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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024—EASTER SUNDAY

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

READINGS—31ST MARCH 2024

Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9

MINISTERS

If you are at Mass please assist



CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST LIVES AMONG US

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important day in history. The whole world changed on Easter Sunday. It was an earth-shattering, life changing, historic event, and the ultimate proof that Jesus truly is God. Catholics have been celebrating Easter Sunday for over 2,000 years. Easter is not just a one-day celebration; it's an entire season! The time of celebration begins on Easter Sunday and goes all the way through to Pentecost. The church's constant invitation is to celebrate the right things with regular enthusiasm.

There are many ways to celebrate Easter. The world celebrates with chocolate eggs, the Easter Bunny, and parties. While Catholics might join in on these festivities, that's not where the celebration ends. First and foremost, Catholics celebrate Easter by attending Mass on Easter Sunday or the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Another great way to celebrate is to read the accounts of the Resurrection in the Gospels and spend time in prayer, meditating on the scenes. How would you respond to the empty tomb? Who's the first person you would tell? Third, reflect on how God is Inviting you to bring new life into your relationships, your faith, and your community this Easter Season.



Last Saturday Eileen Leonard and Kathy Karl became Life members of CWL after 55 years of service each to the organisation. They join Colleen Jordan who became a Life member in 2021.



Congratulations ladies on your awesome achievement!

In case of emergencies, the Parish is required to have details of anyone who has a current First Aid Certificate.



Please let Frances know if you have a current First Aid Certificate.



EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER THERE WILL BE ROSARY IN THE CHURCH AT 5PM

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



NEXT—7TH APRIL DUTY: Phil Jennens

Trusting in God's Mercy

Today the church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II quotes St. Faustina's diary, "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". In describing this feast, St. John Paul II says, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which is offered to all humanity." The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves us. He wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and to spread it throughout the world through our actions and love for others.

In the first reading, we are reminded to extend mercy to all by sharing and helping those in need and in the second reading we are called to have complete trust in Jesus Christ, the son of God. In the gospel we see Jesus appearing to Thomas. The experience of St. Thomas and the messages of Divine Mercy through St. Faustina both point to the call to trust in the Lord, to seek the mercy of God and show mercy to others in our daily lives.

It is in trusting the Lord we will have the courage to cry, 'My Lord, and My God'. It is a confession of surrender to God, in hope of His mercy upon us. It's only in the reception of mercy in one's life that we will be able to share it with others with great empathy and forgiveness.

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

READINGS

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118

1John 5:1-6

Gospel John 20:19-31



MINISTERS - 7TH APRIL 2024

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: John Reynolds

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of compassion or support. This Gospel passage is directed to the many believers who never knew the human Jesus and yet had faith in him as the Christ. Look for ways in which a simple



touch can convey friendship, compassion or healing this week.



Next monthly meeting will be held on Friday 5th April 10am

MINISTERS – 14TH APRIL 2024

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Laurel Blakey & Kay Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 21ST APRIL 2024

GREETER: Frances Chaplow
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kathy Karl
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Stephen Crooymans & Kate Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

READINGS – 14TH APRIL 2024

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

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



READINGS – 21ST APRIL 2024

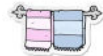
FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118
1John 3:1-2
Gospel John 10:11-18



CHURCH LINEN

MARCH Phyllis Hayward
APRIL Alice Douglas



FLOWERS

W/E 6/4 Eileen Leonard
W/E 13/4 Moya Lynch
W/E 20/4 Fel Aralar



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thurs 11th April—time to be advised

ST PASCHAL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

HAURAKI PLAINS PARISH
02-0108-0707550-00
COROMANDEL REGION HOUSE ACCOUNT
02-0108-0706566-001



April 5th Patrick Jennens

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Moya Lynch, Michael Lynch, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of April: Fay Hayward, Mary Young, Des Jordan, Gina Ryan, Seamus Tully, Sr Helen Winter, Martin Kehoe, Father Munday, Kevin Hayward.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.