

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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JESUS' PROMISE TO US

Everything depends on the Resurrection, which is why there is no other Feast in the Church's calendar which is celebrated with such solemnity. Each day of the Octave is treated as another Easter Day.

In the early Church, the Octave Day provided the new converts from the previous weekend with the occasion to join the community for the celebration of the Eucharist, still in their white baptismal robes. Hence, the old title 'Sunday in White' (*Dominica in Albis*). You can picture the kind of community they were joining when you hear it described in the Acts of the Apostles: how they shared everything in common and met in one another's homes for the Breaking of Bread, the Eucharist.

Down through the centuries there have been many attempts to reignite the fervour and commitment of those early Christian communities. The different religious congregations of men and women, as well as some remarkable lay movements provide plentiful examples. It is fascinating to note how often they in turn needed renewing and calling back to the original vision of their founders and their 'primitive' rules.

As we reflect on the difficulties we face to live simply in our more complicated and ever-increasingly technological world, it might be consoling to realise that for all the first fervour of the early communities, the apostles themselves took time to adjust and understand what Christ was asking of them. At the Last Supper He had tried to prepare them for his own passion and death, as well as for the sufferings they would have to endure. It is not unreasonable to conclude that when Thomas questioned the Lord about where he was going and how to get there, he was speaking for the rest of the apostles and, indeed, for all of us. As we see in this week's gospel passage Thomas was not with the others when Christ appeared on Easter night and refused to accept their testimony. Hence, he is always labelled the 'Doubting Thomas' and the significance of what happened a week later when the Lord appeared again and invited him to see for himself the scars on his body.

If we were to return to the Last Supper and that moment when Thomas questioned Jesus, we would see he was not the only one with questions. Philip asked Jesus to show them his Father and "then they would be satisfied." How often do we think to ourselves: why doesn't the Lord make it clearer for us? Faith is God's gift and we need to be humble enough to receive it. When we do, then despite all the doubts and anxieties that beset us, we begin to see the power of Christ's love shining through, recognising that it does overcome all the evil and death itself. We trust that he has gone to prepare a place for us and we begin to recognise those moments when he is quietly reminding us of his promise to be with us always.

Timothy J Buckley CScR @ Majellen Media 2026

This week in the Parish

APRIL	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>
Sunday 12	9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart
Monday 13	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 14	No Mass
Wednesday 15	No Mass
Thursday 16	No Mass
Friday 17	No Mass
Saturday 18	9:00am - Rosary 5:30pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 19	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30am - Rosary 9:00am - Mass Sacred Heart

Tweed Heads Weekday Mass Times:
Mon - Fri | 9:10am Sat | 9:00am
Kingscliff Weekday Mass Times:
Wed & Fri | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday : 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY
 The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
 Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kaylene Binding

ANNIVERSARIES:

Donna Pearson, Ray Grant

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Judith Jackson-Hope, Anthony Rodighiero, Kath Dawson-Malone, Leo Kelly, Alex Lever, Rita Loughman, Isobel Grant, Fr Joseph Guinea, Gabrielle Hackenberg, Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon, Corrina Thackray.

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK :
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

READER ROSTER :

18 & 19/4: Lisa Dusi-Fox | Bernard Nolan
 25 & 26/4: Christine Wightley | Kay Ryder

ROSARY STATUE

12/4 - Paula Thornton | 19/4 - Pauline Weber

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



SUNDAY CUPPA
 RETURNING

SAVE THE DATE
 3 MAY 2026

THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships.

We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month in groups called Circles. We share a meal and often listen to a guest speaker.

Why not come along to one of our meetings - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us.

No pressure to join if it's not for you.

Venue: South Tweed Sports Club

Thursday 16 April | 5:50pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288



SAVE THE DATE



Sunday April 26th

**60th Anniversary of the Foundation
of Goonellabah Carmel in 1966**

Special Mass at 10am

Celebrated by Bishop Greg Homering ocd

Refreshments after Mass

Items made by the Sisters available for purchase after Mass

All welcome and please bring a friend

to share this joyous day with us!

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP 3RD WEDNESDAY MONTH

April Morning Tea

Wed 15 April | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Stewart Marshall 0435 036 038

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



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AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

PARISH DINNER



JOIN US FOR DINNER

MURWILLUMBAH RSL

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 5:30PM

CALL THE RSL DIRECT TO BOOK,

02 6672 1388

MAKE MENTION OF BEING WITH THE
SACRED HEART GROUP FOR TABLES

TO BE PUT TOGETHER

ALL ARE WELCOME



Children's Liturgy

RETURNING AFTER THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (117)

R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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!

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.



PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

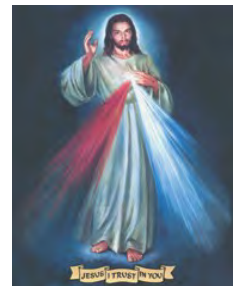
Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).

It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy.

This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Legion of Mary will lead the
Divine Mercy Chaplet
this Sunday, after the 9am
Mass.



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