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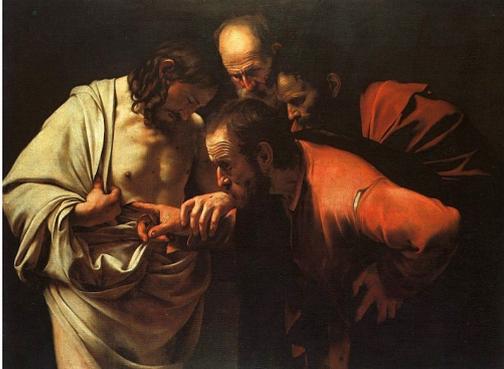
# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**DIVINE MERCY**  
**(2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

24 APRIL 2022



The Gospel today celebrates Jesus' appearance to the apostles as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles were huddled behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews". There they were: immobilised with fear, terrified that they might be next. They were also guilt-ridden for having abandoned Jesus so miserably.

Jesus came through the locked door and stood before them. We might expect Jesus - who was betrayed by Judas, denied three times by Peter, and abandoned by all except John - to 'have a go at them', the men he had called "friends" at the Last Supper. Some friends! His greeting however was "Shalom". He repeated it - perhaps because of the startled looks on his Apostles' faces when he did not censure or denounce them.

This one word, means simply 'Peace'. However it is more than that Peace can be dictated but Shalom has to be by mutual agreement? A Peace Treaty can be made but Shalom is the condition of peace. Peace can be partial but Shalom is whole.

The apostles' experience of forgiveness in today's Gospel keeps us rooted in Jesus who forgave his apostles without condition and forgives us the same way. With his loving forgiveness and its effect on us, he sends forth his disciples and us to preach and to practice what we preach.

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Holy Week and were able to meet up with family and friends.

Fr Antony / Parish Team



**Second Collection:** This Sunday there will be a second collection for the maintenance of Saint George's Cathedral.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 23rd - Fri 29th Apr

SAT	6:30pm	Francesca Candita Simpkins R.I.P.
SUN	09:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Brendan and Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	Theresa Green R.I.P.
TUE	9:15am	Rosa O'Connell - Wellbeing
WED	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
THU	9:15am	<b>No Mass - Communion Service Only</b>
FRI	6:30pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00pm	Joe Baptiste R.I.P.

### Please Pray for the Sick:

Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Dora Biasi, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Gala Lobo, John Conway, Pat Doyle, Mary Emmanus, Ian Durkin, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Susan Murphy, Martin Flatley, Jim Eggeton, Joan Loughnane and Eileen Embury.

If you would like members of your family to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

**Mass Intentions:** If you wish to offer a Mass for a friend, family member or departed loved one, please use a brown envelope, to be found in the porches. Please put into one of the collections or hand directly to Fr Antony.

**Fr Antony** has taken a well earned break and will be visiting family over the next few days, returning next weekend.

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2022

**Entrance Hymn:** 259 O flock of Christ

**Entrance Antiphon**

1 Pt 2: 2

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

**Gloria** (sung)

**First reading**

Acts 5:12-16

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.*

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.'

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.

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.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.*

**Second reading**

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

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.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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.

**Homily**

**Offertory Hymn:** 269 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Sanctus** (sung)

**Agnus Dei** (sung)

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Jn 20: 27

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

**Communion Hymns:** 663 Sweet sacrament divine  
720 Be still for the presence

**Recessional Hymn:** 320 Hail, Redeemer, King divine

### Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Poor Fund (Maundy Thursday): £350  
Holy Places (Good Friday): £475  
Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday offering: £2040

*Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.*