

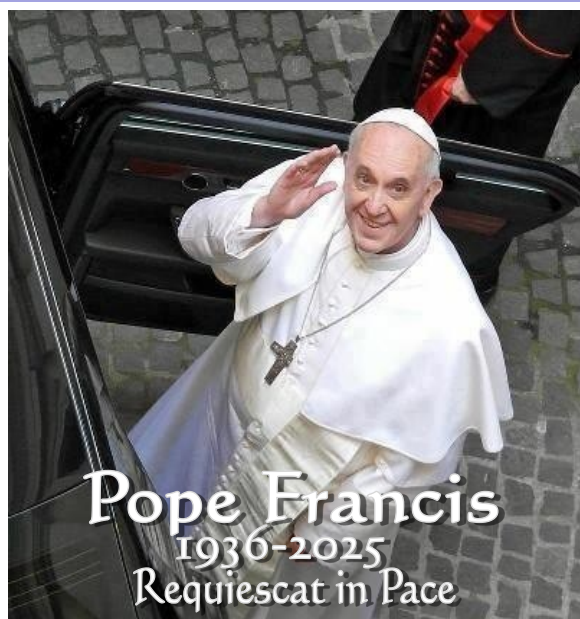


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy

Year C Cycle I

27 April 2025



Vale Pope Francis

Our Catholic family mourns the passing of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. We pray for him and his successor to come. Mass will be celebrated here on Monday at 9am for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Please find a letter from Bishop Anthony on the Church tables regarding the passing of our simple and humble leader.

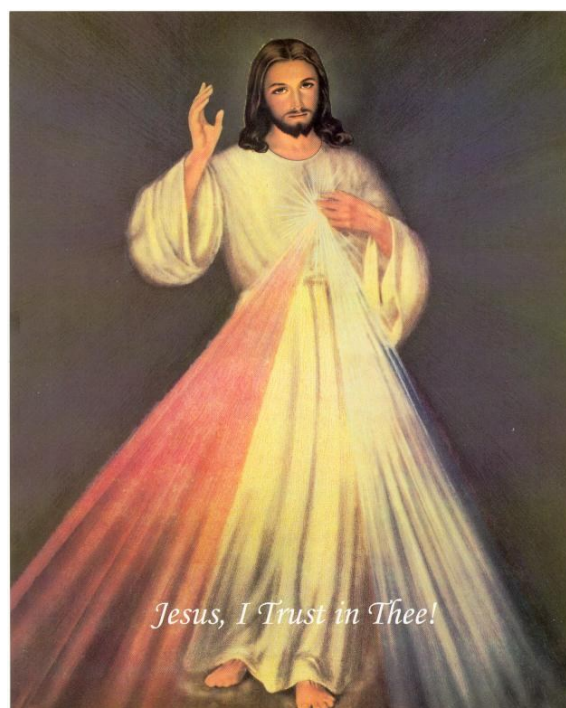
Feast of Divine Mercy

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, where we may obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, an extraordinary grace promised by Jesus. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On this day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. My Heart rejoices in this feast. My Mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you."

To obtain such grace we must go to Confession within 21 days before or after this Sunday, receive Holy Communion on the day, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, and be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf.

"In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my Mercy. Be merciful even as your Father is merciful."

Excerpts from the *Diary of St Faustina*



Feast Days this Week

St Peter Chanel

28 April

St Catherine
of Siena

29 April

St Athanasius

2 May

Sts Philip & James

3 May



Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated
next Friday 2 May
during 11:45am
Mass for those
over 65 or with
serious or long-
term illness.



Adoration

Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament is held
on each first
Saturday (3 May)
following 9am
Mass for one
hour, closing
with Benediction.

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Leap of Faith

Perhaps you've met people who are disappointed or angry with God, who say that they've stopped believing in God. They might say something like, "I prayed that my mum would get well, but she died. So, what's the point?" It's hard to hear that, but it's so important to remember that we can't argue people into believing. Gentle listening and sharing about the joy and peace that our own faith brings us is probably a better way. When Thomas has trouble believing, Jesus shows him his wounds and gently encourages him, "doubt no longer but believe". People who are hurting need a listening ear and the reassurance that Jesus can transform their suffering and wounds and bring meaning into what seems senseless.

We too need not be surprised when doubts arise within us. Thomas Merton says "Faith is not the suppression of doubt. It is the overcoming of doubt, and you overcome doubt by going through it. The person of faith who has never experienced doubt is not truly a person of faith." Somehow or other, we need the doubts in order to trust and then make the leap of faith!

