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## **Divine Mercy Sunday (26th/27th April, 2025)**

**Brothers and sisters,**

Today, we join the Universal Church to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated each year on the Sunday following Easter since St. Pope John Paul II established it in 2000 during the canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalska. With his wounds, Jesus intercedes before the Father. The wounds of Jesus, contain "the many problems, difficulties, persecutions, diseases of so many suffering people". When Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room after his resurrection, he brought them the gifts of "peace, joy, and apostolic mission.

The Risen One brings authentic peace, because through his sacrifice on the cross he has realised the reconciliation between God and humanity and has overcome sin and death.

The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of a new dynamism of love, capable of transforming the world with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Mercy is essential in living the Christian life, because it not only allows us to understand ourselves and God better, but it also prompts us to recognise and help those in need.

Mercy is the keystone of the life of faith, and concrete way with which we give visibility to the Resurrection of Jesus.

Mercy, is understood as a true awareness of "the mystery" that the Church is living, particularly during the Easter season.

Not only is mercy understood in various ways such as through the senses, intuition and reason, but we can also become aware of it through an act of mercy that we personally experience. This opens the door of the mind to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence.

It makes us understand that violence, resentment and revenge have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever lives these sentiments, because it deprives them of their own dignity.

Mercy also allows us to open the door of our hearts and draw close to those who are "alone and marginalised," recognising those in need and finding the right words to comfort them.

Mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of others with sharing and participation. In the end, mercy commits everyone to being instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace.

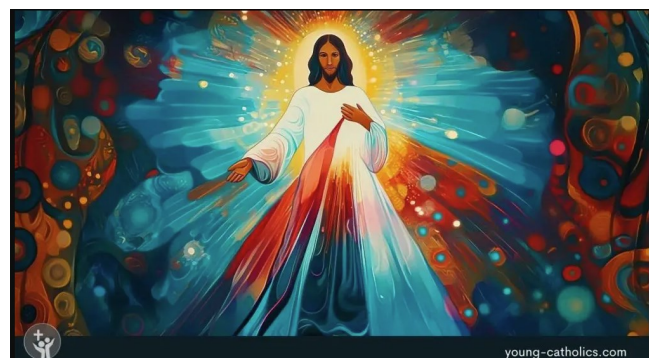
Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to take up with strength the grace that comes from the mercy of God, noting that in today's Gospel from John, Jesus appears to his disciples in the upper room, and gives them the message, "As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you".

After saying this, Jesus then entrusts them with a special task, telling them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven".

This is the meaning of the mercy that is presented to us on the day of the Resurrection of Jesus as forgiveness of sins. The Risen Christ gave his Church as a first task his same mission of bringing to all the concrete announcement of forgiveness. Each and every one of us has a call from God to be bringers of joy and peace as well as being channels of God's forgiveness to others. Knowing how difficult it is to do this always, we are given the Holy Spirit also. But need to pray often for the gift of this Spirit – to allow the Spirit to energise and empower us daily.

This commission is a visible sign of Christ's mercy, which brings both peace of heart and the joy of a renewed encounter with the Lord.

May Mary, the Mother of Mercy, help us to believe and live all of this with joy.



**God is Good, All the Time!**

**Rev. Fr. Kevin Njoku**

### Readings for the Easter Triduum

*Feast of Divine Mercy*

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

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:9-13, 22-27

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

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

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### Readings for Next Week

*(Third Sunday of Easter)*

**First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

*The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creations; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** John 21: 1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

**Monday 28th April**— St Peter Chanel (*priest, martyr*)

*Memorial*

**Tuesday 29th April**— St Catherina of Siena (*virgin, doctor*)

*Memorial*

**Friday 2nd May**— St Athanasius (*bishop, doctor*)

*Memorial*

**Saturday 3rd May**— Sts Philip and James (*apostles*)

*Feast*

### Events

**Morning tea** will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's (excluding the 5th Sunday of the month)

**Morning tea** will be served on the first Sunday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St John the Baptist.

