



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**16 April 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

### SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)

9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation

Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary

Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

### OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

### Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on

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## Joy, Sadness and Hope

TODAY'S READINGS bring out three strong emotions in me.

The first emotion it brings out is JOY! The first reading depicts such a beautiful picture of how the early Christians lived.

Their Christianity radically changed them: They were generous. They practised fellowship with each other. They studied scripture. They prayed and praised God. This is what Christianity looks like. Each person is an Alter Christus, another Christ. How utterly beautiful. How radical!

And as a consequence, they were, of course, a blessing to the world. We are told they were looked up to by everyone.

The second emotion it brings out is SADNESS! Why? Because we don't look very much like them. Is this how people would describe us here today? Do we live like this? Are we looked up to by everyone?

Well, the hard answer is largely "No". And why is that? The answer is easy: we don't live as they lived. We are not living and loving in the radical Christian way that they did. They were Christians; we are Christian-ish. And that's not the same thing at all. As Mahatma Gandhi once said: 'I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.'

Now, let me answer myself: "Dave, this is all a bit unfair. I have just finished Lent – I gave up sweet things for forty days! And I've just attended a whole series of Easter Liturgies, and I was very moved by some of them."

And then I'd have to say to myself: "Whoop-de-doo!"

How did Lent change me? In what way has it made me more like those early Christians?

And those liturgies, those beautiful liturgies, have not been given to us to move us for a moment. A ballet, an opera, a sad movie can do that. These liturgies have been given to us to change our lives!

And that brings me to my third emotion: HOPE. This is Easter. We are the people of the Resurrection! For each of us, our story is not yet over. There is still time, time to become what we are called to become.

In today's gospel Jesus tells Thomas to touch his wounds. That invitation and that encounter with Christ changed Thomas into a true believer.

Pope Francis, in his beautiful reflections for the Stations of the Cross, encourages us to see Christ's wounds as the wounded people around us. He tells us to dare to touch those wounds, to engage with these wounded people, with love and tenderness. We don't have to look very far! We are surrounded by wounded people. Many of us have them in our families, in our friendship groups, in our workplace. There are wounded people living in the park opposite our cathedral!

Now, wounded people are messy and difficult, and engaging with them can open us up to pain, rejection, and suffering. It will not require just love and tenderness; it will require courage, patience and forgiveness. Basically, everything that makes a true Christian.

When we take steps like that, radical steps, then we begin to look a lot more like the early Christians, the Christians we are still called to be, and when we live and love like this, we will encounter Christ.

And then we can exclaim, in truth, with Thomas: "My Lord, and my God!"

*Wishing you an abundance of blessings throughout Easter,*

*Deacon David*



# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Procession

O Sons and Daughters

*Antiphon*



*Verses*



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The
2. When Tho - mas first the tid - ings heard, how
3. 'My wound - ed side, O Tho - mas, see; be -
4. No long - er Tho - mas then de - nied, he
5. How blest are they who have not seen, and
6. On this most ho - ly day of days, to



1. King of heav'n, the glo - rious King, o'er death to -
2. they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed
3. hold my hands, my feet, said he; 'not faith - less,
4. saw the feet, the hands, the side; 'You are my
5. yet whose faith has con - stant been, for they e -
6. God your hearts and voic - es raise, in laud, and



1. day rose tri - umph - ing,
2. the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. but be - liev - ing be.'
4. Lord and God', he cried.
5. ter - nal life shall win.
6. ju - bi - lee, and praise.

Text: Selected verses from *O filii et filiae* Jean Tisserand c.1494 tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE 888 with alleluias; French carol melody c. 17th century,

11:00am Introit

Quasimodo geniti infantes

*Sung by the choir*

As new born babes, alleluia, long for pure spiritual milk, alleluia, alleluia.  
V. Rejoice in honour of God our helper; shout for joy to the God of Jacob

## 2 EASTER YEAR A



### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words and phrases

- Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands, I refuse to believe.
- Doubt no longer but believe.
- My Lord and my God!
- These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth.

#### to the point

The story of Thomas demonstrates that we need not be surprised at or dismayed by our own struggle with belief in the resurrection. The surprise is that such profound doubt leads to equally profound faith: 'My Lord and my God!' Embracing the struggle to believe is already believing.

