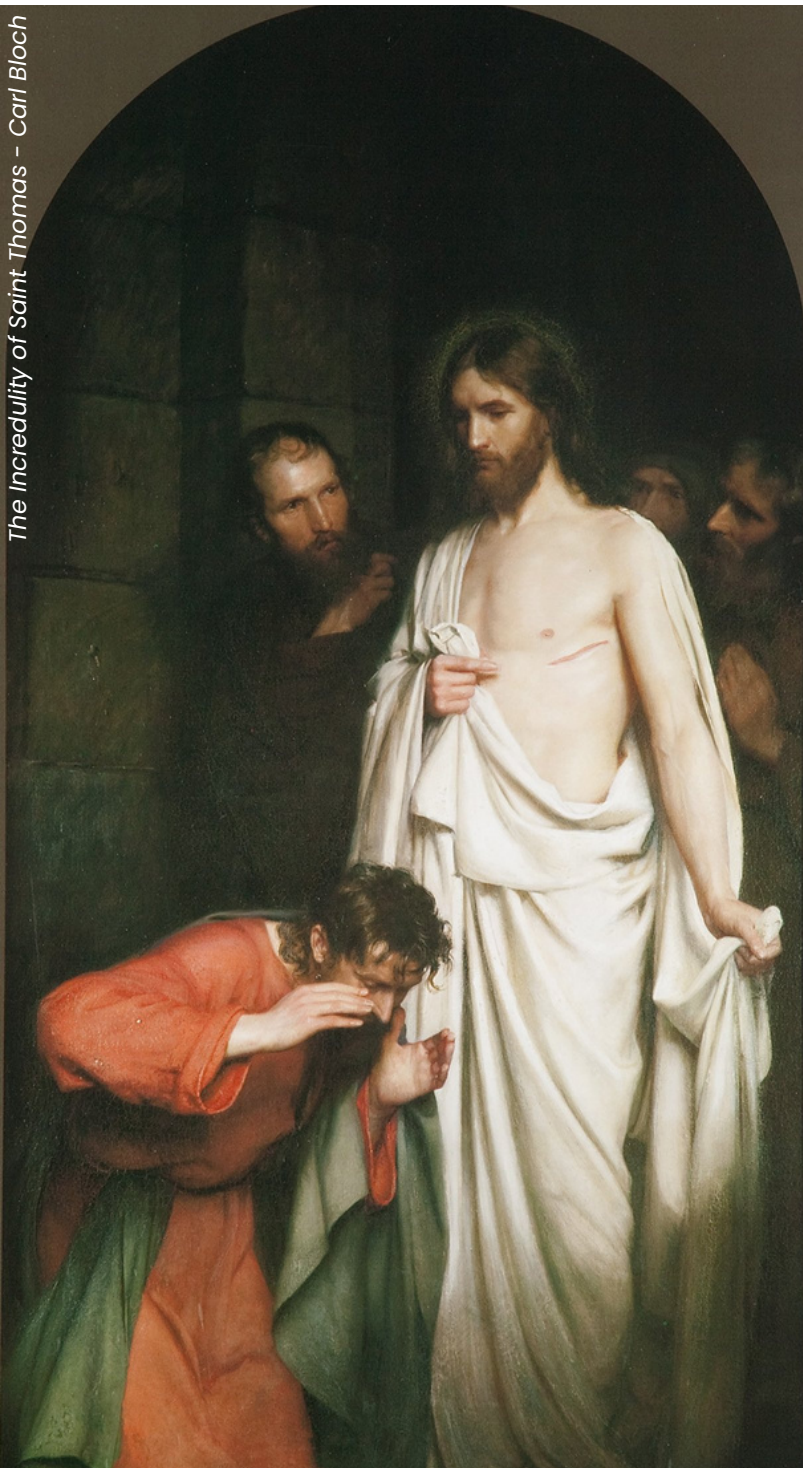




## THE BULLETIN

7 APRIL 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas - Carl Bloch



After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.  
This Sunday's Gospel - John 20:19-31

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# GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you.