**St Patrick's Day Dinner**—Friday 25th July

**Parish Jubilee Celebration**—Sunday 27th July

### Multicultural Day Cancelled for 2025

Due to the extent of Jubilee celebrations being planned in the Parish, the Multicultural Day for 2025 will be cancelled. This will allow us to focus on the year of Jubilee and upcoming celebrations for jubilee events.

### Money Counting

28th April—Peter  
12th May—Trish

6th May—Colleen  
19th May—Peter

### Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 5th, due to the public holiday.

### Pope Francis Funeral

The Cardinals have set the funeral of Pope Francis on Saturday 26th April at 6pm (AEST) and can be viewed live on most free-to-air channels.

### Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Ron Pokarier, Margaret Fechner, Tony Torre, Maria Malcotti, Terry Geraghty, Margaret Ford, D Wilde, Baby Jaime, Janet Young, Rosie, Paul Cameron, Margaret Salisbury, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, and Julie Fraser

**We remember and pray for those who have recently died**

**Our beloved Sister Catharina passed away peacefully on the 15th April, aged 93 years**

Her requiem Mass will be held on *Monday 28th April at 10am, St Vincent's Chapel* (131 Queens Road, Nudgee). We encourage those who can, to attend, however, the funeral will be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

**and those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Patrick Francis Moran Daly—18th April

Frank Young—25th April, 1989

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Following 9:30am Mass at Beaudesert on **Sunday 27th April**, let us all join together from 10:30am for Benediction, Adoration, and Blessing & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available during adoration.

*Did you know that the Lord said this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation"?*



### Jubilee Celebrations— Papal Blessings

Thank you to those who have either nominated themselves or their loved ones for a Papal Blessing of their anniversary.

If you have nominated yourself, or someone else for a wedding anniversary, we ask that you please send either Sam Hamer (0409 592 010) or the Parish office a photo of you on your wedding day, plus your most recent photo together. We also will need the details of the Church your wedding took place. Your help with this information is appreciated.

### Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Masses on Wednesday 30th April at Tamborine Mountain (9am) and Beaudesert (5:30pm) will be dedicated to Pope Francis. The Beaudesert Mass will include psalms for the dead. *We encourage all to attend. Please keep the Pope in your prayers.*

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### Australian Catholics Mourn Pope Francis

17th December, 1936—21st April, 2025 (88 years)

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, became the first non-European pope in centuries, the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope and the first to take the name Francis when he was elected to succeed Pope Benedict XVI in 2013.

"The sad news of the death of Pope Francis, while it does not come as a surprise given his age and his declining health in recent years, will be received with great sadness by Catholics, and by people of good will, all over the world," Archbishop Costelloe (President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) said.

"When Cardinal Bergoglio appeared on the balcony overlooking Saint Peter's Square on 14 March 2013, and was introduced to the world as the newly-elected Pope Francis, his simplicity and humility set the tone for a papacy which would be marked by an emphasis on the mercy and compassion of God, and on the Church's vocation to be a sign and bearer of that merciful love in an increasingly troubled world.

"His famous description of the Church as a field hospital where wounds could be healed and hearts could be warmed was a call to a renewal of the Church's life and mission, grounded in a return to Christ as the source and inspiration of everything the Church sought to do and to be.

"The 12 years of the papacy of Pope Francis were not without controversy. His constant call that the Church should be open to everybody caused some to fear that he was putting at risk the integrity of the Church's faith and moral teaching.

"He himself insisted, however, that he was 'a loyal son of the Church' who, in recognising his own sinfulness, had come to understand that it was the task of the Church, as it was the task of Christ, to embrace people in their brokenness and fragility and lead them to healing and wholeness."

Parishes around the country will hold special memorial Masses for Pope Francis in the coming days. Information on those commemorations can be found on local parish and cathedral websites.

"While the Catholic Church, and indeed the whole world, will now turn its attention to the election of a new pope, faithful Catholics will also be praying for Pope Francis, that the mercy and compassion of God which he proclaimed to the world will now embrace him as he enters into the mystery of eternal life," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"They will also join with so many others around the world who will remember with gratitude the simple goodness of a humble man who was ready to make of his whole life a gift of love and service, not just for his fellow Catholics but for everybody. "May he rest in peace."