### Connecting the Gospel

#### to the first reading

Although faith begins with personal encounter with the risen Christ, it leads to membership in a community of faith that witnesses to the presence of Christ..

#### to culture

Increasingly, our scientifically-oriented culture rests in tangible proofs, and our legally-oriented culture requires proof. Christianity is not based on proof but on faith.

# INTRODUCTORY RITE

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Cel:* Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*The Cantors:* Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a - gainst you.  
*The people reply:*

*The Cantors:* Show us, O Lord, your mer-cy. And grant us your sal - va-tion.  
*The people:*

*The Priest gives the absolution:*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

## SPRINKLING RITE

Vidi Aquam

Missal Chant

*The celebrant sprinkles the people with blessed Easter water, in remembrance of our baptism and remission of sins.*

*During the sprinkling, all sing:*

**Antiphon**

*All join the cantor in singing the antiphon:*

I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the Tem - ple,  
from its right-hand side, al - le - lu - ia;  
and all to whom this wa-ter came were saved and shall say:  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The cantor sings verses from Psalm 118. All join in the antiphon at the end of the psalm verses.*

## Gloria

Mass of the Resurrection

R. deBruyn

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace,  
peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav - en ly King, O God, almighty  
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mer cy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
For you alone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - - men. A - - men.

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## Collect

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47 )

*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



℣ This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

## Second Reading

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

*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 spoilt 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 had 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

*The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat*



"O filii et filiae" French Carol

*Cantor:*

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

*(All repeat the Alleluia)*

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:19-31)

*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 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Universal Prayer

### Offertory Motet Come, ye faithful R.S. Thatcher

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
'Tis the Spring of Souls today, Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days sleep in death As a Sun hath risen.

2 Now the Queen of season, bright with the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

3 Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal:  
but today, amidst the twelve, thou didst stand, bestowing  
That Thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

### Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

claim your Death O Lord un - til you come a - gain.

### Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

A - men, A - men, A - men.

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

### Agnus Dei Mass of the Resurrection R. deBruyn

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer cy on us. us. grant us peace.

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### Communion Antiphon Mitte manum tuam

Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were,  
alleluia; and be not doubtful but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

### Communion Hymn Godhead here in hiding

1. God-head here in hid - ing whom I do a - dore,  
2. I am not like Tho - mas, wounds I can - not see,  
3. O thou our re - mind - er of Christ cru - ci - fied,  
4. Je - sus, whom I look at shroud - ed here be - low,

1. masked by these bare sha - dows, shape and no - thing more,  
2. but can plain - ly call thee Lord and God as he;  
3. liv - ing bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
4. I be - seech thee send me what I long for so,

1. See, Lord, at thy ser - vice low lies here a heart  
2. this faith each day deep - er be my hold - ing of,  
3. lend this life to me then; feed and feast my mind,  
4. some day to gaze on thee face to face in light

1. lost, all lost in won - der at the God thou art.  
2. dail - y make me hard - er hope and dear - er love.  
3. there be thou the sweet - ness man was meant to find.  
4. and be blest for ev - er with thy glo - ry's sight.

A - men.

Tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE 11 11 11 11; Mode V.  
Text: Ascr. to Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; trans. Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844-89

### Thanksgiving Motet Quia vidisti Thoma G.P. da Palestrina

You have seen me, Thomas. Blessed are those  
who have not seen me, yet believe. alleluia, alleluia.

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.  
Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Dismissal

*The deacon (celebrant or cantor) sings the dismissal:*

Go in peace, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia.  
Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia.

## 8.00 MASS PROPER



### Entrance Antiphon

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

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.

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.

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.

### Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

# Thank You

Volunteers are the lifeline of our parish.  
Our sincere gratitude to all volunteers who helped in various  
ways in organising and running the Holy Week and Easter  
celebrations in the Cathedral. You are an amazing lot! Thank  
you for witnessing your love for God in the way you interact  
and serve our community. You make work enjoyable.

Our thanks also to all those who donated eggs, bread and  
bacon to feed the pilgrims who took part in the Good Friday  
walk.

*May our Lord bless your generosity.*

A few photos from the Easter weekend.



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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

**Weddings** are by appointment only.

**At least six months' notice is necessary.**  
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

**First Eucharist and Confirmation**  
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

## HIRING of ROOMS

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au)

## Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

## Journey to WYD 2023 - A note from the pilgrims...

We are full speed ahead with organising tables for the Trivia Night.

There are eight people to a table. You can either book a table or join others. Grab your family, friends and relatives for a very enjoyable evening!

Tickets are \$10 per person.

Also, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets online. Prizes are amazing - thanks to some very generous donors. The link is <https://rafflelink.com.au/st-pats-wyd-affle> or you can use the QR code shown here.

We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks!

Caitlin, Kayleigh & Stacie



TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 29 APRIL - 7:30PM

tickets available at [trybooking.com/CGQGZ](https://trybooking.com/CGQGZ)

## Barbecue Today - Sunday 16 April

And continuing with our fundraising for World Youth Day and our hospitality, we will be holding a barbecue after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. What a great opportunity to support our youth on their ventures and also catch up with your fellow parishioners at the outset of the great Easter season!

## Food Assistance

Food assistance is available in the Parramatta local area. If you, or someone you know, is struggling to put food on the table, here are some options which may be of assistance.

**St Vincent de Paul Support Centre** at 72 Harris St, Harris Park (8861 9757) offers food parcels. They are open Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

**Karabi Community Services** have a foodbank which operates on Wednesdays from 12:00noon - 2:00pm. Bookings are required prior to visit on 9631 6575 (9:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday). They are located at 41 Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville.

**Turbans for Australia** are located at 14 Martha St, Clyde (0432 017 000) and run a food bank where they provide hampers every Sunday - arrive at 10:00am.

**The Salvation Army** has commenced a 'Second Bite' program, based at 426 Church Street Parramatta (9635 6870), running Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00am - 12:00noon, across bakery items, frozen meat and veggies.

**Parramatta Mission** - located at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta (9891 2277) offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays. Their hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm.

## Seniors' Ministry Morning Tea with Guest Speaker on Tuesday 18 April

Calling all Seniors! We are starting this year with a morning tea at the Cloister Function room on **Tuesday 18 April at 10:00am**.

Our guest speaker is Seminarian, Jeff Hood. Jeff comes with a wealth of knowledge as you will know if you have read his story in previous bulletins. He will touch on topics that relate to seniors, so be ready for an engaging session!

Suggested donation \$5.00 per person.

Kindly RSVP to the parish office for catering purposes.

## Cloister Cafe

We wish you all a blessed Easter season from all of us. Looking forward to serving you again on **23 April**. We won't be operating today due to the barbecue. So, make sure you come along and support our youth. Thank you!

## Nancy Perry - Funeral Details

The Perry family were known to many families in our parish through their swimming involvement with the Catholic Primary schools at Parramatta.

Nancy's funeral will be held on **Monday 17 April at St Monica's North Parramatta at 11:00am**.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Perry family at this time.

*May perpetual life shine upon her and through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.*

## Pentecost Retreat Day

You are all invited to share and join with us in a day of REFLECTION, RENEWAL and CELEBRATION. It is a reminder of sharing our faith with others.



**Date:** Saturday 27 May

**Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Place:** Cathedral Hall

Refreshments will be available. Please note any dietary requirements by email.

RSVP by **Wednesday 24 May** to: [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) or 8839 8400



## Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

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## Diocesan Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is looking for a Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary at [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by **18 April**. If you would like more information regarding this position, please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316.



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# Prayer Intentions

## We pray for our beloved dead...

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."*

**Recently Deceased:** Nancy Perry, Jack McCarthy, Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log, Aloma Pospischil, Robert Redoblado, Zakie Baysari, Joseph J Perrottet

**Deceased:** Rita Bayliss, Newman & Phua families, Filomena Nubla, Josefa Manubay, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Purification Guillermu, Maria Villodelgado, YT & Deanna Hsu, Barbara Wood, Ma Maurice Briganza, Abe & Abe F Nozoula, Ab & Abe E Graciers, Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa, Raymond, David O'Connor

**Anniversaries:** Eddy Chung, Susana Evening, Vincenza Debono, Teadora, Merinessa Salvacion, Juan Montesco, Ben Bautista, Pasquale Altamore, Frere A Levananu

**Perpetuals:** Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

## We also pray for...

**Sick:** Jeffrey Mousley, George Abela, Patrick Marion, Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughty, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Richard Gosling, Lester Dunnetio, Renish & Rita Pasanah, Maria Lipec, Mounira Epenian, William Peropert, John Fajarao, Diosdada Penollar, Flor Ocampo, Christie Penollar, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

