



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / A

23 APRIL 2017

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song; / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / 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 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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



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PRAY FOR US

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 8am & 10am
Tue - Sat: 9am

Family Mass with
Children's Liturgy:
3rd Sunday of the
Month 10am Mass

Filipino Mass:

1st Sun 11:30am

Indian Mass:

4th Sun 5pm

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano: Il gruppo di
preghiera Italiano, si
raduna ogni giovedì alle
ore 10 nella sala
parrocchiale.

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 4:45pm or any time
by appointment

Baptism

4th Sun 11.15am
(by appointment)

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

Devotions

Every Friday Adoration
3-4pm

Rosary & Benediction

Sat after 9am Mass

Elsa George Rosary Group

Second Saturday of every
month at 2.30pm
9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

UPDATE - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017

Information for the 2017 Sacramental Programme can
be found at the rear of the Church OR by accessing the
Sacramental Weebly site at: [https://
sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/](https://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/) OR by email to
Kathryn at: sacramentsspcdh@gmail.com

Due to the length and timing of the Programme it is
important that Candidates attend all class lessons and
Masses. Make up classes are not able to be provided.

OVERVIEW - CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

**INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT- WED 3 MAY, 6pm in
the Parish Hall**

**CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- MAY 7, 14, 21, 28, JUN 4 &
Jun 11 in the Parish Hall and in the Parish Church
Mass (compulsory) of your choice- Sunday 8am or
10am**

**CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP UMBERS,
SUNDAY JUN 18 AT 2PM**

OVERVIEW - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

**INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT- WED 2 AUG, 6pm in
the Parish Hall**

**CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- AUG 6, 13, 20, 27, SEP 3 &
SAT SEP 9 (Rehearsal) in the Parish Hall and in the
Parish Church**

**Mass (compulsory) of your choice- Sunday 8am or
10am**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MASS 1 - 10TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

MASS 2 - 17TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

Fr Kim has graciously agreed to celebrate **TWO Masses**
for our Candidate numbers. Mass dates have now been
allocated. Please check your emails and contact
Kathryn if any further queries.

Information will be updated progressively. Please
direct all enquiries to Kathryn
at: sacramentsspcdh@gmail.com or access the Weebly
link provided above.

***** CONGRATULATIONS to our 39 Candidates who
recently celebrated their Sacrament of First
Reconciliation.*****

PARISH/SCHOOL HALL HIRE

The Hall is for hire. Please ring the office during office
hours 9558 3257.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Rian on 0402 135 637.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Assistance provided by SVDP Conference in March:
Homes visited 11, food cards \$950, other assistance
fridge, washing machine, furniture. Electricity \$100,
Storage \$600. Our next meeting will be 11/04/17 &
2/05/2017 at 7pm. If you are considering becoming
a member /volunteer of SVDP Society please contact
Filomena on 0413 844 943 or just come along and
meet us for our meetings.

ACYF MUSIC MASTERCLASS

An initiative of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival,
the Masterclass is a fantastic opportunity for young
people aged between Year 9 and 30 years to
develop creative skills in music and performance.
Catholic industry professionals will lead workshops
in liturgy, praise and worship, song writing, vocal
training, band dynamics, music technologies,
recording and performance. 6-7 May 2017 at
Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College,
Burwood. Cost \$100. Includes morning tea and
lunch each day. Registrations close 5pm 28 April
2017. See flyer attached. For more information,
www.acyf.org.au.

ANZAC DAY EVE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

- 5:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney

All are welcome to join with Archbishop Fisher
as we celebrate the Annual ANZAC Day Eve Mass
of Remembrance at 5:30pm on Monday 24 April.
This special service is to remember all those who
have served and those who continue to serve our
country.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This three day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9
December 2017. The event will attract 15,000
young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30
years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth
Day! We look forward to the whole Parish
Community being involved. For more information,
www.acyf.org.au.

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Enrolment packs are still available to collect from the School Office or you can download from School website – www.stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old before 31 July 2018 please contact the office to set up an enrolment appointment.

School Principal Ms Frances Stewart

Dear Parishioners,

I am in Brisbane this weekend to celebrate the perpetual vows of a sister who is part Verbum Dei Fraternity Community.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter celebrations, it was a wonderful celebration of Easter. It gets more beautiful and organised each year.

I hope you all had joyful Easter celebrations within the Church and outside Church.

