ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
11th-12th April 2026

Sunday
5.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday night)
7.30am Mass
9.30am Mass
12 noon Syriac Mass
5.00pm Mass

Monday
8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Tuesday
8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am St Anthony Novena

Wednesday
8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
6.00pm Adoration & Confessions
7.00pm Mass

Thursday
8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am Legion of Mary

Friday
8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Saturday
9.00am Adoration & Confessions
10.00am Mass
4pm Confessions

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. 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. 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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.*

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil).
- Sincerely repent of all our sins.
- Place our complete trust in Jesus.
- Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast.
- Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil).
- Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy.
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

THIS SUNDAY - 12th APRIL

Adoration, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet from 3pm

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Parish Office Opening Hours: Tue, Thu, Fri 8.30am – 3.30pm
Presbytery is unattended on Mondays

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY

Sunday 14th June 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help us make the St Anthony of Padua Parish Feast Day an unforgettable day!

We're looking for volunteers to:

- **Welcome guests**
- **Assist at stalls**
- **Setup and pack down**
- **Help with kids' activities & family fun**
- **Keep the event running smoothly behind the scenes**

Please scan the QR code to fill out the form or contact the Parish Office for more information!

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTRAL

FR NOEL SHORT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Our former parish priest, Fr Noel Short, will be turning 90 this coming July. To celebrate this great milestone, some friends and parishioners are organising a birthday tribute for Fr Short. They are seeking any memories and/or photos parishioners wish to share and they will collate them in order to record his service to God and His Church, especially here in Austral. Please send anything you wish to share to frnoelshort90@gmail.com. Please also remember to pray for Fr Short and ask the Lord to be with him and bless him as he battles serious health and medical challenges in these later years of his life.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Estephen, Elvia Santaguida, Eriel Siregar, Peter Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Remon Meekhail, Giuseppe Maltese

Anniversaries: Sharon Ajkay, Karen Michael, Edvin Krsevan, Aldo De Lucia, Vincente Herrero, Frank Foster, Luka Majetic, Zvonko Cornett, Giovanni Di Cesare and Nicodemo Travia, Saviour Mercieca, Kristie Scibilia, Raffaella Pelli, Michelina Busa, Sofija Crnjac, Anthony Scerri, Domenico Santaguida, Giuseppina Agostino, Rajan Arul, Carole Dugdale, Peter Attard, Zvonko Cornett, Beena Jose, Ross & Angela Cavallaro, Carmen Xerri, Maria Campisi, Theresa Sultana, Domenico Agostino, Michelina Tarzia, Paolo Mazzullo, Katalin Hamori, Guiseppe Tozzi, Isodoro & Vittorio Bianchi, Vincenzo Vitanza, Daniel Micali, Silvister Oros, Redempta San Jose, Ernst & Ella Herrmann, Paolo Mazzullo, Zita Karam, Guiseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

Also For: Fabijan Mihanovic, Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, Mrs Anna Vartuli who turns 103 years old on Monday 23rd March, Ana and Atu Sakupo

We remember those who are sick and we pray that the Lord will be their comforter and healer: Kerry De Vries, Robert Hockings, Rowell San Jose, Wendie Milazzo, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, Marten de Vries, Saramma Raju, Mireya Isobel Grobler, Joe Araco, Marija Rados, Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Tomislav Juric, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Rene D'Silva, Mary Vella, Reynaldo San Jose, Danica Sto Domingo, Jose, Charito San Jose, Maria de Abreu

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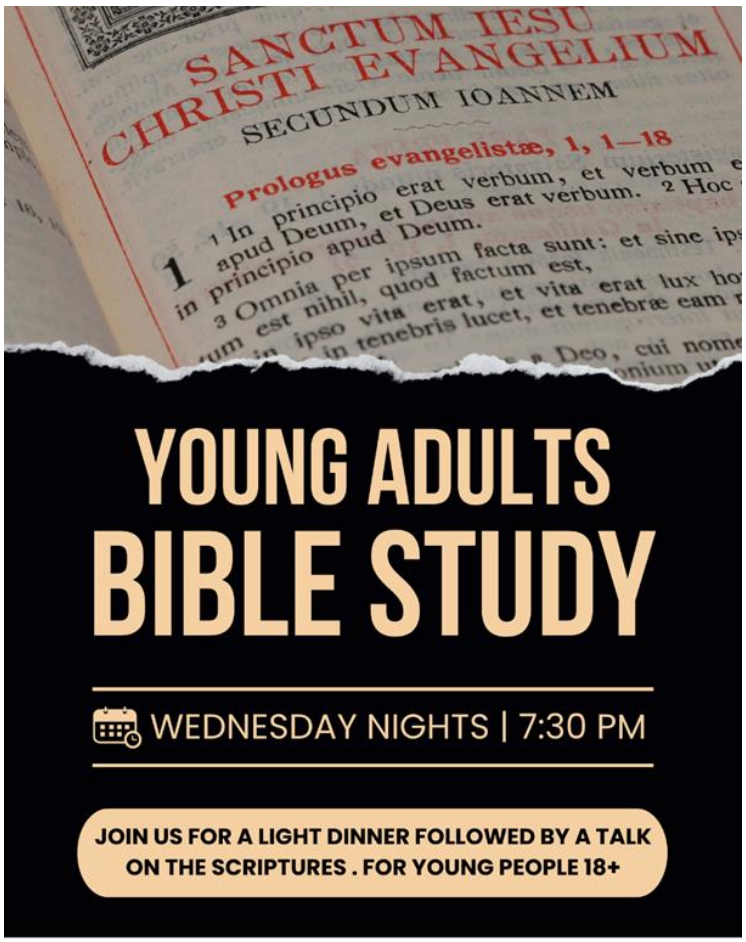
FOOD TRUCKS WANTED!

