

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate

To nurture the spiritual life and activities of the parish community



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

LITURGIES

17 - 23 April 2023

MONDAY

*School is back!
Term 2 commences*

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church
Adoration & Rosary

THURSDAY

8am St Brendan's College Mass

FRIDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church
2:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY

5:15pm Mass Mary Immaculate Church

SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Easter

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church
5pm Mass Sacred Heart Church



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Pray For...

the baptisms of:

Skylar Richardson, Austin Lumby, Molly Webber & Zoe Webber

the sick:

Jill Egan, John Bignell, Adam Loch, Michael & Cathy Crust, Bernice Taylor, Carmel Hayes, Peter Mahony, Maree Griffin, Nita Flaherty, Bev Bartlem.

the recently deceased:

Jim Tuner, Alan Drury. Maxwell James Martin (Snr), Ronald Stewart. Selina Hooper (Brisbane), Ray Busby, Margaret Thwaite, Colin Shaw.

those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Pauline Coleman, Betty Pettit, Petronila Jensen, Fontunata Abugho-Cossid, Sue Palmer, Charlie Shelton, Carmel Gormley, Margaret Hoffmann.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please pray for the Vann family,
Andrew, Tanya, Tiarna & Zoe, as they receive the
Sacraments of Initiation on
Sunday 16 April 2023 on Divine Mercy Sunday
at Sacred Heart Church.

RI CATECHIST MEETING

10am Tuesday 18 April 2023
Sacred Heart Church Community Room

Presentation Associates Reflection Morning

Associates of the Presentation Sisters will be holding a reflection morning on **10am Saturday 29 April** at St Ursula's College. The guest speaker is Missionary Franciscan Sister Cecilia Prest who will be sharing about her "Franciscan Presentation connection". There will be a shared morning tea at 10am with the presentation to follow. All are welcome. For more information about the Associates please take a brochure located in the church foyer or call Erin on 0437 822 231.

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM SESSIONS

The first Sacramental Program session commences
Wednesday 19 April 2023
6:00pm -7:30pm
It is essential that all candidates attend this session

ALPHA MEETING

7pm Tuesday 18 April 2023
Sacred Heart Church Community Room

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— *Father John Muir*

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Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Psalm 15

Lord you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.



Jesus calls out to us from His Merciful Heart.

As we thankfully receive His gifts and grace today we are to share them with others, so that they too may experience the fulfilment of the deepest desires of their hearts.

Tell them to trust in Jesus even more!!

The words contained in the image, Jesus I Trust in You, are a reminder that we must totally trust in Him and show mercy always to others. Jesus said ***“The image is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without good works.”*** (Diary 742).

“My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross.” (Diary 326) ***“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’*** (Diary 327)

The veneration of the image is based on confident prayer joined with deeds of mercy, to which Jesus attached the following promises:

The grace of salvation,

Great progress on the road to Christian perfection.

The grace of a happy death, and all other graces and temporal blessings which people who practice mercy will ask Him for with trust.

St. Faustina “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time” recorded the words of the Lord about His desire for the salvation of souls and His desire for our holiness:

“How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour My Divine Life into human souls and to sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would Trust in My Mercy...” (Diary 1784)

We hope the Feast of Mercy strengthens your devotion and trust in God’s mercy. But should any doubt enter your soul, remember these words of Jesus to His beloved St. Faustina, ***“Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.”*** (Diary 1777)

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