

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Second Sunday of Easter Year B
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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 John 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 John 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 John 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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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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Every night @ 8.30pm



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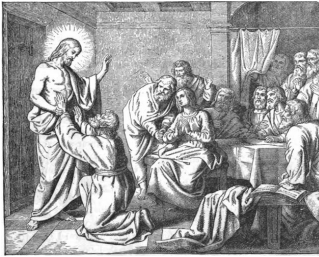
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SECOND SUNDAY
Of EASTER
Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 9th April 10am
BB Library

Enjoy the Good News
resumes Wednesday
10th April after 9am
Mass

Anointing of the Sick
Mass Wednesday 10th
April 9am

1st Reconciliation
Celebration Thursday
11th April 5pm

PPC Meeting Thursday
18th April 5pm CMR

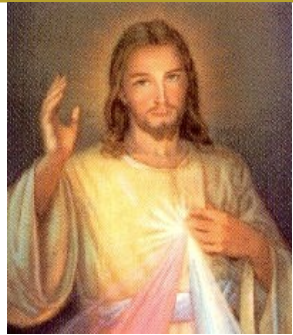
Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

MERCY SUNDAY

Where spiritual matters are concerned it is not unknown for poets to express spiritual truths in words that ordinary people find easier to understand than those written by theologians. Unless of course the theologian is also a poet. As, for example, Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) His hymns, in Latin, in praise of the Blessed Eucharist, are poems of great clarity and beauty and are theologically accurate. We still sing them today at Benediction.



However there is an English poet who could write lucidly and beautifully about moral virtues, even if his attachment to a particular brand of Christianity, Catholicism or Protestantism, is a matter of debate. I refer to William Shakespeare
Here is the famous speech made by Portia, the heroine disguised as a young lawyer, in praise of Mercy in Shakespeare's play The Merchant of Venice.

“The quality of mercy is not strained . It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed.
It blesses him that gives and him who takes.
It is mightiest in the mightiest. It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attitude to awe and majesty
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings But mercy is above this sceptred sway. It is
enthroned in the hearts of kings.
It is an attribute to God himself
And earthly power does then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.”

Today the Liturgy presents us with Readings that do not at first glance have much to do with Mercy or Justice. If we read the Collect Prayer, however, we can see the part Divine Mercy plays in the overarching story of God's interaction with the human race.

God of everlasting mercy.
(Mercy is an attribute of God himself)
We ask You to
kindle the faith of us the people You have made Your own.
(Instead of punishing us human beings or abandoning us God has given us special graces)
So that we may grasp and rightly understand
the Pascal Mystery (Which we
celebrated with great devotion last
weekend) In what font we have been
washed (Baptised).
In whose Spirit we have been reborn
(Confirmed).
By whose Blood we have been redeemed (Christ, the Lamb of God).

Let us thank God for the mercies he has shown us.
For our Catholic Faith. For the Sacraments. For the example of holy people.

How can we, in turn, show small mercies towards those we meet as we go about our daily lives?

Joe Quigley



Mass
Schedule

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th—Sunday 14th
April

Monday 8th: No Mass

Tuesday 9th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 10th: Mass with
Anointing of the Sick 9am

Thursday 11th: Mass 9am
1st Reconciliation Celebration 5pm

Friday 12th: Mass 9am

Saturday 13th: Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-5.30

Sunday 14th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

ROSTERS

6/7 APRIL

Cleaning

8-13 Apr D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: M
Weatherall
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering
Computer Screen J
O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: L Page
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page
Computer Screen T Priest
MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

COUNTERS

T & A Jackson

13/14 APRIL

Cleaning

15-20 M DeSmet J
Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer C Brownlie
Commentator: J Quigley
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine
Computer Screen M
O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
V Burns
Computer Screen D May
MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic & Zdenka

COUNTERS

G Norris & J O'Sullivan



Divine Mercy Sunday—7th April

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be at 3pm.
Prayer, reflection, benediction and blessing.

All are welcome

CUPPA with Mary MacKillop

will take place at the home of Lorraine & Neil Page on
Tuesday April 9th.
10am-11am
All are welcome.

Enquiries: Lorraine 0488 722 728

**Thank you very much to everyone for all your
assistance in any way over Holy Week. It is very
much appreciated. Your contributions enriched
our celebrations.**

**Thank you for your generosity and for embodying
the spirit of love and compassion that defines our
faith. May the blessings of this Easter season be
upon you all.**

April 7 | Multicultural Mass with Archbishop Prowse | @11am

The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St
Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance.

Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean,
Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they
come together to celebrate their multicultural heritage in the
Year of the Holy Spirit.

All welcome!

1st Reconciliation Celebration will be held on Thursday 11th April @ 5pm

In this sacred journey of spiritual growth
and renewal, our children seek guidance
and strength to embrace the
Sacrament of Reconciliation with open
hearts and contrite spirits. Please pray for
our young candidates and their
families at this time.



Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen . We visit and
take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a
month.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Dear Parishioners,

The finance committee was saddened to hear
from Fr Loi that he has not had Christmas with
his family since he started training for the
priesthood some 30 years ago.

We thought it would be great if we could bring
his family out for Christmas, however his father
is unable to travel.

Instead, we are sending Fr Loi home for his
father's 85th birthday.

To raise funds we will be doing a couple of raffles
and other activities to raise funds. If you would
like to donate separately you can do so through
the Parish account—put as a reference
"Fr Loi Home "

**The 61st World Day of Prayer for
Vocations** will be held on Sunday 21st
April. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is
***-Called to sow seeds of hope and to build
peace.***

I will be running a three day silent retreat
19-21 April for men discerning a call to
Priesthood. St Clement's Retreat Centre,
Galong NSW.

Cost to be negotiated with each retreatant
but Galong cost is \$150 per day. Food and
linen provided. BYO bible and walking
shoes.

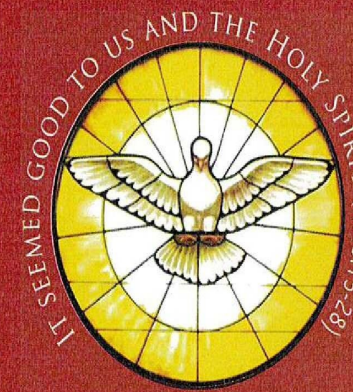
God's blessings
Fr Emil
Vocations Director

Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,
Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie
McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel,
Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill,
Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben
Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis
Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan
Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts,
Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing
homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Robert Mitchell, Joyce
Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard,
Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic,
Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan,
Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley
House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele
(Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits,
Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan
Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions APRIL

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and
immense value of women be
recognised in every culture,
and for the end of
discrimination that they
experience in different parts
of the world.



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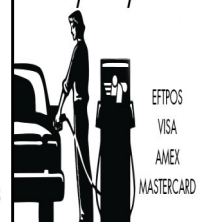
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