

Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Antonia Simeone, Bishop Bede Heather, George voss, Fr Isidip Wilson and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Vincent Toohey, Cec Bortolin, Sandra Eileen O'Neill, Mons Alexander (Lex) Maxwell Johnson, Ron Clayton, John Christa, Hermann Reinke Frantz Ducasse, Isabel Nohra, Antonio Parisi, Guiseppe Nesci, Patricia Marindo, Stanislaw Kolodziej, Fiona Hatty, Vincenza Denichilo

*Our Lord wills that you cling to Him alone!
If your faith were greater, how much more peaceful you would be
even when great trials surround and oppress you. Saint Paula Frassinetti*

ANZAC Day – Sunday 25 April

Parishioners are invited to bring photos of loved ones who were veterans
- place these in the reflection area.

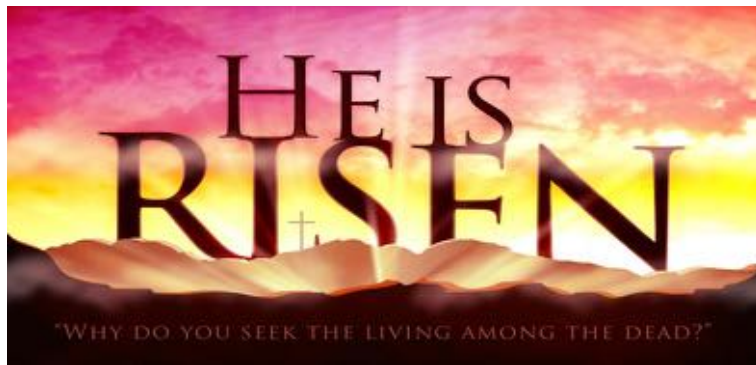
We are holding hospitality after 8am and 10am Masses.
Please bring home-made ANZAC biscuits and damper to share.



Why not learn to enjoy the little things? There are so many of them.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify Fr Laurie



Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching

Youth Group: Ephesus

Next Sunday 18 April 6pm - 7.30pm

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“Let no one fear death for the Saviour’s death has set us free”
- St John Chrysostom

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2022 Enrolments are now open for our school. Tours are held fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Bookings are essential.

Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays
in the school hall
during school terms



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
(Preceded by Holy Hour - 5pm)
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
(Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am)

**Vietnamese
Masses:**

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm &
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

11 April 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

Divine Mercy Sunday



The first Sunday after Easter is the **Feast of Divine Mercy**. Our Lord said to St Faustina “...on this day the very depths of My tender mercy open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy ... Let no soul fear to draw near Me...”

Project Compassion

Please return your CARITAS Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.



Paschal Candle

Thank you to Guardian Funerals, Bankstown, who kindly donated our Paschal Candle.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021

There will be a meeting for **parents /carers** in the church
on **Tuesday 04 May at 7pm.**
Young people in Year 3 and older may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.

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.

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. (R.)
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. (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 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.

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.

Gospel Reflection

– By Greg Sunter

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

This statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass - the 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.