



# Victoria Point Catholic Parish

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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Year C — 27th April 2025*

The outpouring of God's love and mercy flows throughout this Sunday's liturgy. The joy of Resurrection that we celebrate in this Easter season rings out in the words of praise that we repeat with jubilation in today's Psalm: 'Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love has no end'. It reminds us that in the midst of dark and challenging times, the presence of the risen Christ is a comfort in our distress.

In the First Reading, we hear how the early Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, gather together to worship, bringing the risen Lord's healing to all who seek it. St John, writing from the place where he was imprisoned for his beliefs, describes a vision of God's endless living love (Second Reading). The risen Christ is the Alpha and the Omega: the Eternal One stands with us, encouraging us to not be afraid.

Shortly after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples are hiding, fearful of what might happen to them (Gospel). Jesus appears among them in the midst of their fear, his presence bringing them peace. Thomas is not there, and cannot believe what he is told. Eight days later, Jesus stands among them again, and the reality of the resurrection is revealed to Thomas, too.

Today, Jesus stands alongside us, tenderly drawing us out from doubt and disbelief. He has breathed his Holy Spirit upon us. Just as he sent the disciples two thousand years ago, today he sends us out, to bring peace and healing to a fractured, hurting world. Let us pray for that peace that only Christ can bring, in our hearts, in our communities and in our world.

**Reflection:** *I imagine seeing Jesus return again, and the compassion he shows to Thomas. Then I imagine Jesus suddenly being present with me, standing alongside me in my life today. I allow him to look deeply into my being; knowing, loving and accepting me, just as I am. Even in my doubt, Jesus sends me to spread his love and peace. What words of encouragement do I need to hear Jesus speak to me? What do I want to say to him? I close my prayer – like Thomas, with my own declaration of belief. Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*



## SCRIPTURES for 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 5:12-16

**Psalm** 117:2-4, 22-27 Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –  
every other Saturday at 11am

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –  
every other Sundays at 9am

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

27 April - Mass

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –  
every while at 2pm

### MONDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass

### TUESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Liturgy or Rosary

### WEDNESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

### THURSDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

### FRIDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

#### MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

#### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9am Mass



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month,  
at 10am in the Ruby Room.

### Message from Fr Jose

Fr Jose will be away on leave  
from Wednesday 30th April up to  
and including Thursday 5th June.

At St Rita's Church, Mons. Butler and Fr. Pan will  
be presiding for the Weekend Masses and  
during the week Liturgies will be held.

### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



The Group meets on  
every Tuesday at 7pm  
in St Rita's Church.

**All Welcome**

### St. Faustina Kowalska

Patron of Mercy

Feastday: October 5

Patron of Mercy

Birth: 1905

Death: 1938

Beatified: Pope John Paul II  
on April 18, 1993

Canonized: Pope John Paul II  
on April 30, 2000



Born in 1905 in Głogowiec, Poland, she dedicated her brief life to Christ in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Receiving her vocation of announcing the loving mercy of God, she left a testimony of her mystical experience in the Diary of her soul. She undertook the work of announcing and imploring Divine Mercy throughout the whole world. She died at Krakow in the year 1938.

#### The Message of the Mercy of Christ

Today we are overcome with great joy as we present to the whole Church the life and witness of Sister Faustina Kowalska, as a divine gift granted to our time. By God's Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the twentieth century, which we have just left behind. For, in the years between the First and Second World Wars, Christ entrusted to her the message of his mercy.

Anyone who remembers, anyone who was a witness and participant of the events of those years, and of the horrible sufferings that befell countless people, knows well how necessary was the proclamation of Divine Mercy.

Jesus said to Sister Faustina, "People will find no rest until they turn to my mercy with confidence" (Diary).

*From the Homily of Pope Saint John Paul II, delivered at the canonization of Saint Faustina (Acta Apostolicæ Sedis 92 [2000], 671-*



### POPE FRANCIS

*Jorge Mario Bergoglio*

17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025

*May he rest in peace.*

**A Mass in honour of Pope Francis  
will be celebrated this  
Monday, 28 April at 9am  
in St. Rita's Church.**

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training is Mandatory within the Parish.

Please make sure you are up to date with your

required training at all times.

**Copy and paste links into your web browser.**

#### Training Essentials 1

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA\\_4Ls2jw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw)

#### Training Essentials 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASKl-Sr1A>

### Remaining Feast Days of April

Monday 28th — St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 29th — St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday 30th — St Pius V, Pope

## PRAYERS

**For all those who are ill**, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Vincent Ghisleni, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Rhondda Smith, Peggy Kelly, and Melvyn, Malcom, Heather, Ray, Amilita and Marcela.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Doris Williamson.

### SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

**Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

**BSB:** 064 786 **Account No:** 100027374 **Account Name:** Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office



31 MAY 2025  
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## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

### Learn the Rosary

Monday 28 April at 4pm

St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

Please bring your Rosary Beads and Prayer Cards.



If you wish to find out more, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Jennifer Fielding — (07) 3207 9177

### Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

## PLEASE NOTE:

### WHILE FR JOSE IS AWAY

Liturgies will be held at St Rita's Church:

Each week on Mondays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays and Fridays



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## Don't Forget!

Please return your Giving Boxes & Envelopes during the Collection at Mass this weekend or at the parish office during the week.

Thank you to all who have returned them.



## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.





## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)



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