

# Universal Prayer

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**12 April 2026 (Easter 2A)**

**Presider:** With trust in the mercy of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, let us bring our prayers and the needs of our world before the Lord.

**1.** For the Church, that we may be a community of mercy, peace, and courage, living the joy of the resurrection.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**2.** For leaders of nations, that they may choose justice, reconciliation, and peace, especially where conflict and fear dominate.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**3.** For families and individuals living behind locked doors of fear, grief, or division, that the risen Christ may bring healing and peace.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**4.** For our parish community, that as we seek to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours, we may be emboldened to step out in faith and be a welcoming home for all who seek truth.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**5.** For those who have died, especially those known to us, that they may share fully in the resurrection of Christ.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**Presider:** God of mercy and new life, hear the prayers we offer in hope and faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Community Greeter | 12 April 2026

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Welcome everyone to St John's on this Sunday of Divine Mercy!  
We gather today on the lands of the Dharawal people.

Our mission as a parish community is to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours.

- My name is \_\_\_\_\_
- Our celebrant is Fr John | Fr Richard
- The Risen Christ stands among us, offering peace, healing doubt, and calling us to share his mercy with the world.

We welcome **every guest** today, especially if you are new. ***We are so glad that you are here with us!*** Let us now stand and unite as one to celebrate this Eucharist.

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***[Only if no music...]***

Let us pray the entrance antiphon together:

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

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### ***Penitential Act [Priest]***

Before we celebrate in the love of the God who is always calling and inviting us,  
let us pause and acknowledge our need for healing and life. *[All pause for silent prayer.]*

Lord Jesus, you bring the gift of peace to our troubled and fearful hearts:  
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you invite us to touch your wounds and believe in your resurrection:  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you breathe the Holy Spirit upon your gathered community:  
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and lead us to the life of the age to come. Amen.