

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Juan Ortiz and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: James Jackson, Benjamin Cazon and Marcelina Tugade.

Repose of the Souls: Milagros, Faustino & Ramon Atienza and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 26th April — Filipino Community.
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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Thanksgiving Envelopes:

Dear Parishioners please collect your envelopes from the church as we can not post them any more. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS !!!

We would like to inform you that finally we got **new altar chairs for the church** and the **New Sound System**. Thank you to those who have donated toward these items.

Cost for the New Chairs: \$ 3,024.00

New Sound System with Screens: \$18,000.00

We are still accepting donations to cover those expenses. Thank you.



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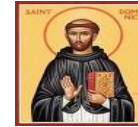


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PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD**. This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year C 20th April 2025

First Reading: Acts 10: 34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 5: 12-16 ; Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19 ; John 20: 19-31

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene:

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Different View – An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

Please Note: Monday 21st April, Mass at 9.00am.

No Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday

St Dominic's Healing Mass by Rev Fr Aurelio Fragapane

Tuesday 27 May from 7.00 to 9.30pm

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick" Luke 5:31

Rosary / Praise & Worship / Holy Mass / anointing of the Sick and Healing Adoration. All Are Welcome!

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April 2025

The eighth day of Easter - the great climax of the Easter celebration



Divine Mercy Sunday Programme:

2pm: Image blessing & Consecration

(please bring your Divine Mercy images for blessing)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Eucharistic Procession

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany

Benediction followed by Holy Mass

Fellowship: Let's please gather at the School Hub after the service. You may bring a plate to share, but you don't have to. Your presence and fellowship is most important.

Jesus said: "...so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation." - Diary 1160

Jubilee Year 2025— St Dominic's Pilgrimage on 17th May to Bacchus Marsh.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Pilgrimage. The parish has organised a bus for those who would like to attend. The cost of the bus is \$35.00 per person. The bus will be leaving from St Dominic's at 8.30am and back at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate to share.

EASTER OFFERING:

Envelopes for the Priest are available in the Church.

Project Compassion: Please return your Project Compassion Boxes.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am wishing you a Happy and Grace-filled Easter as we remember and celebrate the ultimate life-giving sacrifice of Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross this Easter.

A big thank to you all wonderful volunteers who helped make the Easter activities in St Dominic's Parish a success! Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

"We are pilgrims of Hope and Easter People, Alleluia is our song!"

Love and Prayers,

Fr Peter Njau.

