



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Year B Cycle II

7 April 2024



## Comprehend the Marvels

The scenes of Jesus' presence are always marked by the unbelief of those to whom he appears. The unbelief is mainly caused by their inability to comprehend the marvels that the Lord does, and it is not the negation of what has happened. A true believer trusts that there is no limit to what the Lord can accomplish! This apparition of Jesus is significant for the doubt of Thomas. More than the doubt, the words of Thomas "unless I see I will not believe" reveal his stubbornness born of love, a stubbornness to meet the Lord personally, a stubbornness which, in fact, pleased the Lord. Before this stubbornness born of love, the Lord grants the desire of Thomas. The confession of St Thomas, "My Lord and my God" is the greatest confession of one's faith. It is the confession of a great believer for whom there is no existence without the Lord; it is the confession of the one who is always willing and is completely available at the service of the Lord.

*God's Word Fr Devasia Joseph SSP*

## Divine Mercy Celebrations

On this Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, where we may obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, an extraordinary grace promised by Jesus. 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.'

*Diary of St Faustina*



**Feast Days  
this Week**

**The  
Annunciation  
of the Lord**  
8 April

**St Stanislaus**  
11 April



**Mass on Monday  
Feast of the  
Annunciation**

Mass will be  
celebrated on  
Monday 8 April  
(instead of the  
usual Communion  
Service).



**Nursing Home  
Mass**

Mass and  
Anointing of the  
Sick will be  
celebrated at  
Opal Killarney  
Vale  
on Tuesday  
at 11am.

**Parish  
Morning  
Tea**



The Pelican Blue  
Family Group  
is hosting our  
Morning Tea  
next Sunday  
14 April in the  
Parish Centre  
after 9:30am  
Mass.  
All Welcome!

## The Power of Belief

**T**homas struggled to believe in Jesus, risen from the dead and the new life which he offered him. But Thomas' doubt was even stronger, he was stubborn, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my fingers in the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". He made demands of Jesus and the other apostles. Thomas was arrogant. It must have been a struggle to stay with those who believed and were full of joy. He found himself on the margins. God relentlessly pursues those who try to escape from him, never abandoning them, and protecting them unceasingly under the shade of his outstretched hand. The risen Jesus seeks Thomas out to speak to him and prove that he is risen from the dead. He appears to Thomas and invites him to do exactly what he has demanded. Thomas touches the wounds of the risen Jesus and says, "My Lord and my God". He believes.

We belong to the Body of Christ through Baptism. This is not an abstract reality but real, earthy, and fleshy. We meet Christ when we love our brothers and sisters as neighbours. Saint Francis of Assisi, leaving his rich life behind, despised lepers in general. But when he kissed one leper whom he met on the road to Assisi, his bitterness was changed to sweetness. Saint Francis recognised him as having the same dignity as one of God's children.

We do not see the risen Christ directly like Thomas and the others to whom he appeared for forty days. Rather we meet the risen Christ through prayer, his Word, the sacraments, and other people. We walk by faith and not by sight. We rejoice in being those people of whom Jesus says, "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Actions speak louder than words. Many people find Christian outreach to the poor and the vulnerable, to the hungry and the needy, credible as a witness to the Gospel of Christ. This is the reason why Saint Francis of Assisi is loved by many people. Whilst not everyone is called to his radical way of life, we must each ask how we can live more simply and more generously towards others. Just as the apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, so this parish community witnesses to the power of belief in Christ by touching the wounds of Christ in our own here and now.

*Sunday Living Word Majellan Media*

## Infinite Mercy

**T**he Second Sunday of Easter Year B is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The message from the readings of this day is about God's infinite mercy and love. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we learn about the early Christian community and how they devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, shared everything in common, and prayed together. In the second reading from the first letter of John, we are reminded that God is love, and that we should love one another as God loves us. The Gospel reading is from John, where Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection and offers them peace. He also gives them the power to forgive sins, telling them that whoever sins they forgive are forgiven, and whoever sins they retain are retained. This message teaches us that God's mercy and love are infinite, and that we should strive to live in harmony with one another and forgive each other's sins.

*Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate*

## Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish this school holidays. It is good to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul, Rosan our Seminarian, or Colleen Smith our Pastoral Associate, who are all very happy to meet you. For other enquiries the office is open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 5pm 4332 2216.

## First Eucharist Programme

The First Eucharist Programme begins this month, with classes held throughout May. Parents please note the following dates:

**Registration & Information Evening** Tuesday 9 April 7pm Parish Centre

**Lessons** Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm from 30 April to 21 May or

Thursdays 4-5pm from 2 May to 23 May

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist** Saturday 1 June 5pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 2 June 9:30am Mass.

**Enquiries** contact Colleen: colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au or 4332 2216

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## KidsClub - Save the Date!

KidsClub will return on Saturday 4 May with the theme of Easter. KidsClub is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks provided. Siblings also welcome. Parents may stay or drop off and pick up. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay with child. We meet at 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. You are most welcome to join us at 5pm Mass afterwards. No RSVP required - just turn up! Enquiries to 4332 2216.

## Please Note

### Thank You All!

To Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul, Rosan Matthew, Colleen Smith, Acolytes, Altar Servers, 'Apostles', Organists, Choirs, Commentators, Readers, Cleaners and all who prepared everything for our beautiful Easter ceremonies.

### Central Coast Atrium

The newly opened Atrium is running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year olds. The aim is to help the child nurture a personal relationship with God. Saturdays 9-10:30am, in the Atrium (behind the CCD Office). Contact centralcoastatrium@gmail.com or Ashleigh on 0466 255 033.

### Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly meetings of the Fraternity will be held in the Reynolds Room on the second Friday of each month (12 April) at 1pm - after 11:45am Mass. A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come along and enjoy fellowship and prayer in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi. For additional information see [www.ofsaustralia.org.au](http://www.ofsaustralia.org.au) or call Gerard on 0439 519 018.

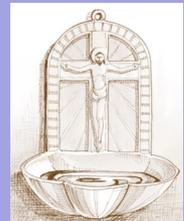
**Please Remember to Return Your Project Compassion Boxes.**



**Welcome**  
to the Duncan & Heatley Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



**Congratulations on First Reconciliation Preparations**  
Another group of children have completed their Reconciliation Preparations. Well done to all!



**Easter Water**  
The new Easter Water is available in the Holy Water urn next to the Confessionals.



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

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

**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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 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:** Donna McLauchlan, John Swaysland, Giuseppa Bosco, Robert Bower, John Russell, Bernadette Sweeney, Archbishop Frank Carroll, Teresa Sheehan, Mauro Giacco, Alan Green, Joan Parker.

**Funerals:** The funeral of John Russell was held during the week. The funeral of Donna McLauchlan will be held on Wednesday at 10:30am. Please keep John, Donna and their families in your prayers.

**Anniversaries:** Beryl Moloney, Margaret Pizzuto, Michael McCudden.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, June Maher, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Clarke, Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon and Patterson.

**Sick:** Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

*For all your devotional needs...*

## Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**