

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 4:32-35  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.  
The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R. v.1  
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
1. Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’ Let the sons of Aaron say: ‘His love has no end.’ Let those who fear the Lord say: ‘His love has no end.’

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.  
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6  
A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can

overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.  
The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

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

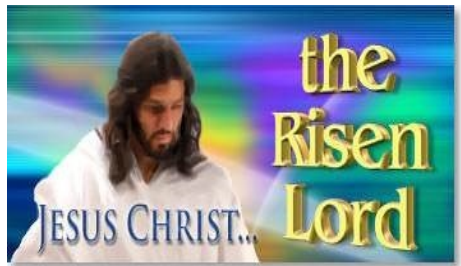
Gospel Jn 20:19-31  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.  
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. 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.  
The Gospel of the Lord  
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
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REFLECTION  
by Fr Michael Tate  
Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith. Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God. Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ’s true identity, exclaiming: ‘My Lord and my God’. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith. We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, ‘the least’. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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Second Sunday of Easter -YEAR B

‘A trust in the physical resurrection of Jesus frees believers, if we let it, from the stripped-down belief in a Christ who came merely to “save souls for heaven” instead of liberating and healing bodies in this world. If matter is inhabited by God, then matter is somehow eternal and when the Creed says we ‘believe in the resurrection of the body,” it means our bodies too and not just Jesus’ body.’

Richard Rohr



We are the Resurrection people. Our hope, our faith and our joy are all founded on this central reality. Are our daily lives witness to this fact?

As we bask in the post Resurrection Readings we see a united people, brothers and sisters of Jesus, children of God teaching and praising God through their works of charity and inclusivity. How has Lent and the final days of Holy Week affected us? Is our fervor sustained by a continual belief that we are liberated and totally LOVED by God? We hear a lot of words over this time, but sometimes we just need to sit and listen and really ‘hear’ what God is saying to us in silence. A multiplicity of prayers can drown out God!

During this first week of Easter, each day the Gospel has told of different appearances of Jesus, beginning with His appearance to Mary Magdalene whom Pope Francis has promoted as the ‘Apostle of the Apostles’. At each appearance the Apostles were presented with a different emphasis. Mary ... proclamation of the resurrection; Emmaus opening their eyes at the Eucharist; by the seashore the abundance of the catch; in the upper room Peace and in response to their disbelief of Mary’s revelation, to ‘go and proclaim the Good News to everyone.’

As we walk this post Resurrection journey, look around and see those around us who are struggling with life! There are many but they are not visible. Let us use this gift of HOPE that we have been given as an instrument to search out and find those who are ‘lost’ and like St Thomas in today’s reading they may only need a glimpse of this LOVE to doubt no longer, but believe!

God bless.

Sr Marie



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

April

### Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 13th:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 14th:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 15th:** 9am  
**Fri 16th:** 9.15 am Mass  
**Saturday 17th:** 9am Mass \_9.30 Recon 6pm Mass  
**Sunday 18th:** 9am Mass 5pm Family & Youth Mass

### ROSTERS

**10/11 April 2021**  
Church Cleaning  
B Favetta/J O'Neill (12-16)

### Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Connell

5pm D Ebejer

### Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am L Page

5pm A Horsfall

### Readers

6pm M Weatherall

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm Kay Lovering

9am N Page

5pm Lucy Favetta

### Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm J O'Sullivan.

### REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington

9am M & C Lowe

5pm N Beaty

### 17/18 April

Church Cleaning

D & L May (19-23)

### Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie

9am C Schor

5pm L Miller

### Commentator

6pm J Quigley

9am A Brown

5pm J O'Sullivan

### Readers

6pm J Mackay

9am T Jackson

5pm A Horsfall

### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Weatherall

9am K Corbin

5pm Y Oerder

### Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm M O'Neill

### REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy/P O'Kelly

9am M & C Lowe

5pm M Devine

# EASTER HOPE!

*"On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark." John 20:1*

Jesus in the tomb is one proof we have that darkness is not the enemy. Our greatest enemy is the unwillingness to believe in dawn, in resurrection.

**Hope** is what keeps the soul alive in bad times;  
**Hope** gives us strength to go on despite the darkness of the moment. When we celebrate Easter as the feast of hope, this is what we proclaim:

**Hope** is the foundation of happiness.  
It makes tomorrow a destination rather than simply grounds for the dread of disaster.

**Hope** is the gift of God to us.  
The work it takes to make hope real is the gift we give back to God.

**Hope** is the instinct in us that something greater than what now is, can become real. It is as much a call to respond as it is a sign of what is lacking.

**Hope** is the cutting edge of vision.  
It tells us that, indeed, another world is possible but just over the horizon.

**Hope** is not a free gift.  
It does not come without a cost. It requires us to earn it.

**Hope** never solves anything.  
It simply opens a necessary door in the human enterprise and invites us, begs us, to walk through it – for our sake, of course, but for the sake of the world, as well.

**Hope** is a quiet, whispered, wonderment saying over and over again in the heart of each of us, *"Possibility, possibility, possibility."*

Most of all, **Hope** requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable. Then, all that's left is the doing of them.  
(Joan Chittister, Easter 2021)



## Invitation to Gathering

**Focus: "How to stay in the moment when life gets too hard!" Facilitated by Bruce Chan (Bach Psy.) on Tuesday April 27, 2021 at St Bernard's Church, 9am registration for 9.15am start -12.45pm. Cost is FREE. All Welcome.**  
**Booking is necessary: by Monday April 9th to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 or email: mariet51@bigpond.com. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.**

thank  
you

To all who contributed in any way to the success of the 2021 Easter Ceremonies. It was indeed a fulfillment of Hope. At a time when gathering in numbers remains limited to some, it was wonderful for us to gather together and celebrate this most holy occasion. A special thanks to the Parish liturgy and altar ministries, garden ministry volunteers, and all volunteers. As we move through the Easter Season, let us take along the Hope that Easter brings.

### Saints Of The Week

**Sunday 11th** – St Stanislaus, Bishop & martyr

**Tues 13th** – St Martin I, Pope and martyr

**Sat 17th** – Our Lady of the Valley St Kateri Tekakwith



Please join us this Sunday 11th April at 3pm to conclude the 9 day Divine Mercy Novena.

### HELP NEEDED:

As the demand increases in our Parish we need volunteers to visit and take Holy Communion to the sick in their homes, the hospital and/or one Aged Care facility. 1:1 guidance and resources available. Phone Marie Weatherall (m) 0405 028 057 if you can help.

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**

**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

### Remembering the Sick:

Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes

### Death Anniversaries:

Claire Wakeling, Numeriano Sencio Sr, Anacrita Sencio, Pauline Cassar, Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey, John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Franciscus Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hratic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

### We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

**Community:** Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effene, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Librale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

### COFFEE CLUB



### Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of this week's devastating floods in Timor Leste.

Intense rain and storms have turned the streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and deaths now exceed 100. Support is urgently needed as Dili's population of more than 220,000 is currently in lockdown, with the floods presenting new challenges in addition to the existing Covid-19 health crisis.

Tina Newton (Director of Salesian Missions) said there is an urgent need for food, clean water and medicine.

Donations can be sent to:  
Salesian Missions Australia  
P O Box 264  
ASCOT VALE Vic 3032  
Givenow: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste>  
Phone : 03 9377 6060

<b>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma District Funerals</b> Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	<b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b> 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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