*This week, we invite you to join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday! Please join us for a beautiful commemoration of God's compassion and mercy starting at 2:30PM on Sunday, April 7th. The Giftshop will be set up on the forecourt from 9:00AM, offering Divine Mercy items for sale.*

*On Saturday, April 6th, at 4:00 PM, our First Saturday Public Rosary returns. All are welcome to participate!*

*We're excited to announce two upcoming events: the Journey into Truth 24-week course, designed to deepen your understanding of faith, and the Psychology of Prayer talk with Dr. John Poon, organized by the Capstone Young Adults. See inside for more details!*

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) by the close of business on Wednesday.





**Fr David Ranson**  
PP VG  
Parish Priest

I cannot express deeply enough our gratitude to all those who enabled our Easter ceremonies to be as beautiful last weekend. So many people worked in the background and during our liturgies to render them as meaningful – our flower people, our musicians and singers, our altar servers, readers, wardens, our hospitality team. To them all we say a very big **THANK YOU!** How encouraging it was to have such large numbers join us for each of our events: between the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning alone we had in excess of 2000 people with us. And again, we thank our younger members for the magnificent presentation of the Stations of the Cross on the Chatswood Concourse on the morning of Good Friday. This was the first time we had done this, and all agreed it was so very effective. We will now do this annually. May the light of Easter not dim as we go forward into its Season culminating in Pentecost in May!

On Monday 8 April, we are piloting a new initiative – a parish retreat day for the Catholic children in our parish primary school. Our parish team has been working with the school leadership and staff to offer our Catholic children at the school a

unique opportunity to come to know our parish and for our parish to contribute more directly to the children's religious formation. After a late morning session over 2 hours of religious activity and education, we will celebrate Mass with our students in our church in the early afternoon. We hope to offer such a day once a term as we go forward.

This week Brendan Tertini, one of our parish leaders, and I will be presenting at the Sydney Archdiocesan clergy conference in Wollongong on the invitation of Archbishop Fisher. We will present our journey as a parish over these last years and particularly our practice of being a Parish-in-Council. We have a 90-minute segment, repeated three times over the Tuesday and Wednesday. Do keep us in prayer that what we have to offer may inspire others too in the journey of developing a shared discernment of mission. Our own next session of Parish-in-Council will be on Saturday 18 May 2024. Do keep the date free! We are also working with Mercy College and Pius X College in the formation of a "Students-in-Council" that might contribute and feed into our Parish-in-Council. So, we continue to grow and renew – a sure sign of the power of Resurrection.

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

### **Our loved ones who have recently passed away:**

Anoma Martina Senanayake - 28 March; Lawrence Tighe (father of Christine); Pauline Kwok (God mother of Andrew Lee); Sing Ho Kui (Father of May Ho); Louis Bartollo; Doris Bonanno (mother of Sue Bonanno); Moh-Har Yip (sister of Moh-Ying Yip); John Luxton; Carmel Hurrell; Patrick McAuliffe (friend of Josef Widjaja).

### **Our loved ones who are sick:**

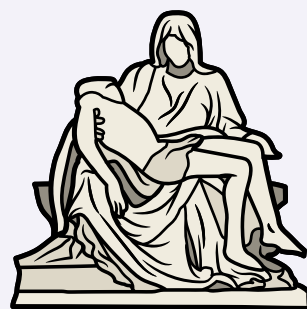
Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; John Gordon (father of Anthony and Chris); Margaret; Victor Villanueva Herriquer; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Yvonne Corpuz; Maria Taylor; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

### **Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Charles Kwok Hing Yuen (father of Sharon Yuen); Tinka Peev; Ivan Byak (loved one of Sandra Byak); Karmelo Milostic; Noemi Yanglay; Maria Elita Lim; Maria Gan (sister of Catherine Lee); Lie Gwik Tian (mother of Caroline Lim); Edna Kenna - 24 March.

- Jan Hunter and Joe Fiadino, Chris and Maria Fiadino are thankful for the safe arrival of their first grandchild and child, Finley Hunter Fiadino.
- For Diana, Sally, and Fr David who celebrated their birthdays this week! Thank you, Lord, for their wonderful gifts and generosity that they gift to our parish. Continue to bless their lives with love and joy.
- For Symon Scott and his great generosity in restoring our credence table.

*Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail*  
[chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)



### **Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us**

*Mirror of patience,  
pray for us.*

*Rock of constancy,  
pray for us.*

*Joy of the afflicted,  
pray for us.*

*Ark of the desolate,  
pray for us.*

- For Kristen as she faces several health battles, as well as for her mother to come to know the love of God through the Catholic Church.
- For May and family as they travel to Canada for her father's funeral. May God bless their preparations and give them safe passage.
- For baby Esther and baby Justin who, to the joy of their families, both started crawling and continue to grow healthy and happy.
- For our loving mother, sister, aunty, grandmother, and friend, Anoma Martina Senanayake who passed away on 28 March. May she rest in peace and love.

*Treasure of the Faithful,  
pray for us.*

*Theme of Prophets, pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,  
pray for us.*

*Mother of consolation,  
pray for us.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon  
Kevin Hale**

“Guess what, Thomas? Jesus isn’t dead anymore! In fact, he showed up here, wounds and all, while you were out!”

It is said that truth is stranger than fiction, and the disciples’ story to Thomas is a classic example. And for poor old Thomas, he had to see before he could believe.

And to make matters worse a week went by with nothing—no sign of Jesus. If you were Thomas, would you have believed such a tall tale?

Thomas wasn’t asked only to believe that Jesus rose from the dead, but he had to base his belief upon the testimony of others.

No wonder Thomas asked for more evidence. Thomas was no coward. In fact, he seems to have been the only disciple to go beyond their locked doors to face a hostile world. No, he had to be sure about his choice to risk his life for a crucified Messiah. Some of the other disciples also had doubts, but Thomas was the only one bold enough to ask to touch Jesus’ wounds.

We often focus on the way Jesus chided Thomas for his unbelief, but we also need to remember that Jesus answered Thomas’ request! He revealed himself, and ultimately Thomas believed. Jesus showed mercy to Thomas. This story about Thomas tells the story of every believer in the history of the Church. Thomas represents each of us when we say, “I find it hard to believe.”

Just as Jesus rejuvenated Thomas’ faith, he wants to rejuvenate ours when we are caught up in doubt. He wants us to be like Thomas—a people who overcome our very human and very natural doubts. He wants to help each one of us say, “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.”

Today we celebrate Jesus’ loving kindness. On this day, one week after Easter, we are reminded why Jesus rose from the dead: to shower the world with divine mercy.

Now, unless we reject him outright, he will never deny us. In a way, we are in a similar position as Thomas. We too have to trust other people’s ancient testimony about Jesus. Such trust is important, but it is not enough. We also need to “see” Jesus for ourselves so that our faith will spring to life in a transforming way. We need to be convinced in our hearts as well as in our heads.

In the second reading John tells us that “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God.” Last week you, and your relatives, showed that even though you haven’t seen Jesus in the flesh, you were filled with the joy of Easter so that all our liturgies were filled to overflowing. So remember that Jesus is eager to reveal himself to us, even if it is not in the physical way he did for Thomas. If we unlock our minds and hearts, he can show himself to us through his creation or through Scripture and prayer or through the kindness of others. Anything is possible when we are open to his presence!

This is the miracle of divine mercy: It is available to all of us right now. It is a free and boundless gift from our Father. He has prepared a banquet hall for us, and he invites us all to come. With bold and eager hearts, not allowing unbelief to keep us away, we can enter in and receive all that he has for us. God’s mercy is a fresh, ever-rushing river.

Jesus is inviting us today to immerse ourselves in his cleansing tide. How great is the love that God lavishes on his children! His mercy is given freely.

So today and all week long, proclaim these four precious words. “My Lord and my God.” Then watch to see how his grace will help you believe even more.



This week's church flowers are generously donated by

*M. Tiong & Family*

in thanksgiving to God.



### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for April 2024

#### For the role of women:

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

### 2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

#### Prayer to Encourage Women Archdiocese of Brisbane

Heavenly Father, we come before You inspired by the courage and faith of women around the world.

We are reminded of the women throughout history who have paved the way for our progress and who have embraced the call to bring about inclusion and unity.