In many ways, we are the people that Jesus is referring to when he says "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Obviously, we do not see the Risen Lord in the same way that Thomas and the other disciples experienced him. We rely on other experiences, like the sacraments, prayer, scripture, the testimony of other people, and the long, long traditions of the Church. In fact, our Gospel passage tells us that the signs of Jesus "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. Hearing the Word of God and opening our hearts to its message leads us to faith in Jesus who promises us life in its fullness.

People with honest doubts – ourselves included – are not doing anything wrong. We don't have to have absolute certainty about our faith, although those times when we do feel deep confirmation in our faith are times of grace and are real gifts from God. In today's Gospel we see the movement of grace in Thomas, who moved from stubborn doubt to a deep, tender, and wholehearted belief. In fact, Thomas' profession of faith is among the clearest expressions of the divinity of Jesus Christ in all the Gospels. "My Lord and my God!" is the culmination of Thomas' journey from the pain of disillusionment, disappointment and bereavement to the serenity of faith and trust.

Our faith is a relationship, not a formula, or an ideology, or a set of propositions which can be proved beyond doubt. Pope Benedict tells us that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Our faith, then, is a relationship with Jesus Christ who came to share our human reality, who healed people and preached the Good News to the poor, who lived a life of love, generosity and joy, who died for our sakes and now is risen.

In Christ's risen body, the wounds of the passion were still to be seen, and today wherever there is woundedness, Christ is present. He invites us to do the same, to witness to the power of faith in him by touching the wounds of the body of Christ in the here and now. We can trust that when, in a spirit of faith, we touch the wounds of other suffering people, the Spirit of the Risen Lord will transform all suffering, giving it meaning and hope.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Easter holidays. We love to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Rosan or Deacon Paul, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries the parish office on 4332 2216.

Farewell Rosamma & Mathew!

Happy holidays to Fr Rosan as he takes his parents back to India and enjoys his annual leave with them.

Farewell to Rosamma & Mathew, who came for their son's Ordination, and were able to do some sight-seeing while here. We loved having you with us!

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

Our Diocese of Broken Bay Pastoral Works (PWBB) Appeal will be held next weekend 3/4 May. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community.

This financial year, 2025/2026, our parish has been asked to contribute \$56,127.00, of which \$16,027.00 is still outstanding. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during the Appeal months of May and November. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes will be available on the pews or you can donate using the QR code. Thank you!



Please Note

Thank You All!

To Fr Brian, Fr Rosan, Deacon Paul, Colleen Smith, Acolytes, Altar Servers, '12 Apostles', Organists, Choirs, Commentators, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners and all who prepared everything for our Easter ceremonies, well done on your beautiful work and thank you!

Project Compassion Boxes

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes to the church.

CCD Reflection Day – Stations of the Resurrection

Join us as we reflect on the post-Resurrection journey of Jesus. To be held in Chatswood on 9 May and The Entrance on 19 May 2025. All Catechists are invited, and welcome to bring a friend. Registrations essential: please email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or call 8379 1643.



Welcome

To the McCloy, Hudson, Northey & Bones Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



PRAYER Holy Souls Crusade

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enq: 0438 320 927.



Envelopes

These donations support the Priests of our diocese - retired and active. Envelopes are on the information tables. Thank You!



Blessing of Homes during Eastertime

Please find flyers on the information tables for you to use for a home blessing.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

2nd Sunday of Easter *Acts 5:12-16 Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31*

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

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

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

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Fr Michael Fallon, Kathryn Walker (Fr Bill's sister), Petra Fazzino, Fr David Coffey, Simon Camilleri, Jack Peeters, Leo Moloney, Phillip Coleman, Eddie Lovegrove, Mary Luci, Robbie Lamont.

Anniversaries: Donald O'Sullivan, Bruce Parry, Teresa Paranchi.

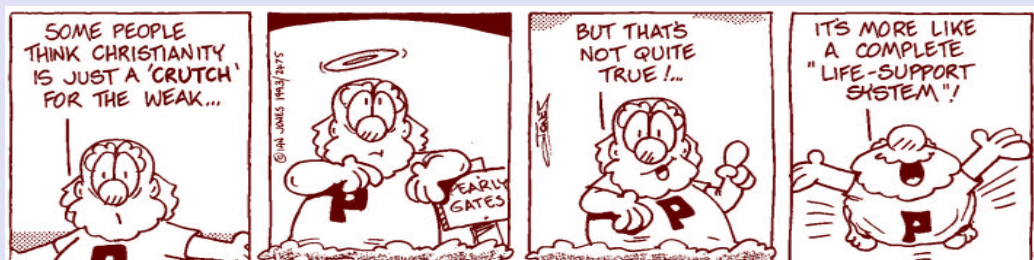
Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Charles Gatt, Ralph Jayesuria, Lindsay & Daphne Curtis and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Curtis.

Sick: Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Graham Henneberry, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Henry Whitehorn.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church. Enquiries: 4332 2216.