

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – YEAR A

12 April 2026

NOTES:

- All rostered liturgical ministers need to **sign-in** (Readers, Senior Server, EMHC, and Musicians) in the foyer.
- **SC only:** After mass sign-in sheet for St. Cecilia needs to be put back in the basket.

ROSTER: Week 2

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Presider	Myk	Jojo	John	Paul	Senan
Mass Intention					
Welcoming	Billy Reginald Salvatore Young			Sofia Anne Demasi	
Coordinator			Gabrielle Maria		
Senior Server	Louise	Michael	Ilde Eva	Michael	Stephen
EMHC	Elizabeth-Anne Jo	Paul Elsie	Volunteer Needed x2	Joseph Kathryn	Carol Geraldine
Readers	Bob Edelvine	Olivier Jenny	Ana Stephanie	Anne Sol	Gerry Kevin
Music			TBC		
Hospitality			Hickey Family Merrigan Family	Fatima Sol Gilna	
Laptop		Lea			

BAPTISMS

SC 10.30am	Billy Reginald Salvatore Young	Christian & Annalise
SK 11.30am		

PRESENTATIONS/WELCOMING

SC 9am		
SK 5:30pm	Billy Reginald Salvatore Young	Christian & Annalise
9:30am	Sofia Anne Demasi	Damian & Roxanne

WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good morning/evening, everyone. My name is _____.

As we come together at St Kieran's/Cecilia's Church in the Catholic Community of North Harbour, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and their enduring connection to its lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.

Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist on this Second Sunday of Easter – also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a time to rejoice in the boundless mercy and love of our Risen Lord. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus appearing to His disciples and inviting Thomas to believe, reminding us that Christ's peace and mercy are gifts for all who trust in Him. May this celebration deepen our faith and fill us with hope and joy in the risen Christ.

I now invite you to stand and warmly greet those around you.

(pause)

And now, let us welcome our presider for this Mass, Father _____, and join wholeheartedly in singing our Entrance Hymn.

Sat 5.30pm	Fr Myk
Sun 7.30am	Fr Jojo
Sun 9am	Fr John
Sun 9.30am	Fr Paul
Sun 5pm	Fr Senan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest/Presider: On this day when we celebrate the infinite depth of God's mercy, let us bring our needs and the needs of the whole world before the Lord, who breathes peace upon us and heals our wounds.

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- **For the Church:** That we may be a true reflection of the early community in Jerusalem—holding fast to the apostles' teaching, breaking bread with glad and sincere hearts, and witnessing to the power of the Resurrection. **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For the World and its Leaders:** That the "Peace be with you" offered by the Risen Christ may take root in every nation, bringing an end to division and inspiring a global commitment to the works of mercy. **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For those Struggling with Doubt:** That like the Apostle Thomas, those who find it difficult to believe may experience the gentle presence of Christ and be led to the profound confession: "My Lord and my God!" **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For the Sick and the Dying:** That through the Ministry of Reconciliation and the intercession of Saint Faustina, they may trust completely in the rays of love and mercy flowing from the Heart of Jesus. **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For our Parish Community:** That we may never close the doors of our hearts in fear, but instead go forth as instruments of Divine Mercy, forgiving as we have been forgiven. **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For Our Broken World Torn by War:** May the present tension in the Middle East cease; all suffering come to an end. May everyone involved practice restraint and return to the negotiating table, so that lasting peace maybe restored. **Lord, hear us! R.**
- **For the Faithful Departed:** May those who have died in the present wars and through captivity find life in God. We remember those who have died recently: **Fr John McCall osa, Diane Lowe, Madela Duero, Celia Cabaluna, Tomas Banayag Sr, Esmeraluna Pido** and those whose anniversaries occur: **-John & Gina Grupelli, Maria Polito** **Lord, hear us! R.**

Priest/Presider: God of everlasting mercy, increase the grace you have bestowed. May we grasp and rightly understand in what font we have been washed, by whose Spirit we have been reborn, and by whose Blood we have been redeemed. Through Christ our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

Our parish is seeking an Administration Assistant (Media & Communications). If you or someone you know may be interested, we invite you to apply. Applications close 12 April 2026. Please see the bulletin for more details.

Parish Social Justice Group

Join us for the next Parish Social Justice Group meeting on Monday 13th April at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Anzac Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 25 April at 8:30am at St Kieran's Church. Following Mass, all are invited to stay for a BBQ. All are most welcome.

AFA Fun Walk and Talk

Come and join the Sue Cowell Fun Walk and Talk with the Augustinians on Sunday, 3 May at 8:00am along the Manly Beach Front. Bring a friend, the whole family, or simply come along to enjoy some exercise for a good cause. Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Please see the bulletin or poster for more details.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be conferred on Pentecost Sunday by Archbishop Anthony during the 9:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Those who are interested are invited to see the bulletin for more details.

Anne Ross Retirement

After many years of faithful service, Anne will be retiring from her role in our parish. We thank her for her generosity and commitment and wish her every blessing in this new chapter. Her last day will be next Friday, 17th of April.

Prayer for Peace

Australians are being urged to respond to the invitation of Pope Leo XIV to pray for peace. In turning to prayer, we affirm that hope is never lost and that peace is always possible.

Let us pray together as one community:

Lord Jesus Christ,

you are the Prince of Peace.

Look with mercy upon our troubled world.

Bring peace to places torn by war,

comfort those who suffer, protect the innocent,

and turn the hearts of all people from hatred and violence.

Grant wisdom to leaders and courage to those who work for justice.

May your peace reign in every heart, every home, and every nation.

You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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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.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's roster (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Roster: Week 3

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Presider	Jojo	Abel	Myk	John	Paul
Coordinator			Sandra		
Senior Server	Stephen	Michael	Ian	Adrian	Edelvine
EMHC	Volunteer Needed x2	Lea Olivier	Volunteer Needed x2	Titus Adriana	Catherine Geraldine
Readers	Rick Elizabeth-Anne Terry (R)	Elsie Jenny Paul (R)	Phil Sandra	Cathie Dale Fatima (R)	Jo Rodney Christine (R)
Music					
Hospitality			Jeanette Cathy	Linda Josephine	
Laptop					