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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Congratulations To



Summer Featherstone, Dylan Davies & Alfred New whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

We are Easter people, and in the Spirit of Easter, we are sent out to share the joy of the Resurrection throughout the world.

In today's familiar Gospel story, the risen Christ appears to the disciples in the upper room on the day of Resurrection. Jesus breathes his spirit on them, sending them out to spread his message of love, forgiveness and peace. Thomas is not with them on this day, and cannot see beyond his own loss and grief. But eight days later, Jesus returns to the same room and reveals the reality of his Resurrection to Thomas in an intimate way. Thomas is liberated from his fear and doubt, and exclaims 'My Lord and my God!'

EASTER SPIRIT

In the First Reading from Acts, the Early Church is filled with the same Easter spirit that Jesus breathed on the disciples. The growing Christian community gathers together in a public place, and people are amazed at the signs and wonders worked by the apostles through the Holy Spirit. Praying together and praising God, the community would have been familiar with today's Easter Psalm, which continues the song of gratitude, joy and celebration which we prayed on Easter Sunday.

In the Second Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse, John, possessed by the Holy Spirit, tells of his vision of the Universal Christ: the First and the Last, the Living One who has overcome death for ever. Let us pray that our hearts may be open to recognising the Risen Christ present among us. May his words of peace drive out all our fear and doubt, and may we have the confidence to go out joyfully, transforming the world through the love of Christ.

REFLECTION

As I prepare to read this Gospel, I ask for the grace to be aware of the presence of Jesus in my life. I ask Jesus to breathe his spirit of peace upon me.

I read the Gospel slowly. Using my imagination, I enter into the scene, standing with the disciples in the upper room.

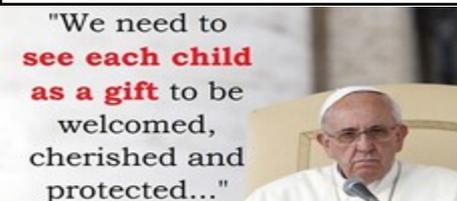
What is the mood of the gathering? I wonder what they are afraid of? What are my own fears?

I imagine Jesus suddenly being present, standing alongside me, looking deeply into my being; knowing, loving and accepting me just as I am.

Even in my doubt, Jesus is sending me to spread his love. What words of encouragement do I need to hear Jesus speak to me?

What do I want to say to Jesus? I close my prayer – like Thomas – with my own declaration of belief.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham



Friendship across the sea

The St Aloysius Parish Community Cronulla
linked in friendship with
St Joseph Parish Hato Udo Timor Leste





First reading: Acts 5:12-16 ::::

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27 ::::

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

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.**

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.**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 ::::

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 ::::

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church ::::

Reaching out to all who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813. Email: tribunal@cg.org.au

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Prayers for Sri Lanka
- * After the Conflagration
- * Rebuild my Church
- * Movie review: *Breakthrough*
- * Turning medical ethics upside down

Still the best Sunday Paper





Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	No notice.

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal ::::

On 4th and 5th of May, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting a key initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Prayer Campaign Pentecost 2019 ::::

In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. Each month (April, May) an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit.

Here is a link to the first campaign in the series, "Let us Pray to Receive the Spirit": <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to an information night at the Parish of All Saints Liverpool.

Tuesday 7th May 2019, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Parish Centre, All Saints Catholic Parish Liverpool, 48 George St Liverpool
Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Positions Vacant :::

Catechist and Sacramental Coordinator, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position working 2.5 days (20 hours) per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 10 May 2019.

**One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies ::::**

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn.

For details and to register go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Oz Rosary# 53 ::::

24-26 May, 2019. The weekend of the feast of the patroness of Australia Our Lady Help Of Christians.

Pray for Australia, its protection, future, Youth, families. This Year we are praying in particular also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of the church.

To register: www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53
Email: ozrosary53@gmail.com or contact Jane: 0476 535 595

For more details or to use the contact page please visit
<https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

A Day of Prayer will be held at St Martha's for our wounded Church ::::

St Martha's Parish will hold a prayer day for our universal Church on Saturday 11 May 2019 after the 9:10am Mass. The hours of the Divine Office will be prayed throughout the day and continue until 4:00pm with a short reflection before and after lunch (light refreshments will be served in the parish hall). The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, or the work of God is the daily prayer of the Universal Church – marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day of prayer.

We are Church, we need to uphold our Church in prayer at this difficult and sad time and everyone is invited to attend for all or part of the day.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 4th and 5th May

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Priest
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill B. Salmon K. Eaton M. Remedios	L. Oliver D. Harden L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll K. Croxson M. Sakowicz	G. Stratton R. Driscoll P. Morris L. Overton		
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Prayer of the Faithful	N. Azar	L. Oliver	S. Schembri	J. Wright	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Sandra / Bernard	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 3 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra		Next Week Group 5 J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules**Sunday:**

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
 Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Sat 4.00pm (or on request)
 Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for **Ellen Tripoldi, John Leishman, Sr Veronica Earls (Cletus) RSM** and **Michael Constance** who died recently.
 We pray for **Noreen McWilliams** whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Geoff Hurst, Brian Small, Mick McMahon, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Your Contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Sunday Collection Plate.

'It is in giving that we receive'

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

Name.....Telephone Number

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