

12th April, 2026, 2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy) /A

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For our Deceased: Mick Cassidy, Russell Fisher, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

April 18-19

Ariaiah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora

6pm. Saturday

5pm.

Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan

8am

Barellan

10am

Sunday

Reflection - Doubt and Faith – Thomas

How familiar to us is the story of Thomas! How often is Thomas referred to as, ‘Doubting Thomas’? What is it about Thomas that appeals to us? Is it his truth, is it that he speaks what we feel and often do not express in public? As we well know from our own experience it is our doubt that leads us to faith. Maryknoll priest, Fr. Joseph R. Veneroso, writes, “... *the Gospel writers do not retell the Resurrection story to prove it true, but rather to invite listeners to believe. I think the stone is rolled away precisely to introduce the element of holy doubt. After all, it is faith and not certainty that saves us.*” In this time of Easter are we not invited into holy doubt so that our faith is based on what we have come to believe?



Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

John 20:21

This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, reminds us that God's mercy never ends. The readings show how faith brings peace, hope, and joy. The first Christians lived with kindness, prayer, and sharing. They remind us that real faith changes how we live and how we treat others.

Prayer In times of uncertainty, bless us with faith.
In times of struggle, bless us with hope.
In times of exclusion, bless us with love, filled up,
pressed down and flowing over. Amen.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is based on the visions and diary of a Polish Catholic nun, Maria Faustina Kowalska, also known as Saint Faustina (1905–1938). In a series of revelations to her in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter^[1]. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Sowing - As the season of sowing is in progress let us entrust the sowing of crops to our Provident and Creator God.

Let us pray, Creator God, bless the seeds that we sow, strengthen them in the gentle movement of soft winds, warm sunshine and refresh them with the dew of heaven. Let them grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. Amen

**If we only see the harvest as a time to be grateful, we miss
the opportunity to be grateful for rest, planting, and caring *Mike Martin***

Roster 19th April

Leader:

Reader: Linda Griffin

Ex. Minister :

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.