




St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
19 April 2020



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Live Streaming Mass Daily

Mon - Fri at 9.30am

Saturday at 9.00am with Adoration

Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday Mass at 10am



GOSPEL REFLECTION: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

This Sunday is the eighth and last day of the octave of Easter. What we have been celebrating for eight days is the significance of the one paschal event. That is why our gospel passage today starts on the day of the resurrection itself. The Jesus whom the disciples saw that evening was different, yet the same. The author of the gospel presents many dimensions of what the resurrection meant for the disciples in a few short lines: the risen Christ overcomes fear, the risen Christ brings peace, the risen Christ gives the Spirit (and we may note how John, unlike Luke, does not separate these events by fifty days), the risen Christ sends us forth on mission, and our mission is to bring his forgiveness to the world.

We call this story in John's Gospel the story of doubting Thomas. That is quite unfair to Thomas, as it really only focuses on half the story. The other disciples were just as bad; they were fearful, they did not believe it was him until he showed them his hands and his side. The main point of the story is what happens next. The one who suffered fills them all with joy, Thomas and the others alike. The point of the story is not about doubt but about belief.

Then the story takes a funny twist: the focus turns to those who have not seen and yet believe. This is meant to be a statement about us. It seems that Jesus is almost being critical of Thomas for not having believed the reports of his fellow disciples and for wanting to see the risen Lord for himself. It is true that we did not know Jesus in the flesh; we did not experience his life among us in Judea two thousand



years ago. Yet, Jesus is not asking us for blind faith. We do not see him in the flesh, but this does not mean that we cannot see him. Seeing is believing, as we commented on for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Where do we see Jesus today? Who carries the scars of his suffering in their own bodies for us? We see Jesus in his body, the Church. That is to say, we see Jesus in each other, in our fellow Christians. We are to be marked with signs

of our Christianity just as clearly as Jesus was marked with the wounds of his crucifixion. Those holes in his hands and his feet are the proof of his uncompromising love for us and his uncompromising rejection of sin. We, who have been marked with the sign of the cross in baptism, are to make that love for others and rejection of sin visible for others to see by the way we live. St Augustine of Hippo, in his homily on this passage, in speaking of Thomas' encounter with the risen Lord, noted that 'Flesh he touched, but godhead he acclaimed' (Sermo 145A). He touched a person and recognised

God. This gives us a challenge: we need to be Jesus for others, we need to make him visible through the way we treat others. When people encounter us, do they touch God? We see Jesus in his body and blood, in the eucharist. We thank God for the mercy that has been shown us. We thank God for the ways we have touched the risen Lord through our encounters with others. We thank God for the ways in which we have made that risen one real for those who touch us. We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song.

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PARISH OUTREACH



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Here are some suggested sites and TV channels where you can access Mass while isolated from the usual parish celebrations:

- Channel 10 (Aurora on Foxtel), Sunday 6am
- Mass livestreamed with Fr Joe Manjaly & Fr Jobi Payyappilly from St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 10am) www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith
 - * Daily Mass Mon—Fri at 9.30am
 - * Saturday Mass & Adoration at 9am
- Mass with Bishop Vincent (Sunday, 10am) www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese or www.facebook.com/parracatholic
- Mass with Archbp. Anthony Fisher (Sun, 10.30am) on www.facebook.com/SydneyCatholic or YouTube: St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
- Mass on Demand on (YouTube, any-time of the day)

PARISH OFFICE

- The Parish Office is currently operating with one person only, from 9am—5pm. If the phone is unattended please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. As there is evidence of Community transmission of Covid-19 in Penrith LGA please avoid visiting the Parish Office, unless you have an appointment.
- Mass is being offered up daily, please continue to send in your Mass intentions to enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au
- All Baptisms have been cancelled until further notice.
- There is no Individual Rite of Reconciliation unless there is a grave need or in case of death.
- Please direct any enquiries for Funerals or Weddings to Fr Joe at the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING/DONATIONS

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Attached to this Bulletin are Resources from Liturgy Brisbane to assist you in your Worship at Home. Please let us know about your experience using these by emailing

enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

SUNDAY READINGS
READ AT HOME
FAMILY PRAYER
WEEK BY WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

20 Apr: Monday, 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 4:23-31 | Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d] | John 3:1-8

21 Apr: St Anselm

Acts 4:32-37 | Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a] | John 3:7b-15

22 Apr: Wednesday, 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26 | Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a] | John 3:16-21

23 Apr: Sts George and Adalbert

Acts 5:27-33 | Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a] | John 3:31-36

24 Apr: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Acts 5:34-42 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc] | John 6:1-15

25 Apr: ANZAC Day

Wisdom 3:1-9 | Psalm 114:5-6; 115:10-11. 15-16, R. v.9 | 1 Cor 1:18-25 | Mark 16:9-15

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Spiritual Communion

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Saviour, save me. O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED Paul Syszka, Harry Slaughter, Michael Mascarenhas & all who have died from COVID-19

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES George Attard, Alice Nematalla

DECEASED Donald & Annette Ferdinands, Tania Felice, John Nettar, Bernard and Norah Wilding, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK Daniel Varlow, Jane McCann, Patrick McHugh, Felicity Godbrie, Catherine Kirk, Arly Vitello, Harry Slaughter, Sean Pender, Daphne Paris, Graeme Cobden, Br David Curtin, Br Jerry Reagan, Maria James, and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Special Request from Mary O'Connor: Please pray for Kevin O'Connor who has recently been admitted to Cardinal Gilroy Village in Merrylands. Please also pray for the Connor Family at this time.

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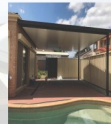
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