

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Carmela Rosina and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis—Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Juan Ortiz, Francis "Frank" Leach & James Jackson (funeral Monday 28th at 10.45am)

Repose of the Souls: Ernest Abraham and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 3rd May — Spanish 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. If you can distribute them in your neighbourhood, it will be much appreciated. Thank you.

THANK YOU! Caritas Australia would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Total Amount Collected \$3,481.95. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY STARTING ON SUNDAY 4TH MAY.

PLEASE HELP US COUNTING ATTENDANCE AT MASS, INCLUDING BABIES.

Please Note:

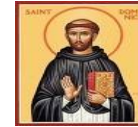
From 4th to 9th of May, Fr Peter will be attending the Spiritans Conference. Sunday 3/4 May, Normal Masses. Wednesday 7th April: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. NO Morning Mass from Tuesday to Saturday.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLINE TO: ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH BSB: 083 347 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 67441 1404

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.



Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday - Year C 27th April 2025

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm: Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19
I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Alleluia, Alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalypse 5: 11 – 14; John 21: 1-19.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a 'completeness' to the gospel text – from the Word with God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus 'breathing' the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them. The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'

Scriptural context – Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Have you thought? – Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

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 and 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.

To book your sit please contact Kim on 0414 556 254 if she doesn't answer please leave a message or contract one of the leaders of each community.

Remembering Pope Francis - A life of mercy, hope and joy

Today we share in the sorrow of billions of people around the world as we mourn the death of Pope Francis. [The Holy Father died](#) on Easter Monday, only hours after blessing the crowds who had gathered in St Peter's Square on Easter Day. It is especially poignant that we are giving thanks for the life of Pope Francis at Easter, a fitting time to remember a man whose [inspiring life and papacy](#) were so marked by hope, joy and mercy.

Tributes have flowed from both Church and secular leaders—including Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli and [Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe](#)—as [Catholics from across Melbourne also remember](#) and give thanks for a pope who for more than 12 years shepherded us with such joyful and humble dedication.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with us all as we remember and pray for Pope Francis in the coming days and weeks.

Responding to news of the death of Pope Francis, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli wrote to the People of God in Melbourne, sharing his sorrow, paying tribute to the Holy Father as 'a witness of joy and hope' and calling on all the faithful to pray for the eternal rest of his soul.