BE PART OF THE ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH 61ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

WE'RE SEEKING FOOD VENDORS, MARKET STALLS, AND UNIQUE OFFERINGS TO HELP CREATE A VIBRANT, FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS, CONNECT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND BE PART OF A WELL-ATTENDED ANNUAL EVENT!

2,000+ ATTENDEES EXPECTED ACROSS THE DAY.
VISIT THE LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST!

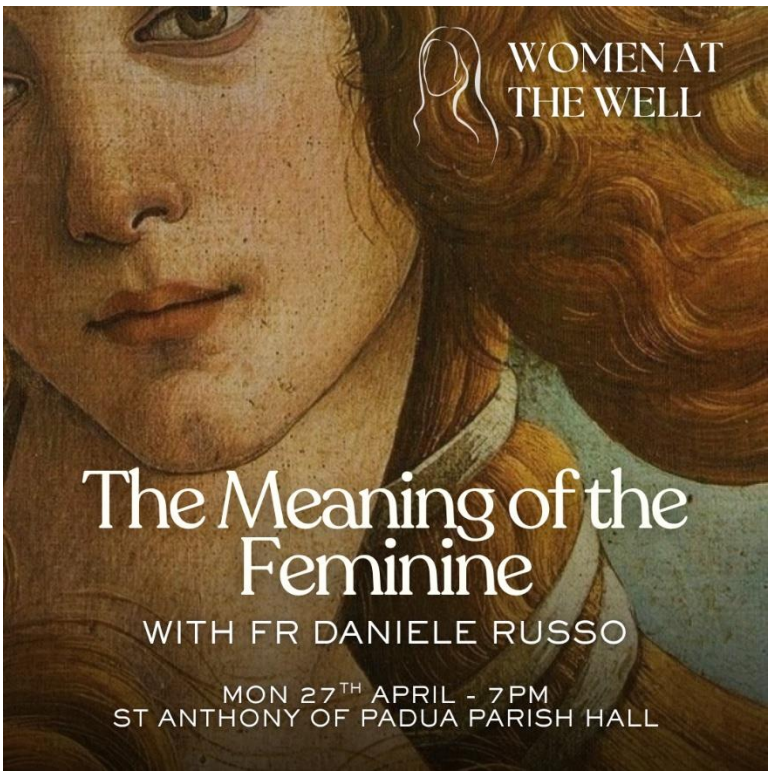


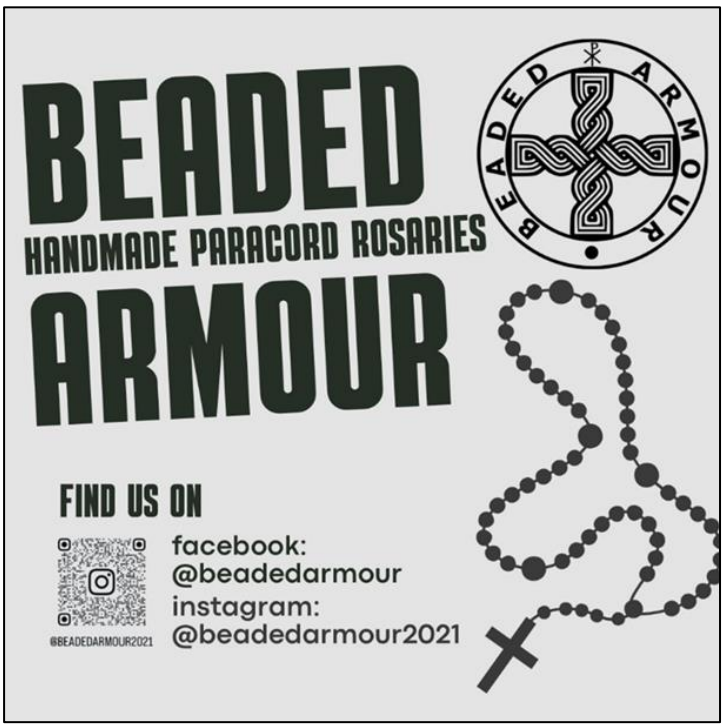
WOMEN AT THE WELL

We are looking forward to some exciting upcoming events:

- Monday 13 Apr: Easter Party!
- Monday 27 Apr: SPECIAL EVENT The Meaning of the Feminine with Fr Daniele Russo
- Monday 11 May: Prayer Night
- Monday 25 May: Session one - Culture of Life Series, '*What is Human Dignity*?' with Bishop Anthony Percy
- **Save the Date:** Day Pilgrimage to St Patrick's Church Hill - Saturday 19 September

Women at the Well exists to provide a place for women of all ages and stages of faith to learn, connect and grow closer to God. All women (aged 18yrs+) are welcome. For more information, contact: watwaus@gmail.com





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *1 Peter 2:2*

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 20:29*

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

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon *Cf John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.