Kowalska, this devotion is a perennial invitation for us to face, with confidence in divine goodness, the difficulties and trials of the present and the future.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. The devotion to **Divine Mercy Sunday** grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. Among all the elements of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by Our Lord through St Faustina, the Feast of Mercy holds 1st place. In June 2002 Pope John 11 established that Divine Mercy Sunday be enriched by a Plenary Indulgence. This Plenary Indulgence does not change the promises of Our Lord, of complete forgiveness of sin and punishment of sin for those who observe Divine Mercy Sunday We are not simply called to ask for God's mercy with trust. We are also called to BE MERCIFUL.

This Sunday, we are all encouraged to observe the devotions at 3pm from our homes.

Link to the official website of the Divine Mercy centre in the US where there is a video entitled "What to do on Divine Mercy Sunday" - <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

Link to a beautiful sung version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EL8Xzj76kh0>

CELEBRATING MASS DURING CHURCH CLOSURE:

1. View the live streamed Masses on the [diocese's website](#), via the [diocese's Facebook page](#) or the [diocese's YouTube channel](#). Please note that the stream will become active a few minutes prior to starting.
2. Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome> - this excellent website provides links to *Masses Online; Sunday Readings & Liturgical Resources; Holy Week Resources; Prayers and Scripture Readings*
3. Website: www.pray.com.au - has many Resources including a 14-day online retreat prepared by the staff of *Jesuit Communication*. Though conceived to help those who must isolate themselves for 14 days during the coronavirus crisis, it is open to anyone to use at any time.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: As we are physically unable to be present at the Church for our regular Eucharistic Adoration timeslot, it is encouraged that Adorers have their usual Adoration at home by gazing at Our Blessed Lord from a Eucharistic Adoration recording, on 7 April, set up by Fr Roque. <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeart.Tba/>

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed until further notice. Peter Harbort and Ann Eyre (Chair PPC) will be working from home & will be in regular contact with Fr Roque. We will have access to all Parish emails. The Parish phone has been diverted to Peter Harbort, and either he or Fr Roque will answer.

CARE AND CONCERN GROUP: Our aim is to ensure that all parishioners, have a nominated person, who checks regularly to see how the parishioner is managing and enquiring if they need any assistance. For those parishioners who do not have internet access, the Care and Concern Volunteer will pass on Parish information. Please consider becoming a Care and Concern Volunteer - contact Ann 043 242 1962.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH

Fr Roque and the Parish Finance Committee wish to express their appreciation to parishioners for their ongoing financial support of our parish, and appeal to parishioners to continue to do this in this current difficult time. While Masses have been cancelled for the present, all parish regular expenses need to continue to be paid.

Many parishioners are already making their contributions by direct debit or electronic transfers, but for those using the envelopes or cash we will need to make other suitable arrangements. For those who are using gifting envelopes or cash, would you be able to consider, if possible, making your contributions by direct debit or electronic transfers?

The bank account details for anyone wishing to make direct fund transfers to the parish are as follows:
BSB 084961 Account number 029611980.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Due to new restrictions placed on us all, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat am has ceased, meantime.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr Roque to be contacted if necessary

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For all our sick -those names in our usual weekly Bulletin; those with COVID – 19 and all those who are suffering and facing hardship, in any way, during this time

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already there and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE WORLD SUFFERING FROM CORONAVIRUS

“Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for all those in the world suffering from Coronavirus and for all who are in need at this desperate time. Amid the physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.”

FATHER ROQUE: I welcome you to text me your Prayer Intentions – 0434 797 528, so that I can include them in my daily, private Masses. No Mass stipend is required.

May God bless us all and keep us safe during this difficult time!