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### Bible Reflection—20th April 2025

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Today is the feast of all feasts! It is the Feast of Mercy! This feast originated from the private relations given to Sr Maria Faustina Kowolska, a Polish cloistered nun who died in 1938. In the year 2000, she was canonised by Saint Pope John Paul II and the Feast of Mercy was instituted as a universal Feast of the Church.

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #300)

Reflect, today, upon God's infinite and unfathomable Mercy. The Divine Mercy is especially for those who struggle with sin. Jesus says, 'The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy' (Diary #723).

The Divine Mercy is the very tenderness and compassion of God. Run to Him, trust in Him, open your soul to Him and allow Him to pour forth an ocean of Mercy on this holy day.

Reflection taken from AOB Clergy & Parish Bulletin Vol 23#7 on 24th April, 2025

### Attention – All Catholic Families with School-Aged Children

We are currently enrolling baptised children in **Year 3 and above** for the sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration of this sacrament will be on **Friday June 6th at 6:00 pm** at St Mary's Church, Beaudesert. This is the first step in preparation for receiving First Holy Communion in 2026- thus completing their initiation into the Catholic Church.

A parent **Information Meeting** will take place, on **Tuesday April 29th, 5:00pm** at St Mary's Church, Bromelton St, Beaudesert.

If you are interested, but can't attend the above Information Session please contact the Parish Centre on 5541 1068 or [stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au) by Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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6. Press 'Give One Time', or 'Make A Recurring Gift'
7. Press 'submit' and 'give'
8. You're all done! Thank you!

### Jubilee of People with Disabilities 28-29th April



In anticipation of the Jubilee of People with Disabilities, set within a yearlong celebration of hope, we remember the words of Pope Francis in his message to people with disabilities on the 2022 International Day of Persons with Disabilities: "We come to realize that we exist as an us and not a them whenever disability, whether temporary or due to 1natural aging, affects ourselves or someone for

whom we care. Then we begin to look at reality with new eyes and we see the need to break down even those barriers that at first seemed insignificant. Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love."

Let us take these words from Pope Francis as an inspiration to look at reality with new eyes and see how the Lord is at work in our lives. We are all called to be active members of the Church community, and we all belong to the Body of Christ. It is in Christ that we find our hope and our joy for our lives. All persons with disabilities are a great gift to the Church and help to inspire hope and joy in the other members of our communities.

Let us also work to recognize the beautiful gifts and talents of all the faithful in the Body of Christ, especially those persons with disabilities who bring their unique gifts and talents to the community. During this Jubilee of People with Disabilities, let us work to highlight persons with disabilities in our specific dioceses, schools, and parishes who bring hope and joy. When we lift up and recognize the most vulnerable members of our communities with joy and appreciation, we highlight their dignity and worth in a beautiful way for others to welcome them personally as well.

We look to Christ as the source of our hope and invite Him to radiate within each of us a deeper love for one another and cultivate a place of belonging for all the faithful in our Churches. It is the hope we have in Christ that urges us to live charity towards one another.

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*God our Father,  
who created all people in your image:  
give persons with physical, cognitive, or  
emotional disabilities opportunities to do  
all that they are able to, and strengthen  
them to overcome challenges.*

*Jesus, who showed great compassion for  
those who suffer: comfort all who feel  
like their gifts are not used or that their  
value is not understood, so that they  
might take courage in your affection.*

*Holy Spirit, who fills believers with all  
good gifts: help me to reach out to  
persons with disabilities through  
friendship, care, and working to be sure  
that our church includes them in  
everything that we do and to break down  
barriers to inclusion in society.*

*We ask this in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,*

*Amen*



Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

### Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: [stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au)

Are you thinking of  
becoming Catholic?



#### Mass Times: 28th April—4th May

**Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm - 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7:00am		Tamborine Mtn 9:00am		Beaudesert 9:15am	Christmas Creek 4:30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5:30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Beaudesert 9.30am

#### Our Mission

*'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.'*

Our mission is: evangelisation of our parish and wider communities; liturgy and prayer opportunities that form, inform and transform our faith; pastoral support through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and leadership that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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