Saint Mary MacKillop, who fought for the voiceless of her time, while enabling those in need to find their voice; guide our efforts to cherish all women.

Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, you responded to God's call with faith and love.

Teach us to embrace Your 'yes,' empowering us to be instruments of peace, love, and justice.

We pray for women around the world, that they may be uplifted, protected, and respected.

Grant us the wisdom to appreciate the unique talents and contributions of each woman and girl.

Let them shine in the Church and in society.

Guide us to be companions in their journeys, voices for their causes, and hands to lift them in their moments of need.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord, in unity with the Holy Spirit.

## VINNIES CHATSWOOD MARCH REPORT

In March we addressed 8 requests for help of which 3 were from people previously unknown to us. Two of the new cases involved furnishing of new accommodation. The third was more difficult involving family breakup, abuse and financial difficulties- assistance of advice, food and clothing was provided.

The remainder of the requests were for removal assistance, food, furniture and medical expenses.

We declined to assist one person who has been frequently helped in the past and should be able to meet his own needs; he had refused budgeting advice. Expenditure of some \$1400 was incurred.

- Vinnies Team



## REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



## PARISH IN COUNCIL

Coming together to shape our journey of bringing the light of Christ to the city



**SATURDAY  
18 MAY**



**12:00PM - 5:00PM**



**HARRINGTON HALL**

Our journey together continues with our next Parish-In-Council! Registration is essential and all people who are linked, involved, and affiliated with our parish in any way are welcome to join.

Remember our **Kids-in-Council** will also be gathering, bring the whole family! We will kick off with lunch together at 12:00pm

Register now by scanning the QR code or going to the link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/44v3nw3j>



## STALL FOR DIVINE MERCY

The gift shop team has great new products available including Divine Mercy gifts and religious items.

We will be available from 9am to 3pm on Sunday 7 April at the Church forecourt - come see what we have in store!



### 7.30am Morning Tea

Please join us in the PEW cafe for a cuppa after 7:30am Mass.

- Jan

## NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday  
8 April

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **2:00pm Mass** for OLOD Primary Retreat Day

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday  
9 April

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 2:00pm Organ Practice
- 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice

Tuesday of the second week of Easter

Wednesday  
10 April

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00 Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:00am Mercy College School Assembly
- 11:00am Organ Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 2:30pm Organ Lesson
- 3:30pm Organ Practice
- 4:00pm Organ Lesson
- **6:00pm Mass**

Wednesday of the second week of Easter

Thursday  
11 April

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 12:00pm Benediction
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 2:00pm Organ Practice
- 5:30pm Choir Practice
- **7:00pm Holy Hour** Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available

Memorial of St Stanislaus



Friday  
12 April

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 4:00pm Organ Practice

Friday of the second week of Easter

Saturday  
13 April

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 11:00am Choir Practice
- 12:30pm Organ Practice
- 4:30pm Vigil Singer Bookings
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Saturday of the second week of Easter

# Divine Mercy SUNDAY



- PROCESSION
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- ADORATION & BENEDICTION
- BLESSING OF HOLY ARTICLES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE FROM 3:00PM

*"On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*  
(Diary 699)



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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 7 APRIL 2024

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE. Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus prompts us to be a part of the Christian community. In turn, our experience of Christian community strengthens our faith. It was only when Thomas was with the other disciples that he met the risen Christ and came to believe in him. It is a simple truth that faith builds community and community builds faith.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pet 2: 2

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

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

### COLLECT

P. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,

increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP 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. (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. 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 cornerstone. / 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### 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

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### HOMILY

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED *Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought

to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20: 27

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, / and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

As we bask in the light of resurrection, today we see two witnesses to the resurrection, and the transformation of lives.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume attributed to Luke, and it presents to us a changed way of living. Firstly, the whole group of believers are described as 'of one heart and soul' (v. 32). The apostles appear as testifying with great power to the resurrection and 'great grace was upon them all' (v. 33). The remarkable addition here is that they shared everything in common, sold property and distributed funds so no-one was in need (v. 34-35). This radical transformation of their way of life is not a defining feature of our communities today, even though adopted by many religious congregations throughout the Church's history. While not diminishing the great charitable works operating today, this way of life remains a challenge to us in a world where rich become richer and poor increase in number and poverty.

