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PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

We will be printing a number of bulletins for pickup from the presbytery verandah.

If you wish, you can leave your planned giving envelopes at the presbytery in office hours. We have decided the box is not secure enough.
Office hours : Monday 8am—1pm; Thursday 8am-12noon; Friday 8am—1pm.

Fr James will be offering private Mass in the Church every week day at 9am for all parishioners and you are encouraged to pray privately at this time. Mass offerings will be accepted at the presbytery.

Sunday Mass 9am

We have included two sheets from Liturgy Brisbane, one for Family Prayer and one for the Sunday Readings. We hope they are helpful.

Sick calls as usual. Please call 67221103 OR 0428128703

This is a great time to get involved with the life of the Church around the world. Two websites of note are Cath News <http://cathnews.com> and also Where Peter Is. <http://wherepeteris.com>

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.
MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**
 Holy Souls in Purgatory, Pat & Kevin Clancy,
 Pat Clancy, Leigh Clancy

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
 All those with the Corona Virus, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Lloyd Fleming, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Linda Redondo, Marie Ward, Margaret Wales, Dorothy Ball, Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan **the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries
 Cleo Campagner, Nolene Lane, John Harmon (brother of the Harmon family) Gail King, Teresa (Clancy) Conroy, Fr Bernie Melville, Pat Stewart, Athol & Marjorie Reeves, Pat Clancy, Sr Anne O'Brien rsm (aunt of Shayne O'Brien) Eileen O'Brien, Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil Harris, John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Paul Witherdin, Mary Robbins, Peter Hoynes, Susan Hoynes, Kath Denovan, Yvonne Hawkins, Lindsay Dale (father of Tony) John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins, **Eternal life grant unto**


POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
 O Mary you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
 Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

APRIL 18/19— SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / YEAR A

Update from the Chancery

2nd Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Mass
Holy Hour Adoration
3:00 pm
 Via Ss Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Parish Facebook page

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
 My dearest Jesus,
 I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament .
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen

Concluding Prayer for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
 O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion --- inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Alleluia!!
He is Risen

Prayer to Patroness of Diocese
 Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
 Our Lady of the Rosary, Patroness of the Diocese of Armidale Mother of God and Queen of the Angels
 We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our Diocese, for our nation and for the world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your Son Jesus and of all his holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
 For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
 May your Son deliver from all evil.
 Amen.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH
 Those who contribute by envelope and would like to convert to direct debit are invited to come during office hours to fill in their forms (social distancing will be observed). If you would like to continue with your envelopes, please leave at the presbytery. If possible leave in office hours. Alternatively you may like to make the transfers yourself: Please make sure you put your name in the reference section
First Collection: Presbytery for priest upkeep
 BSB 082105 A/C 001023550
Second Collection: Church for running costs
 BSB 082105 A/C 001001010
 We are sure that you will understand that normal running expenses will have to be met and ask for your usual generous support.
 Thank you to those who have responded already. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / A

19 APRIL 2020

STILL BEARING THE WOUNDS OF LOVE

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospels. Born loser, realist, pessimist, he has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won't believe that Jesus has been raised simply on the other disciples' claim: 'We have seen the Lord'. He insists on seeing, touching, hearing for himself.

Eight days later, with divine 'courtesy', Jesus meets Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of his risen Lord, Thomas abandons these conditions. He, the late-comer, the obtuse one, goes on to make the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

Moreover, Thomas' demand to see and touch the wounds shows that the risen Lord continues to bear these badges of vulnerable love. Presumably that is why Pope John Paul II chose this Second Sunday after Easter as 'Divine Mercy' Sunday: Jesus is someone to whom we can go and find understanding and mercy in a divine degree.

Jesus adds a comment that brings us into the picture too: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Succeeding generations of believers will not have the privilege of seeing the risen Lord. We have to believe simply the testimony handed down in the Church: 'We have seen the Lord'. We are not at a disadvantage. We are in fact 'blessed' because from us a faith greater than that of Thomas' will be drawn. And it is faith that lets God's power into the world.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Acts 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

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