

## GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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Australian Catholic Relief (Caritas) Overseas Aid. **If not already, would you please bring your Project Compassion gifts back as soon as possible.** We will gratefully accept all amounts in boxes and envelopes over the next few weekends. Receipts for Project Compassion gifts will be available with receipts for all Parish donations at the financial year end (i. e. after June 30<sup>th</sup>), unless needed earlier.

**ADULT BAPTISMS** take place after a group preparation called Catechumenate or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **If an adult is interested in being Baptized** or anyone already Christened in another Church is **interested in becoming a Catholic**, please contact our Office..

**INFANT BAPTISMS** (for the children of our **Parish Families**) are by appointment celebrated here on every Sunday of the year, normally **11.30 a.m.** Our priest visits the family at home some time beforehand to help them prepare for the Christening and to obtain details needed for the Baptism Certificate and Parish Baptismal Register. **Parish Families** are **EITHER** those who live within the Parish boundaries (the Suburbs of Hoxton Park, Middleton Grange, Elizabeth Hills & Hinchinbrook **OR** those families who normally take part in the Mass for the Lord's Day (Saturday evening or Sunday) here.

**MANY THANKS** to all who helped in Holy Week & Easter Sunday in the Liturgies and in the Parish in general: especially members of the three Choirs: the Parish Family Choir, the Himig Choir (Couples For Christ), and the Occasional Choir, also Ministers of the Word, of Communion, Altar Servers, those who prepared the Church and Place of Reservation (especially Angelina Amellino, Peta and Tiv Vaiotu, Marina Lyons) cleaners, volunteers who prepared the palms and the grounds, the young adults presenting the Good Friday Way of the Cross in the Hall so well.

**A personal note** of sincere thanks from me as your priest for the good wishes & gifts I received for Christmas, my birthday, and Easter. They seemed to come one after another for me this year. I am humbled by your kindness. I am aware of my faults and limitations. I know I have not properly acknowledged or thanked those who gave me much. I also have your dishes & other containers in my kitchen from all the lovely food I received. Please come sometime to reclaim yours. *Brother Pat*

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**THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Pope St. John-Paul at the Canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalska gave this SUNDAY the name **THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This mercy of God through Jesus is very evident in the Readings today:

1. the miracles of healing the sick and the needy through his Apostles in the infant Church in the early days in Jerusalem after Pentecost Sunday.
2. Jesus in the Gospel giving the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday night so his forgiveness would continue as in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christ's mercy not only forgives sins but reaches out to all people in their needs. Today we celebrate and experience that mercy of God. And we are called to practise mercy towards others through our forgiveness and compassion. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" said Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

### MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY **5.30 P.M.** SUNDAY **8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.**

**WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK: MONDAY ANZAC DAY REQUIEM. 9 a.m.**

**TUESDAY** (*Feast Day of St. Mark*) **7 p.m.** **WEDNESDAY 9 a.m.**

**THURSDAY** (*St. Peter Chanel*) **7 p.m.** **FRIDAY Bro. Pat at a priest's funeral.**

**RECONCILIATION** (*Confession & Forgiveness*). Our priest is available here Saturdays **4 to 5 p.m.**; Tuesdays and Thursdays **6.30 to 6.55 p.m.**