In juxtaposition to the Acts account, the Gospel outlines the appearance of Jesus among the apostles and the repetition of 'Peace be with you' (vv.19, 21). In this gathering behind closed doors, Jesus tells the apostles that he is sending them out. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, commissioning them. Eight days later in the same room Jesus arrives saying once again 'Peace be with you' (v. 26) and here is the experience of the doubting Thomas, forever recorded for anyone who might doubt that the resurrection happened and is real.

How will our lives be transformed by the resurrection?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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Sunday Mass

14 April

- 7:30am Mass
- 9:00am Family Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 12:00pm Bach Akademie
- 4:30pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm Mass

Third Sunday of Easter

### NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday  
8 April

- 10:00am OLOD Retreat (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)

Tuesday  
9 April

- 10:00am Bible Study and Discussion (St Paul)
- 1:00pm Practice with Chloe (Magnificat)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Metanoia faith program set up 6:30pm (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

Wednesday  
10 April

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
- 1:00pm Practice with Chloe (Magnificat)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul)
- 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (Harrington Hall)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

Thursday  
11 April

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up at 12:00pm
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 6:30pm Practice with Chloe (Magnificat)

Friday  
12 April

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul)
- 12:30pm Vinnies Chatswood Regional Meeting (Magnificat)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul) set up 6:00pm
- 6:30pm LIFE 1 Meeting (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing

Saturday  
13 April

- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am
- 10:45am Marian Catholic Action Group (St Peter)

Sunday Mass  
14 April

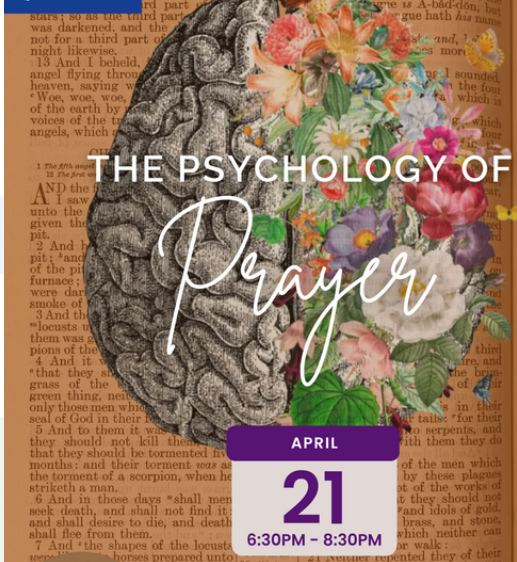
- 8:15am Children's Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am
- 1:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am
- 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up at 4:30pm

耶穌對他說：「因為你看見了我，纔相信嗎？那些沒有看見而相信的，纔是有福的！」 若望福音20:29

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

Our Lady OF DOLOURS



APRIL  
**21**  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

ALL YOUNG ADULTS (18 - 35) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN CAPSTONE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 'PRAYER SERIES' WITH DR JOHN POON  
JOIN US FOR MASS AT 5:30PM  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER BEFORE OUR SESSION

HARRINGTON HALL  
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD  
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD  
FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

THIS SEPTEMBER MANLY PARISH ORGENISES A PILGRIMAGE TO:

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- WARCKIE • CZĘSTOCHOWA (JASNA GÓRA) • OŚWIECIM
- CRACOW • WIELICZKA (SALT MINE) • ŁAGIEWNIKI
- WADOWICE

**MEDJUGORJE**



- MEDJUGORJE • MOSTAR • KRAVICA WATERFALLS
- DUBROWNIK • NEUM • SARAJEVO

• Dates: 7-23 September • Cost land only \$4.5K

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

To express interest you may contact:  
marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

**BACH - THE BENEFACTOR**  
Music to guide and inspire us

#### PROGRAM

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Brich dem Hungrigen dein Brot' BWV 39

J.S. Bach Harpsichord Concerto in E arranged for Violin in D (after BWV 1053) arr. K. Debreczeni

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben' BWV 147

#### DATES

Friday 12th April, 7.30pm  
St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington

Sunday 14th April, 2.30pm  
Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

That's us!

