

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A
11th/12th April 2026

Welcome:

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and I welcome you to our Eucharistic celebration. The readings today remind us that a belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus enlivens every part of our lives. Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church received from the risen Christ and offers to all humanity.

We begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country:

St Mark's respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of this land, the Jagerra people. We remember the many footprints that have gone before us on this land and waterways. We are thankful to be praying and gathering on Jagerra country.

Please stand for the entrance hymn.

Intercessions:

Priest: Lord, we have faith that you will listen to these prayers that we humbly bring before you.

Reader: We pray that the Church may be transformed through its encounter with the living Christ and be an instrument of healing and forgiveness.
(pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That the world will know a culture of peace and nonviolence by decreasing the use of weapons by both States and citizens. **(pause) Lord Hear Us:**

Reader: That national leaders will share their resources generously for the good of all. **(pause) Lord Hear Us:**

Reader: That our faith will deepen as we grow in awareness that death has been overcome and that in Christ we shall live forever. **(pause) Lord Hear Us:**

Reader: That those who are sick, especially those suffering chronic illness, will be healed by the Spirit of God, and restored to their families and communities. **(pause) Lord Hear us.**

Reader: That those who have died will know the joy of eternal life in your presence. **(pause) Lord Hear Us.**

Priest: Lord, we pray for peace of mind and heart. Make us instruments of the power of Your resurrection. May we know that Christ's abiding presence will sustain and strengthen us on life's journey. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen