

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Walking around a shopping centre and it's easy to find a shop or a stall that sells scented candles, incense, burners and diffusers along with essential oils. Often there is a strong scent of lavender which for many people has an immediate calming effect. As one breathes in the lavender, a sense of peace can consume our bodies. Quite a few people also have these items at home or at their workplaces to help them relax and bring a sense a calm and peace. Many also like to escape to spas and seaside resorts to help them recover from the stress of their daily lives.

However, even after a few days in the most tranquil resort, there must be a return to the grind and sometimes harsh reality of daily life. The joyous peace, unfortunately, has to end. One cannot stay in paradise forever.

But that's exactly what is being offered to us every day and, in fact, every moment. Not in scented candles or lavender oil, and not in an expensive resort but in the middle of the harsh reality and struggles of our everyday lives. And what is being offered is not a fleeting feeling of peace but a deeper, more grounded peace. A peace that goes beyond the sense of sight, smell and sound to the very core of our living and our very being.

Jesus appears to his disciples in the midst of their deepest and darkest fears. The disciples had locked themselves in a room, just as we can sometimes lock ourselves up when we feel threatened or afraid. The disciples had closed themselves off from the rest of the world out of fear.

But Jesus walks through the locked doors and walls of that deep, dark fear and says to the disciples, "Peace be with you." Likewise, Jesus walks through the locked doors and walls of our fear and anxiety and says to us, "Peace be with you." And just as Jesus showed his hands and his feet to the disciples after his crucifixion, so too he is showing and telling us that he understands our fears and anxieties. He knows our deepest pains and struggles for he experienced those very feelings himself. We are not alone in our struggles. Jesus has come to walk with us. Just as Good Friday became Easter Sunday, we too will overcome our worst fears and pain. Jesus is with us to open up the door of our fears and to break down the walls that have locked us in and kept others out.

Life is not meant to be lived in fear and anxiety. There is a greater reality to life that reaches beyond our daily struggles. The reality is that if we open our hearts, Jesus will be with us always. "Peace be with you."

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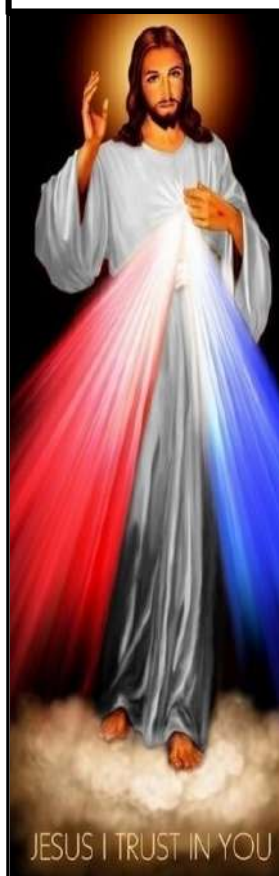
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April 2021



*Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy on us and on the
whole world.*

Our Lord's
Divine Mercy Sunday
grants forgiveness of all sins
on the Feast of the Divine
Mercy, mercy Sunday, mercy
for even the most hardened
sinners.

It is the Sunday of
Divine Mercy,
The Feast of Mercy!

*"O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from
the Heart of Jesus as a
fountain of
mercy for us.*

Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am &
10.00am

Monday-Saturday:
9.00am

Anointing Mass:

First Friday of each
month at 9am Mass

Prayer of the Church:

Saturday: 8.45am &
Novena at 9am Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday: After 9am
Mass

Rosary Group:

Each Friday: 3:30pm
in Parish Centre

Exposition:

Every Thursday
9.30am - 6.45pm
with Benediction at
6.45pm



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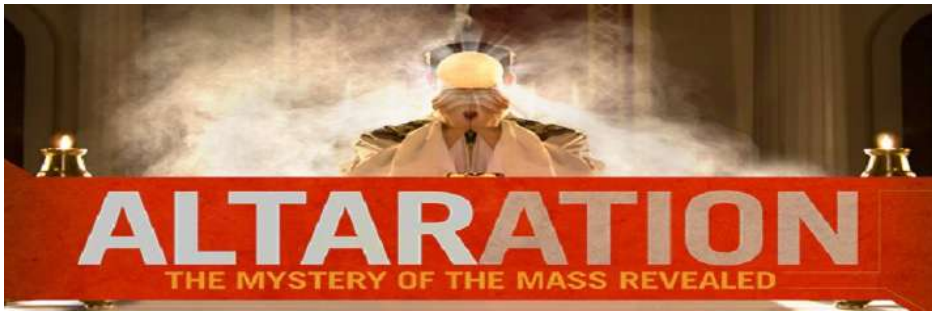
For those of you who pay your donations by autopayment, if I have your email address, you will have received your receipt by email last Wednesday.

If I did not have an email address, your receipt will be on the desk in the foyer.

For those of you who use envelopes, your receipt and new envelopes are also on the desk in the foyer.

If you have any queries regarding these don't hesitate to give me a call on 0274 332 953

Peter Coakley
Finance Committee



Altaration The Mystery of Mass and the Catholic Faith

Have you ever felt bored or confused during Mass? Do you sometimes find yourself distracted and find it difficult to stay focused? Perhaps you would like to know what the different parts of the Mass mean.

Altaration explores and enables us to understand what is happening at Mass and why the Catechism calls the Eucharist the 'source and summit of Christian life' CCC1324

Join the youth group in the parish centre this **Sunday 11th April from 5-7pm** for the first session

Course dates: 11th April, 16th May, 13th June, 18th July and 22nd Aug

Ages: 14+

Contact Maria for more information: ria.ctk.wyd@gmail.com



Sincere condolences to Karen Rassie and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, Patricia Cynthia Ann Dangerfield. May she rest in Peace!



We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during April: Melanie Heiplik, Fr Francis Gleisner CSsR, Kathleen Plank, Robin Johnstone, Trevor Clark, Ethel Van Eck, Hilma Strevens, Marguerite McCoy, James Houghton, Neville Buckler, Brigid Cotter, Patrick Lindsay

Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter 17 & 18 April 2021

1. Acts 3:13-15,17-19 2. 1John 2:1-5 3. Gospel Luke 24:35-48

<u>ROSTERS</u>	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomer	Shona Gardner	Helen Wright	Vanessah Pailate
Greeters	Desley King Paul Liu	Carmela Cheval Mary Thornton	Odelia D'Souza Amanda Gibbs
Musicians			Samoan Community
PowerPoint	Isabella or Nick Morton	Liz Pascal	Samoan Community
Children's Liturgy	xxxxxxxxxxxx		
Prayers of the Faithful	Bernie Culpan		
Ministers of Communion	Louise Morton Frank Blewman	Gerard Murphy Don Bilderbeck	Karen Rassie Greg Rassie
Readers	Cristy Pontiveros Kathy Slater	Thelma Correa Loyola Correa	Angie Oei Ora Vidak
Cleaners	Dianne Anderson & Carl Doherty		
Grace Joel	Liturgy of the Word&Communion 10.30am Delreen Rayen		
Sacramental	Programme Offertory Procession: 10.00am Simich Family		