

## A TIME OF 'SPIRITUAL RENEWAL': ARCHBISHOP LEADS CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY IN BAYSWATER

On Sunday 7 April, hundreds gathered at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church parish where Archbishop Peter A Comensoli celebrated the beloved feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, which is also the conclusion of the Easter Octave. There was also a community procession with the Divine Mercy image, with participants singing and praying the chaplet as they walked outside the church. Archbishop Comensoli also led the community in the consecration to Divine Mercy, the culmination of a nine-day novena prayed together by the parish. Throughout the nine days, a first-class relic of St Faustina was available for veneration. Following the Mass, Fr Sabu thanked Archbishop Comensoli, and together with the leadership team, they marked the novena and consecration as a time of real 'spiritual renewal' for the parish. Afterwards, the community gathered to enjoy a delicious spread of food and beverages in the Narthex. Note: Excerpted from the original article at [www.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.melbournecatholic.org).



### OLOL PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

**Liturgy:** Y. Fenech & S. Sta. Maria  
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**Sacramental Prep:** M. Alphonso, M. Mardy, A. Tilley  
**Children Liturgy:** K. Pauer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Kinnear  
**Proclaimers:** Y. Fenech  
**Prayer & Friendship Group:** Y. Fenech (Wed)  
**Safeguarding:** M. Anderson  
**Care & Support Group:** Janice Webster

**Home Visits & Holy Com.:** A. Tilley  
**Liturgy Rosters:** D. Lim  
**Our Lady of Fatima Visit:** V. Measki  
**Narthex Coord. & Altar Linen:** B. Pascoe  
**Counting & Banking:** B. Dempsey  
**Parish Choirs:** M. Dennis /Fons; S. Fernandes; Praveen; Galangs  
**Craft Grp:** B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick (Thurs)  
**SVDP Society:** For Help Call 1300 305 330

**Altar Servers:** S. Rajan  
**Piety Stall:** M. Lisle  
**Library:** A. Tilley  
**Cuppa:** B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick  
**Art, Garden & Environment:** V. Measki  
**Event Management:** W. Singh  
**Parish Website & PowerPoint:** D. Lim & A. Sujeev  
**Maintenance:**  
**Mowing Roster:**

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH Bayswater



### HOLY MASS

#### Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

#### Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am  
**(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)**
  - Tuesday: 7:30pm  
**(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)**
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary:** 30 minutes before weekday Masses

### SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am  
 (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

### PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

### OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

### OLOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Michael Di Paola

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Chair: Michael Dennis

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### VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

### MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'





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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'*

YEAR B / 2



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12  
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18

### RESPONSE

Lord, let your face shine on us.

### ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
ALLELUIA!

### THE LIVING PRESENCE OF THE RISEN LORD IN OUR LIVES

The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within us and surrounding us. This awareness should strengthen our hope in His promises, bring us to true repentance for our sins and the renewal of our lives, and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus was to save us from our sins.



Today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives.

Source: Excerpted from the homilies of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <https://frtonyshomilies.com/>. Image from <https://stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk/>

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
- It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
- 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
- I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

#### SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.  
I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

A reading from holy Gospel according to Luke.  
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



### POPE: A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT COURAGE IS A USELESS CHRISTIAN

"A Christian without courage, who does not turn his own strength to good, who does not bother anyone, is a useless Christian," Pope Francis said yesterday.

The Pope dedicated his general audience catechesis yesterday to the virtue of fortitude, observing that it consists of the ability to live with courage and to confront the inner and outer turmoils of life.

He opened his reflection by chronicling the development of fortitude, pointing to its philosophical roots in antiquity as well as its development in the Christian tradition.

"Fortitude is first and foremost a victory against ourselves," the Pope said. "Most of the fears that arise within us are unrealistic and do not come true at all."

"It is better, then, to invoke the Holy Spirit and face everything with patient fortitude: one problem at a time, as we are able, but not alone!" the Holy Father said.

"The Lord is with us, if we trust in him and sincerely seek the good. Then in every situation we can count on God's providence to shield and armour us."

Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



### BISHOPS COMMEND DOCUMENT ON HUMAN DIGNITY FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

Australia's Catholic bishops have acknowledged the release of the document, Dignitas Infinita, and commended it for study and reflection. Prefect for the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, described the document as offering "some points for reflection that can help us maintain an awareness of human dignity amid the complex historical moment in which we are living".

"This is so that we may not lose our way and open ourselves up to more wounds and profound sufferings amid the numerous concerns and anxieties of our time," Cardinal Fernandez says in the document's introduction.

The document states that "every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter". Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



### THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY MAY 1-31 2PM: BRISBANE / MELBOURNE TIME 12PM: PERTH TIME

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
- Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280
- Password: 876574

As the month of May approaches, Catholic Mission will host an online prayer and recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community.



### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- ANNIVERSARY:** Jan Stawiarski, James Beale, James White, Hilda Auslsebrook.
- SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa Iacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.

### POPE: THE FULLNESS OF LIFE IS REALISED IN JESUS



On Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis noted that the "fullness of life" comes not from the pursuit of transitory pleasure but is "realised in Jesus".

"To have life," the Pope said, "it is enough to fix one's eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus, encountering him in the sacraments and in prayer, recognising that he is present, believing in him, letting oneself be touched by his grace and guided by his example, experiencing the joy of loving like him. Every living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life."

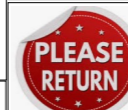
The Pope drew upon the disciples, despondent and secluded in the upper room, who "are going through the most tragic moment in life" to showcase how Christ's coming to them was a deeply transformative moment, one that not only reveals his mercy but also promises a new life. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



### CATHOLIC SECTOR CALLS ON PRIVATE HEALTH INSURERS TO FUND CARE AT HOME

Catholic Health Australia is calling on private health insurers to fund care at home, saying millions of Australians are missing out on crucial services while insurers make record profits. In a pre-budget submission to Treasury, CHA has urged the federal Government to force insurers to offer rebates to consumers who receive treatments at home. The peak body – representing 15% of hospital-based healthcare in Australia and 25% of private hospital care – said several services could be offered safely at home and lead to better patient outcomes for treatments including chemotherapy, dialysis, wound care, palliative care and post-surgical rehab. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

### CARE AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 9.45AM IN NARTHEX ALL WELCOME!



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BOOKLET

If you happen to bring the booklet at home, kindly return it to the church. Thank you!

### THANK YOU

We would like to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped us in preparing the Church for the consecration of our parish to Divine Mercy last Sunday. It was a big success mainly because of the collective effort and commitment from our dedicated volunteers and parishioners. Once again, our big thank you and congratulations to everyone involved for a job well done.

### HOT AIR BALLOON

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,  
- ROMANS 4:20 NIV