

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 20: 19-31
24th April 2022**

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Today, as we listen to the end of John's Gospel, maybe we recognise ourselves in the person of Thomas, wanting reassurance that the risen Jesus is really with us. Jesus says, "happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". It is all a matter of seeing with the eyes of faith, the eyes of our heart, noticing that Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God' is very much with us wherever we are. This presence brings peace, fills us with joy and sends us out on mission. Sounds easy! But just as our significant relationships take time to grow and deepen, so does our faith relationship with God. Thomas needed to see Jesus, to experience his presence, before he could believe. What do I need to do to nurture my faith? Perhaps I need look no further than to the actions, beliefs, and presence of other believers. Perhaps, like Thomas, I need to take the opportunity to 'see' Jesus for myself. If , so, then there's no better day than today to start 'seeing'.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Reproduced from Liturgia*

FIRST READING ACTS 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 117:2-4, 22-27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's Day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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!

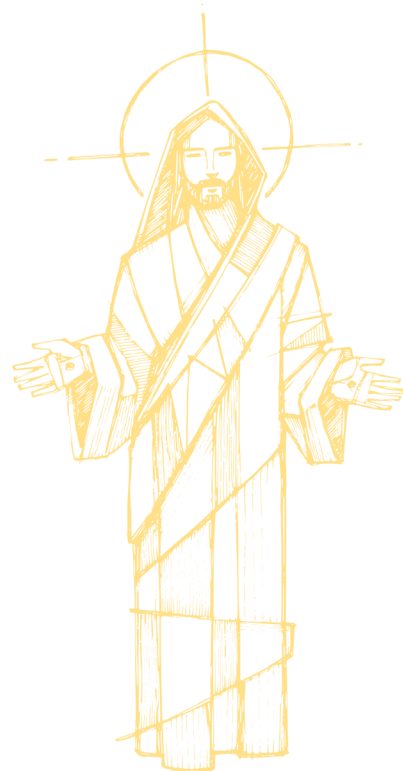
GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

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.



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The next **WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP** will be held on Monday 9th May. (every second Monday of the Month)

All Welcome to join us @ 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

- ◆ Cake Coffee
- ◆ Companionship
- ◆ Chit Chat
- ◆ Craft - optional

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on 24th April, the Lord asked St Faustina to make known a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday 23rd April. These nine days of prayer in the upper room before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St Faustina a different intention.

Copies of this Divine Mercy Novena which commences on Good Friday are available in both Churches.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April

We will be having Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Cecilia's Church 2-3pm



On April 25th, all around Australia, in Churches and at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is the dawn of another **ANZAC DAY**. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and lasting peace.

On this day let us remember those people who live the reality of war each day..... for the people of many other countries who as you read this are experiencing the devastation of conflict. Let us remember all those who are striving to bring peace to these war torn environments.

On this Anzac Day may we pray that in all our dealings we promote a peace-filled world.

You are welcome to attend the following Masses and wear your medals and ribbons.

**St Cecilia's Wyong 8am Mass
and**

St John Fisher Tumby Umbi 8am Mass

CONDOLENCES

The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Fr Brian Moloney and family on the recent passing of his beloved mother Beryl Moloney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11.45am on Friday 22 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance.

We know and pray that Beryl is in God's loving hands.

May she rest in peace. Amen

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of mortal peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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Mon-Sat: 8.00am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

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Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

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Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

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