

PROPER OF THE MASS

First Reading *Apostles 4:32-35*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (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 John 5:1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

07 April 2024
Year B

MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIESTS

Fr Allan Casquejo *Parish Priest*

Fr Rafael Silva Galicia *Asst. Priest*

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass & before Vigil Mass

(or anytime by appointment)

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT / ADORATION

First Fridays: 8.30am

NOVENA

First Wednesdays: 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(please approach the priests after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment (six months' notice)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday & Friday : 9am - 3pm

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It is still the day of resurrection when Jesus appears in the evening. The disciples are terrified, but Jesus calms them and shows them his hands and his side. He says to them words which we all wish to hear: 'Peace be with you.' He breathes the Spirit on them. A week later, Thomas also is convinced and says, with us, 'My Lord and my God.'



CATHOLIC WEEKLY. Please leave \$2 in the MARKED WALL BOX NEXT TO THE STAIRS.

- Passion Players: The challenges and gifts of playing Jesus
- He is Risen! Standing room only at Cathedral Easter
- Sydney takes to the streets for Seven Churches Visitation

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Divine Mercy Sunday a plenary Indulgence (the complete remission of the temporal punishment for sin) is available to the faithful who fulfil the following conditions: being in the state of grace (or if needed receiving sacramental reconciliation); receiving Holy Communion; reciting the Creed; and praying for the intentions of Pope Francis.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, which is called "Divine Mercy Sunday", the various readings in the liturgy seem to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5: 7)"

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. Sunday, April 14, 2024, there will be a street procession following 10:30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. All are welcome. Invite family and friends as we process for life!



We welcome and pray for
AMELIA RITCHIE & LIAM LINEHAN
who are being baptised this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Ken Andrews, Sr Faye Kenny, David Sumasto, Joy Bertucci, Jose Vargas, Max Wilson, Mark Rodney Javier, Donatella Brown, Christopher Ballantyne, Maureen Ho, Hubert Ng, Tony Palagiano, Nayade Malkun, Mervat Haggar, Joanne Banner, Anita Ruiz, Elena Ruiz, Fred Dafforn

May they be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them.

Recently deceased: Catherine Veronica Keane, Juan Alonso

Anniversaries & Souls of: William Platt, Stipe Kraljevic, Andre Bouches, Jeanette Marion Russell, Eileen Stapleton, Diamantino Silva, Jason de Guzman, Rogel Quizon, Maureen Joseph, Wilma & Merv Baldwin & All Souls in Purgatory
Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office. To report **CHILD & ADULT physical & sexual abuse** please contact the police or Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGES TO 5PM ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

HELP STOP THE 'EQUALITY' BILL

NSW Parliament will soon be debating a bill tabled by Alex Greenwich MP. While marketed as an 'equality' bill, the bill will have disastrous impacts on vulnerable women and children, as well as for faith communities. Amongst the proposals are the liberalisation of prostitution and surrogacy laws, the ability for a person to self-identify their sex on official documents and the stripping away of religious protections in our laws. A parliamentary inquiry is currently underway, with the community invited to fill out a short survey to express their views.

The survey closes on 14 April 2024.



Have your say by completing a short, parliamentary survey into the bill.

Scan this QR code and indicate that you **OPPOSE** every part of the bill.

The bill is so extreme that we need to send a message to MPs to reject the whole bill.

SAINT & FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday, 8 April - Annunciation of the Lord. This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the



incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

Thursday, 11 April - St Stanislaus. Born at Szczepanow (Poland) about 1030. Died on this day in 1079 at Cracow, murdered on the orders of the king for his outspoken condemnation of corruption. He had become bishop of Cracow in 1072. Remembered for his reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern.



Texts: Daily Mass Book - Pictures: Wikipedia

PROJECT COMPASSION Please return any boxes/envelopes by 14th April as we need to forward the donations to CARITAS ... If you still wish to DONATE, please do so via ONLINE lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

TAP DONATIONS are halved between 1st & 2nd collections



The **FIRST COLLECTION** goes towards paying the living expenses of the priests of our parish and the diocese. Any surplus goes to an Archdiocesan fund to support other priests (eg in smaller parishes, elderly, studying).



The **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the support of the parish's Liturgical, maintenance, utilities, insurances, etc. (including CWF shortfall).

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May God Bless you.**

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