



The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner

Archdiocese of Melbourne, 95 William Street,
North Fawkner, 3060 Tel. 9359 2369 e-mail: stmatthews-



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY —April 19, 2020

Parish Administrator: Fr. Florentino Galdo Tel: 9359 2369
Krys Herrmann Parish Secretary Tel: 9359 2369

Life messages:

• **We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives:** One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

• **Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love.** Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

Firstly, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible.

Secondly, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer.

Thirdly we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way:

"If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then do we put our love of God into action."

Like St. Thomas, let us use our scepticism to help us grow in Faith.

It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and thus to grow in our Faith. This will naturally lead us to a personal encounter with Jesus through our prayer, study of the Word of God, and frequenting of the Sacraments. However, we must never forget the fact that our Faith is not our own doing but is a gift from God. Hence, we need to augment our Faith every day by prayer so that we may join St. Thomas in his proclamation:

"My Lord and my God."

Humour A man was driving too fast late one night when he saw the flashing lights of a police car. As he pulled over and rolled down his window He made up an excuse for his speeding. But when the policeman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined his flashlight in the man's face, then on his seven-month-old in his car seat, then on three other children, who were asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car. Returning the flashlight to the man's face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter. 'Son,' he said, 'you can't afford a ticket. Slow down.' And with that, he returned to his car and drove away." Sometimes mercy triumphs over law. So it is for sinners who call out to Jesus.

Recently Deceased: John Vandenberg

Please pray for the Sick : Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela Natalina, Daniella, Christian, Leigh., John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:
In the Footsteps of Jesus
IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with
optional Egypt Tour.

October 16-27 2020
Chaplain Rev Fr Florentino
(Boy) Galdo with Biblical
Catholic guide \$5640 per person
twin share.
\$1699 Egypt. Extra.

For further information contact
Philippine Tours:
9384 1844.
Geraldine: 0412663699
or email:
Pilgrims@discount
flights.com.au

**As you are aware all
Mass and church
celebrations have
been suspended
due to the Corona
Virus outbreak.**

**Therefore during this
time the Parish
Bulletin will not be
printed.**

**Please continue your
prayers privately and
have a spiritual
Communion.**

**Thank You and may
God Bless Us All**

**POPE FRANCIS ~
TWITTER**

God does listen to
us and responds.

Maybe not what we
wanted but in life.

I have learnt at
times what I would
have wanted was not
the best for me -
even to the extent of
saving my life.

But the important
thing is to

LISTEN TO GOD.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more. You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed. My Jesus, come to me. I long for you: let me always be at one with you. *St Alphonsus Ligouri*

Come, Lord Jesus! Welcome, Eucharistic Lord.

Welcome my Saviour and my God.

Lord I believe. Lord, I welcome, Lord I receive.

My Lord! I thank you for the grace I receive in these moments.

Silent prayer of gratitude.

St Matthew's daily mass is live streamed on Facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206102420820791/> or search for "Mass at St. Matthew's Fawkner North, Melbourne" on Facebook. Links to the recording of the Masses are also available on the Parish website : <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au>

Mass times are as usual.

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all
children and vulnerable adults.**