BOOKINGS [www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au](http://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au) 1300 785 377



OUR WEEK IN PICS



The choir having their (well deserved) Easter celebration after their incredible work over Holy Week!



Our wonderful servers - still all smiles despite the great workload of ministering for the Holy Week Masses - thank you!



Last Saturday we had our first group blood donation! Would you like to join the next time? Please contact Bryce: Ph. 0476147052 [bk.gonlin@gmail.com](mailto:bk.gonlin@gmail.com)



Happy birthday to Fr David and Diana!

Thank you to school Principals Brenda, Marco, Michael for joining us in understanding our pastoral priorities this week



Thank you to Anthony for speaking to our Seniors Morning Tea about Parish in Council, and thank you to Elle from Gregory & Carr for our morning tea!

Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.

Thank you for the many ways in which you already support our parish!



Happy birthday Gabriel! Playgroup loved celebrating Gabi's special day



*Donate here!*

**Cultural Community Mass:**  
Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday  
Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Happy Easter! Thank you to all who helped making our Easter celebration wonderful



Cost of living crisis - Easter bunny needed to resort to boiled eggs once the chocolate ones ran out



## THE ANNUNCIATION - APRIL 8

Next Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation - the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced that she was pregnant with Jesus.

Can you imagine being the angel Gabriel in this incredible moment in history? You are the one that God has trusted with a message of hope - a message that will mean so many wonderful things for so many people, but for the young woman in front of you, it will change her life as she knows it. It would test the love and trust of her fiancé, invite societal scrutiny and judgment, yet ultimately it would pave the way for the most extraordinary birth in history.

When have you been Gabriel? When have you been the messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to look beyond the challenges of who God has called them to be, reminding them to instead trust in the promise and new life their existence brings?

As bearers of good news, we are called to emulate the faith and courage exhibited by Mary and Elizabeth - but to also encourage and draw it out of everyone around us.

Whether it's sharing words of encouragement, offering acts of kindness, or proclaiming the transformative power of love and grace, our words and actions have the potential to bring light into the darkness of the world. Like Mary, Elizabeth, and Gabriel, we are invited to be bearers of hope, faith, and love, trusting in God's guidance and provision as we journey forth as messengers of His divine goodness.

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**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS  
AND DINNER MEETING  
18 APRIL**

Father Aldrin Valdehueva, Assistant Priest at Epping/Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 18th April 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Aldrin will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "What is a Church".

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email [henrywk@yahoo.com.au](mailto:henrywk@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW)  
presents:

**‘MEDITATE IN MAY’**

**Free 4-week Course via Zoom**

An introduction to silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. This course is delivered in 4-sessions; each session has a different topic and there is time for practice and questions. Each session is around 1hr and 20 minutes.

Sessions are **Mondays 7:30pm** Sydney time on the following dates: 6-May; 13-May; 20-May and 27-May.

Enquiries/Booking: email to [maximoc@gmail.com](mailto:maximoc@gmail.com) or SMS 0431 996 108



**Catholic Vocations Broken Bay  
Young Adult Event**

**Encounter**

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 6PM

*Save the Date!*

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay**

VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH  
TREBOR ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120

P: 0418 522 449 | 02 8379 1626

E: [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)

EVENTS @ BROKEN BAY  
[HTTPS://HERO.PAGE/VOCATIONSMINISTRY/VOCATIONS-OFFICE-BROKEN-BAY](https://hero.page/vocationsministry/vocations-office-broken-bay)



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To Book: [events.humanitix.com/ignite-your-spirit](https://events.humanitix.com/ignite-your-spirit)

*We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation and pray for justice and peace.*

Image: Crucifixion by Richard Campbell



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 bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

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## Regular Mass Times:

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.
Thursday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm. Reconciliation: 7:00pm.
Friday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Saturday	Mass: 9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am. Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday	Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30am</li> <li>• 9:00am</li> <li>• 10:30am</li> <li>• 5:30pm</li> </ul>



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# PLAYGROUP



**All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.**

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email [mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au) or call Mona on 9410 9000

**W E L C O M E**

## PARENT & INFANT MASS

**Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm**

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

