



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR, B



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Rights

*We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

<https://www.vatican.va/prayer-and-worship/prayer-and-devotion/the-pope-monthly-intention>

### Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week's Vox Populi comes from **Hazel Lim**, Parish Mission Support Officer, Evangelisation Broken Bay and parishioner at Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

#### The Joy and Hope in the Risen Christ!

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*



Hazel Lim

**First Reading**  
Acts 4:32-35

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

**Second Reading**  
1 Jn 5:1-6 OR

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Jn 20:29

**Gospel**  
Jn 20:19-31

### Sunday Reflection

by Aditya Sugiarto

This Sunday we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday and, in the Gospel, Jesus gave the authority to forgive sins to His disciples. Our Lord said to St Faustina, "I am love and mercy itself..." so I thought it would be a fitting occasion for me to look back and reflect on what this day means to a person who is seriously discerning the call to the ministerial priesthood. In hindsight, there was nothing glamorous about my call. I realised that I felt strongly attracted to the vocation because of my own sinfulness and numerous failures. Ironic? It is funny how God works sometimes, eh? Sure, I suppose we all have gifts, maybe I have a few, too. But what amazed me was how in my sinfulness I met a loving, fatherly, and merciful priest one day in the confessional during my university years. And that was enough to prompt me to start considering this beautiful vocation. I couldn't let it go. What happened in that confessional was life-changing. I felt that I met Christ there. I knew I had an encounter with Love Himself.

Like Thomas in the Gospel, I often doubted my call. However, after I left the seminary, I would admit that there were consolation moments while I was still working in Singapore, prompting me to reconsider the

priesthood. This was especially true when there were long queues for confession, and somehow when I saw that there was another confessional box that is empty without a priest, my heart would be moved to desire that I too, would like to be an instrument of God's mercy in my capacity as a wounded healer one day. I realised that this desire never left me every time I saw long queues at different parishes. How I wish I could tell each one of them how much they mean to God and that God is always waiting for them to come back to Him.

I have shared this story to some of my close friends because some of them thought I had suffered from some form of brain disorder for re-joining the priestly formation. Quite naturally, they would ask me, "what would you say to these people coming to confession to you once you're a priest?" and "would you ever be scandalised by some of these things Catholics do?" Somehow these questions did get me thinking. But I realise that perhaps I do not need to say too much, but I knew that all I wanted to say to them (penitents) is that God loves them and I know that because He loves me (a sinner) unconditionally. This love compels us to never be afraid to begin again.

### BBNews eNewsletter

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### Farewell to Bella JAKUBEK

This weekend we say farewell to Bella Jakubek. Bella worked as Administration Assistant in the parish office for six and half years. She contributed greatly to the parish through her committed service all through her time in the office. She always went beyond and above her duties to get things ready on time. As Bella is moving ahead in life, we wish her God's blessings. In the name of all of us at Hornsby Cathedral Parish, a big thank you dear Bella.

**Fr Manoj Manuel**

## 2 Friday Masses at the Cathedral

We now have two Masses on Fridays at the Cathedral: 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

**We remember those who died recently** – Jill Lenehan ● Patrick Greene ● Enid Lander ● Irene May (Tim) Byrne ● Marie Kearey ● Nicola Macri ● Ian McWhirter ● Fr Michael “Mick” O’Callaghan, Diocese of Parramatta ● Maximiano Panopio ● Bishop Bede Heather ● Louie Klauser

**Anniversaries** – Bella Vivo ● Bishop Patrick Murphy ● Graciano Cruz ● Jr Prospero Montesclaros ● Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards

**THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.**

## Divine Mercy Celebrations

The Sunday following Easter Sunday (11 April) marks the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God’s loving forgiveness. There are a number of celebrations around the Diocese.

## Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service, Chatswood

Join us for the celebration of the feast of Mercy at Our Lady of Dolours Church, corner Archer and Kirk Streets, Chatswood on Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 April. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 2 to 4 p.m. with the praying and singing of the Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy images etc. Benediction at around 4.00pm. Reconciliation is available from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

## Divine Mercy Celebration, Pennant Hills

St Agatha’s will be hosting an afternoon for the Feast of Divine Mercy starting at 1.30pm with prayers, 2.00pm Mass, 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and blessings, followed by Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Reconciliation available. Enquiries: Greg 0419 228 199

**Bookings essential:** [www.stagatha.org.au/mass-booking/](http://www.stagatha.org.au/mass-booking/)

## Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby

11 April from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
160 Hensons Rd, Somersby, NSW 2250

**Booking required (Limited numbers)**

Please contact 4372 1598 [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au)

## MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

**Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are recommended.**

### Weekday Mass Schedule

#### OLOR Cathedral:

Mon to Sat 7:00 a.m.  
Fri 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

#### Queen of Peace Church:

Tue, Thu \*, Fri 8:45 a.m.  
Sat 7:30 a.m.

\* *Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.*

#### **Korean Mass**

Tue, Thu 7:30 p.m.  
Wed, Fri 10:00 a.m.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### OLOR Cathedral:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

#### Queen of Peace Church:

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

#### **Filipino Mass** 3:30 p.m.

(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

#### **Korean Mass**

Sat 7:30 p.m.  
Sun 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

[Watch the Mass](#)

## McQuoin Park Chapel Mass **for Residents only**

Wednesdays & Sundays at 11 a.m.

## Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

Available only at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Courtyard Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

**Private Prayer** Our Cathedral *Chapel* is open for private prayer. It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.

**If a Priest is needed** in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

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