We are all invited this weekend to enter more deeply into the power of Christ's Resurrection. Maybe we can identify with the disciples in being very slow to enter the experience of Easter and be raised up by it.

The Resurrection of Jesus turned these frightened disciples into super apostles. We find them confused, scared, depressed, hiding, isolated from the world, on the point of breaking up, until Jesus shows up. They certainly needed him. Jesus does not abandoned them, Jesus meets them with all the power of mercy and love to give them authority over sin and death by the forgiveness of sins.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the fulfilment of God's love and mercy for each believer. And the Lord will continue his good work in the disciples and make them courageous witnesses of his mercy to the ends of the earth until their death.

Jesus shows his disciples his crucified hands and feet. Why did Jesus do this? To show their sins had consequences, but God's love is more powerful and that he has the whole world in his hands and under his feet. To show his disciples they too can be tough and take the crosses and difficulties on their hands and feet also. Maybe this is the origin of why people (dig) are fascinated with scars.

The scars are like trophies for Jesus, they are his glory, they show his love and mercy. We too are called to go passed our old scars into new life.

Also amazingly Jesus did not come with vengeance for his disciples cowardice, rejection and abandonment of him, but peace. "Peace be with you" This shows Jesus died gracefully, generously and in peace. He is the true Lamb of God. How often we die so ungracefully like pigs, complaining and whining all the way to death. Like when we need to die to ourselves in giving our time and money or doing something unpleasant for others.

If we are slow to believe, like Thomas, let Thomas touch the wounds of Jesus on our behalf, and proclaim with him our profession of faith to Jesus: "My Lord and my God"

If we have this faith, the resurrected Jesus can resurrect many areas of our life that needs lifting up. Happy Easter.

Fr. Kim

With St Paul of the Cross

we pray ...

For the sick

Sonia

Rodolfo Estrada
Domenic Capello
Marlowe Jacutin
Sonny Martinez
Annette Rodriguez
Onofrio Ferraro
Salvatore Ferraro
Lolita A Japtan,
Felisa C Hao
Antonio Pizzinga
Betty Jackson
Nolene Conn
Anna Pezzuto
Lucia Ferraro
Lee Tilliam

Recently Deceased

Helen Tan

Richard Stewart

For the Souls of

Manuel Maura

Virgilio Lima de Maura

Alberto Nabrega

Maria Nabrega Semerim

John Martin Duggan

Edith Oliver

Eileen Helby

Margaret Brock

William James Kearin

James Brynes

Patrick Ritchie

Albert Victor Fitzgerald

James Joseph Davison

Souls of the unborn children

All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

L Nicotina

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PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 30 APRIL 2017

Acolyte: 5:30pm Philip
8am Volunteer
10am Ricardo

Readers: 5:30pm S Draysey & P Allport
8am P Tan & M Portell
10am J Duru & C Du

Music: 8am
10am Justine Sy

Cleaning: Volunteers
Laundry: D Cremona
Environment: Kathryn
Counters: G Chew, D Outen, M Portell

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You.



Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed, then continue the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayers. Amen.

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

FROM THE LIPS OF THE DOUBTER, THE HIGHEST PRAISE

Thomas called Didymus ('the twin') does not figure much in the gospels. Two earlier references to him in John (11:16; 14:5) show him as someone who is not easily persuaded. He does not immediately accept everything that Jesus says; when he does not understand, he questions the Master.

True to his character, Thomas does not believe his fellow disciples when they tell him they have seen the Lord. Maybe he is just being defensive or realistic. Like the rest of the disciples, Thomas failed miserably to stand by Jesus. He was nowhere in sight during his Master's trial and crucifixion. To say that Jesus has risen from the dead and has appeared to the disciples was a preposterous idea for Thomas. He remained incredulous.

Now, after eight days, Jesus appears again to the disciples. Jesus turns the tables on Thomas and the latter's 'defence' crumbles to pieces. He knows why the Master has singled him out. We can well imagine that when Thomas cries out, 'My Lord and my God', he is on his knees, asking forgiveness for his unbelief.

There is a fine touch of irony in Thomas' words that the risen Jesus is 'Lord and God': the title addressed to the one and only God of Israel. The disciple, who doubted the most, now offers the highest praise of Jesus ever uttered in the gospels.

At the beginning of his Gospel, John tells the readers that the Word was God (Jn 1:1). Now, at the end of the Gospel, the disciples come to the same conclusion, that Jesus is truly their 'Lord and God'.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP