

**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** 5.00 pm Mass  
**Wed - Friday:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Sat :** 5.00pm  
**Divine Mercy Sunday:** 9.00am Mass

**Reconciliation**  
**Tues:** 4 - 4.45pm  
**Sat:** 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Adoration & Benediction**  
**Tue:** 4-5pm

**Two Single Beds Available**

Two single beds with like-new mattresses are available. The mattresses have always been used with protectors and are in excellent condition. They are being offered by a parishioner.

If you or someone you know is interested, please let Fr Joshy know.

St Bernard's Church is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families, carers and vulnerable people to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and action.

The Parish Safeguarding Volunteers are Mick Lowe and Karen Hadley.

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**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH**

**A/C: Name:** St Bernard's Operating  
**BSB:** 062 786  
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**Ref:** Family Name

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions APRIL**

**For priests in crisis.**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**MASSES IN AGED CARE**

**The Glen** Every Second Wednesday 10.30am

**The Manor** Every Third Wednesday 2pm

**Maranatha** Every Fourth Wednesday 2pm

**PARISH ROSTERS**

<b>11/12 APRIL</b> <b>Cleaning</b> 13-18 E Butt/R Mathews	<b>18/19 APRIL</b> <b>Cleaning</b> 20-25 E Butt/R Mathews
<b>5.00PM MASS</b> Welcomer J Anderson Commentator: P O'Kelly Reader: S Ebejer Eucharistic Ministers E Butt Computer Screen K Conway	<b>5.00PM MASS5</b> Welcomer J McCarthy Commentator M Weatherall Reader P Nolan Eucharistic Ministers K Lovering Computer Screen M O'Neill
<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b> Welcomer L May Commentator . B Basevi Reader: D Herring Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns Computer Screen D May	<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b> Welcomer M deSmet Commentator J Whiteford Reader: P Fleming Eucharistic Ministers L Stevens, D Herring Computer Screen .T Jones
<b>MORNING TEA:</b> Indian Community	<b>MORNING TEA:</b> M & C Lowe
<b>COUNTERS:</b> D & L May	<b>COUNTERS:</b> J Whiteford/P Galvin

**Claim the Date:**  
Two Retreat Morning open to all.  
**Theme: 'The Cup of my Life'**  
on Tuesday May 19, & Tues June 16,  
9-15am for 9-30am start - 12 noon in Church Meeting Room.

Free. BYO shared morning tea.

Facilitated by Marie W and Carolyn Evenden.

**Booking Essential** by Mon May 11 for May date.  
Each Retreat day will have different sessions  
Text or phone Marie W re booking (m) 0405 028 057

*Thankyou to* all our volunteers who gave so generously of their time over the Easter season. From the floral arrangements and music to the behind-the-scenes coordination, your dedication created a beautiful space for our community to gather.

We are truly grateful for your hard work and the spirit of service you brought to our Parish celebrations.

**BBCET TRIVIA AFTERNOON**  
**COME FOR SOME FUN, FOOD AND FUNDRAISING IN SUPPORT OF SRE IN OUR SCHOOLS**  
 Saturday May 2 2026 2 PM  
 Salvation Army Church Batemans Bay  
 25 Old Hume Highway, Batemans Bay  
**\$15 PER PERSON**  
**Afternoon Tea included.**  
**Tea and Coffee.**



**Tickets and information** are available at:

Anglican Church Office (Wednesday) or John Hoggan 0417801566

**Divine Mercy Sunday – 12 April 2026** is a special day of grace, inviting us to trust more deeply in God's infinite mercy. **An indulgence** is a grace granted by the Church, through God's mercy, which removes the temporal punishment due to sin—the lingering effects that remain even after sins have been forgiven in Confession. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions: Sacramental Confession (within about 20 days), reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin, together with participation in prayers and devotions in honour of Divine Mercy or prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**DON'T MISS OUR PARISH CELEBRATION – 3:00 PM (Hour of Mercy):**  
Exposition • Divine Mercy Chaplet • Silent Prayer • Benediction

**✚ Confessions available during Adoration**  
Come and experience the peace and mercy of Christ.  
"Jesus, I trust in You."

**📦 Stay afterwards for refreshments – please bring a plate to share.**

**Prayers for the Sick**

*Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands*

James Kershaw, Frankie Pepper, Declan Holmes, Joy & John Dillon, Jan Simpson, Nan Reidy, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill.

**Recently Deceased**

*We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.*  
 Deborah Eddington, Nick Hum, Fiona Wearne, Bettye Ison, Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.  
**Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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Liturgy of the Word  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Year A

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.  
The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1  
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or

(R.) Alleluia!  
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.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)

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.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9  
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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 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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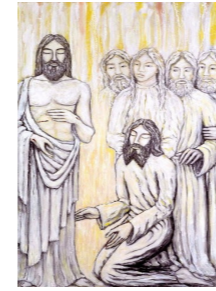
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SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER YEAR A  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Community  
Corner

Choir Practice  
Choir in recess

Cenacle Prayer  
9.30 am  
Fridays after Mass

"Enjoy the Good News"  
Wednesdays after Mass  
CMR

Cuppa with Mary  
MacKillop Tuesday  
14th April, 10-11 am  
At Nola Beatty's home

Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 14th April  
10 am BB Library  
Wednesday 29th  
1-3pm CMR

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after 9am  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

Craft Group  
Thursdays 10-12  
Thursdays  
10am CMR  
Resumes after  
holidays

Thomas in the Mirror

If we're honest, most of us are a little bit like Thomas. Not the dramatic "I refuse to believe anything ever" version - but the quieter one: "I believe... but I'd also really like some clearer evidence, thanks."

And honestly, who can blame him? The disciples had just been through chaos, confusion, and grief. By the time we meet them in the Gospel, they're not boldly proclaiming the Resurrection, they're hiding behind locked doors. Which, if we're honest again, sounds a lot like modern life. Lock the doors, check the news, try not to panic.

And the news lately hasn't exactly helped. Between cost-of-living pressures, political tensions, and a growing sense of division both here in Australia and around the world, it's easy to feel unsettled - even a little overwhelmed.

Into that kind of world - not a peaceful one, not a certain one—Jesus steps in and says: "**Peace be with you.**" Not, "Everything is fine." Not, "You've misunderstood the situation." Just: *Peace*. That's important. Because Christian peace isn't the absence of chaos - it's the presence of Christ **in the middle of it.**

This is where voices like Jordan Peterson often speak about confronting chaos and stepping into responsibility - facing reality as it is, not as we wish it to be. In a deeper way, the Gospel shows us that Christ doesn't remove the chaos, He enters it, wounds and all, and transforms it from within.

And then there's Thomas. Poor Thomas gets a bad reputation, but he might actually be the most relatable apostle. He doesn't pretend. He doesn't fake it. He just says what many of us think: "*I need to see it for myself.*"

And here's the beautiful part. Jesus doesn't shame him.

He doesn't say, "*You should know better.*"

He says, in effect, "*Come closer.*"

As Father Mike Schmitz often reminds us, doubt isn't the opposite of faith; **despair is.**

Doubt can actually be the beginning of a deeper, more honest faith... if we bring it to Christ instead of hiding it. And that's exactly what Thomas does.

The Gospel ends with a quiet but powerful line: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*"

That's us.  
Not because we have it all figured out.  
Not because we never question.

But because, in the middle of uncertainty—personal, social, even national - we still choose to trust.

So maybe this week's invitation is simple:  
- When life feels unsettled, don't just lock the doors — invite Christ in.  
- When doubts arise, don't hide them — bring them closer to Him.  
-And when the world feels noisy and divided, remember the first words of the risen Jesus: "**Peace be with you.**"

Not as a wish. But as a gift.

Joshua Whiteford

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.