



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
7TH APRIL 2024**



"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

John 20:29

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Because the focus of this week’s gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, ‘for fear of the Jews’. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They’d gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They’d already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, ‘Peace be with you’. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as ‘Doubting Thomas’ because he wasn’t prepared to take someone else’s word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, ‘My Lord and my God!’ This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

Scriptural context – Not an ending?

The final two verses of today’s gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

Have you thought? Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ That’s us! Jesus’ words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

PARISH NEWS



Good Shepherd Appeal
**Support our seminarians to
 "go out into the deep."**



DONATE NOW

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will take place on the weekend of the **20th and 21st of April.**

**Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church
 from this weekend.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Thomas Doherty

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on
Tuesday 9th April at 10.30am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Thomas Doherty, Esperanza Alhambra Bernardo, Siegfried Timm

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: M.A. Corazon Herrera, Nicanor E Caulan snr, Fr John Grady, Peter Ryan, Sue Herbert, Gertrudes Sajonia, Mitchell Gale, Thelma McSpadden, Judith Field, Ardashes & Alice Keshishian, Ron Howe, Ivan Rezo, Helena Armstrong, Pablo Yulde (40day) and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettar, Godfrey Gomez, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, deceased members of the McIlvenna, McCaffrey, Colreauy, Dobranski families and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zotz, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Genaro Chan, Pam Pizzuto, Jennifer McPhee, Lyn O'Hare, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Christine Dagworthy, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Nathan Martin, Georgia Eleftheriades, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, Kyla Aggar, George Try, AJ, Charlie Spiteri, Eric Nepomuceno, Janice Cannon, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Susan Wheelahan, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Brear, Daryle Young, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Lyn De Vos-Brocktoff, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rocheousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

Sacramental Program **Confirmation**

We congratulate the 96 children who will be confirmed this coming **Thursday 11th April.**

We thank the parents who accompanied the children on this faith journey and ask for continued prayers for these families.

We thank the facilitators for their commitment and dedication to share their faith throughout this the program.

Sacramental Program **Holy Communion**

Enrolments **ARE OPEN** on our Website
 stnicholasofmyra.org.au

**Children must be in Year 4 or above, have been
 Baptised and made their Reconciliation.**

We wish a very happy Birthday to



**Mary Knox
 Rodney Howard (70)**
 for the **9th of April**

We congratulate Remy Wood on the birth of her first grandchild, **Frederie Roque Wood**, on 3rd April.



As a Catechist you are part of a fulfilling ministry in sharing the gift of your faith with Catholic students in our State Schools.

If you have considered joining the Catechist team at St. Nicholas of Myra and wish to know more, I invite you to contact me at the Parish Office: (02) 47212509 or my mobile 0422640418 or at catechist@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Margaret Wilson, Catechist Coordinator.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times
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SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 13th / 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

1st Reading	Acts 3: 13 - 15, 17 - 19
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 4: 2, 4, 5, 9
2nd Reading	1 John 2: 1 - 5
Gospel	Luke 24: 35 - 48


Pilgrims - Bon Voyage

Dear friends,
I am very excited to inform you all that I will be taking over 40 parishioners to a Marian pilgrimage to Malta, Fatima, Lourde and La Salette and other sacred sites. This pilgrimage is a deeply spiritual journey that will enrich our faith and deepen our connection to God.

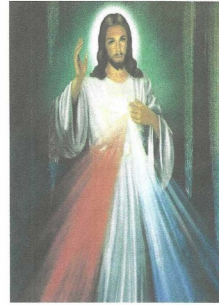
I kindly ask for your prayers as our pilgrims prepare for this journey. We depart on the **16th April returning on 5th May**. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers for our safe travels, spiritual growth, and for God's blessings.

I will hold our parish community close in prayer and spirit during our Masses in these holy sites. Thank you for your support and prayers. Fr Joe

Fr Joe, from the 1st of April, will be taking on **additional responsibilities**, as the Administrator of Padre Pio, Glenmore Park. whilst continuing as Parish Priest with us.



We wish a very
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to
Ricardo and Connie Limjap
which they celebrate on the 6th April



JESUS | TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised-"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary 1109*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

**ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,
326 HIGH ST, PENRITH
2:30PM on 7th APRIL 2024**

- ❖ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ❖ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Homily and Benediction
- ❖ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ❖ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM-5:15PM
- ❖ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

Daylight savings ends at 2.00pm on 7th April
At that point, all digital clocks will move backwards to 1.00am. Don't forget to wind all other clocks backwards an hour, before going to bed.



Holy Week Collections: This year 2024

La Salette Seminarian's support on Holy Thursday - \$ 2330.65

Good Friday collections for Holy Land - \$ 3139.30

Easter Collection

Pastoral revenue (First collection) - \$ 4902.95

Second collection - \$ 6453.25

Project compassion boxes so far - \$ 5477.40



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WHEN Mon 8th - Wed 10th July 2024

TIME 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

WHERE St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall
326 High St Penrith NSW 2750

DON'T FORGET

- BVO lunch Come join us at 2pm Wed 10th
- Water bottle July for afternoon tea and a
- Sunhat presentation for the parents!

COST

No. Days Attending	Cost for 1 Child	Family rate (cost for 2 or more children in the same household)
1	\$40	\$30 per child
2	\$80	\$60 per child
3	\$100	\$80 per child

APPLY ONLINE

<https://forms.gle/MNCpb4ZwUDruTPk9>
 Applications close June 15 2024

This camp is being lead by the volunteer leaders from Lowana Study Centre. For more information contact Christine Lay 0400 853 564

www.lowana.org.au

The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

CALENDAR

Mon 8/4 The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity	Tue 9/4	Wed 10/4	Thu 11/4 St Stanislaus Memorial	Fri 12/4	13/4	Sun 14/4 3rd Sunday of Easter
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation - Hall	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 5.00pm Confirmation Practice 7.00pm Mother's Who Pray for their Children 7.00pm Prayer Group	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary PMRI 7.00pm Finance Mtg 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 5.00pm Confirmation Mass 7.30pm Confirmation Mass	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Adoration	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 13th / 14th April 2024

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Brian Scott Damian Wheelahan	Sreya Dias	Sharon Falleiro	Connie Limjap	Arts Calub Nerissa Calub	Sound of Worship	Samara Dias
7.00am	John Sweeney		Margaret Scicluna	Stuart Paterson	Ramon Bru Evette Isaaks	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Craig Walsh Caitlin Nepomuceno	Michael Ostrea Isaac Spiteri	Kathleen Smith	Rose Walsh	Helen Wakeling Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Jun Relunia	Marco Credo Manuel Credo	Del Conejar	Dominic Dawson	Mary Knox Carmen Vella	AMDG Adult	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Cheryl Clark John Jordan	Irene Jobin Ethen Moniz	Carolyn D'Mello	Janet Esteban	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	CFC	CFC

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