**Special Intentions:** James Attard, Sayed Epenian, Sayed Khalil, Mounira Epenian, Eddie Epenian & family, George Epenian & family, Rita E erz, Fr's Robert, Chris, Joseph and Bishop Vincent, Bernadette, Sarah, Clara & Joseph Khalil, Philippa & Olivia Perrottet, Gabriel Royals, Naleen, Paul Elogious, Luisa, P. Henry, Raveen, Tian, Xianora D'Mello, Kristine Mae Anne, Mr & Mrs A D'Mello, Naleen, Mary & Bernadette, Annabelle Perrottet, Celeste Perrottet, NSW Election, Pedro Romulo, Nikola Senjak, Rebecca Ramirez, Cresilda Gantuangco

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, these adults who were baptised and confirmed at the recent Easter Vigil Mass...



**Justin Kwong  
Emily Moore  
Jennifer Dokken**

Please pray for them!

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April



***For a culture of peace and non-violence***

"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 11 April*

"When hope is spent and we feel loneliness in our hearts, inner weariness, the torment of sin, the fear of failure, let us return to Jesus. For He is the only one who always defeats death and always renews our life."

## Saint of the Week

**17 April** - Bl Clara Gambacorta OP (1362-1419), Religious

Blessed Clara was born in Pisa, Italy, in 1362, married at the age of twelve and widowed at the age of fifteen. She longed to join a religious order, but her family objected. When at last they relented, upon the advice of Saint Catherine of Siena she received the Dominican habit at the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Pisa. In 1385, along with Blessed Maria Mancini, she founded the Monastery of Saint Dominic in Pisa where regular observance was strictly maintained. She was noted for her great prudence and charity, especially in pardoning the assassin of her father and brothers. She prized study and urged her sisters to do likewise. She died on 17 April 1419.



(Information: Universalis)

## “Quote of the Week”

"Prayer without action grows into powerless pietism, and action without prayer degenerates into questionable manipulation. If prayer leads us into a deeper unity with the compassionate Christ, it will always give rise to concrete acts of service. And if concrete acts of service do indeed lead us to a deeper solidarity with the poor, the hungry, the sick, the dying and the oppressed, they will always give rise to prayer."

**Henri Nouwen**

(1932-1996)

Dutch Priest & Theologian

*Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life*



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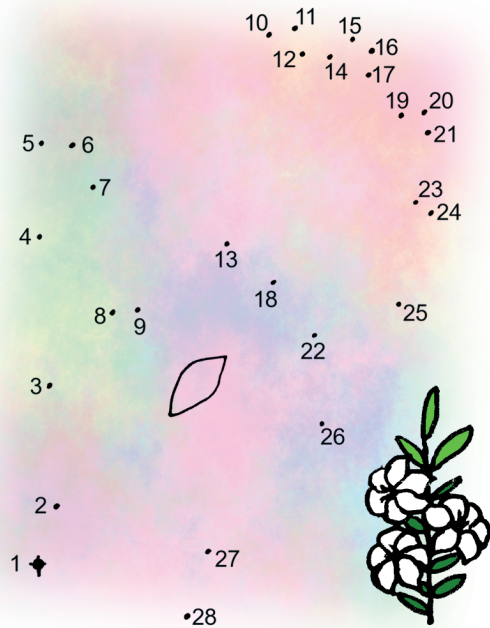
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# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 16th, 2023



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!

## Doubting Thomas Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

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In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"\_\_\_\_\_!"  
Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

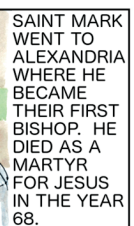
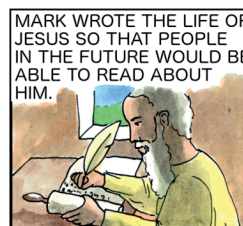
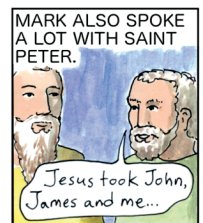
**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!**

**Jesus, I trust in You!**

Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!  
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## Saint Mark

April 25



SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

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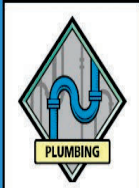
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