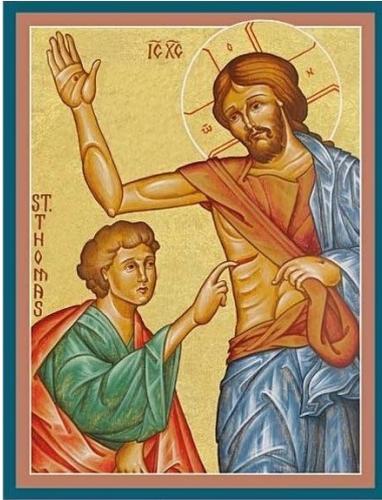


Second Sunday of Easter Year A

23 April, 2017



On the second Sunday of Easter the Liturgy of the Word invites us to approach the throne of Mercy and cry out with St. Thomas Apostle: "My Lord and My God" (Jn 20:28).

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. This feast recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy".

On this Sunday, our Gospel (John 20: 19-31) recounts one of the many appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples. Today St John tells how Jesus appears to the Apostles, coming through locked doors and says, "**Peace be with you**" breathing upon them the Holy Spirit and communicating His authority to forgive sins.

Thomas wasn't in the room when the Risen Lord appeared to the other disciples. On that evening, he missed out on the Lord's bestowal of the gifts of peace and forgiveness. Thomas seems to have cut himself off from the community of the disciples. He went off on his own to nurse his wounds. He is not unlike so many today who, for a variety of reasons, have cut themselves off from the church. When we cut ourselves off from the community of believers, we become very vulnerable. For all its flaws and failings, the church is the place where we encounter the Risen Lord. The Lord continues to stand among the community of disciples, especially when we gather in worship and pray, when we gather to serve others in the Lord's name. Thomas found the Risen Lord only when he returned to be with Peter and the other Apostles. We too will find the strength to believe, to carry out the commandments, and to respect every human life and dignity, when we maintain close unity with the Church. We all know that the best way to maintain the close unity with the Risen Lord and others is the Sunday Eucharist.

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St. Joseph the Worker Church

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Sunday Masses

Sunday 7:00am
Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:00am
Wednesday 7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Weekday Mass

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am, 6:00pm

Korean Masses

Sunday 3:00pm

(Last Saturday of the month
at 6:00pm)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 23 April	Monday 24 April	Tuesday 25 April	Wednesday 26 April	Thursday 27 April	Friday 28 Apr	Saturday 29 Apr
Divine Mercy Sunday	St Fedelis	Anzac Day	St Mark Evangelist	St Louyis Grignion	St Peter Chanel	St Catherine of Siena
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31						

ANZAC DAY Mass the Anzac Mass will be celebrated in our Parish on **Tuesday April 25**, at Guardian Angels Church, **Southport at 7 am.**

On this day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

St Joseph the Worker Celebration on Friday May 5, at 6 pm , at St Joseph's The Worker Church, Labrador there will be St Joseph's fiesta. The Fiesta begins with the Mass then after Mass there will be a procession with the statue of St Joseph. The procession will end at the annex where we are going to enjoy delicious food prepared by the Filipino Community. These celebrations dedicated to St Joseph are little rehearsals for the 50th anniversary of St Joseph's dedication. **Please put this date in your calendar.**

Southport Catholic Parish Child Care Centre

offering education and care to local preschool children now has limited vacancies in the Toddler Room 15 months-3 years, Junior Kindy 2- 4 years

Kindergarten Room 3- 5 years (Qld Government Approved Kindergarten Service).

Please contact the centre Director on **07 5564 8937** or visit the centre website for more information.

<http://centacarebrisbane.net.au/southport-catholic-parish-ccc/>

Guardian Angels Church from Monday April 17 there will be just two priests in our Parish. For this reason the Guardian Angles Church will be temporally not open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday till the end of May. We are looking for some volunteers who would help me and Fr Huong to keep the church open. Personally, I believe that churches should be open and I encourage parishioners to come forward and continue this good custom that Fr Dom introduced into our Parish. **Please contact the office on 5510 2222.**

Invitation – Gold Coast Marathon Walk The De Paul Manor and Villa Team is once again entering the **Gold Coast Marathon 5.7km Suncorp Challenge Walk** on **Saturday 1st July.**

You are most welcome to join us for a fun filled day on the track, followed by refreshments afterwards at De Paul Manor Estate. There is free entry and a T-shirt for Early Birds enlisted by **30 April 2016.**

Please contact Janeece on 0408763772.

Marriage Preparation For parishioners who are going to marry in the coming months, please contact Abas Supeli in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450221088** or email: **asupeli@gmail.com** as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

ANZAC day and EASTER Easter is a moveable feast. Frequently, as in this year, Easter is close to Anzac Day. Inevitably they cast a shadow upon each other. Both are about paying the supreme sacrifice.

Australians, together with New Zealanders, remember the sacrifice of so many of our armed forces on Anzac day each year. It is right and proper to do so.

Christians, together with all sane people, find no joy in war. Peace not war must always be our goal. Yet when war is necessary those who take up arms on our behalf must be supported and respected. When they are injured in the course of such action they should be confident of our nation's assistance. When they are killed, we should give thanks to God for their sacrifice, and maintaining fitting memorials to remind us, and future generations, of the cost of our freedom.

The cost of laying down life for other people can never be measured. The suffering of those who lose a loved one this way continues throughout life. Even though the cause was just and the action successful, the cost is as high as humans can pay.

Yet the sacrifices that we remember this week can heighten our appreciation of the cost of Easter. For while we may die for the sake of a good man or our family or our nation - Jesus died for his enemies. To lay down your life for your enemies - even when they are filled with enmity - because they are enemies - is an extraordinary and extreme sacrifice. And Christians can never forget that we were the enemies for whom he died.

It is key to the message of Easter. "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (*Romans 5:6-8*)

by Phillip Jensen, Sydney



Flood Relief If you have any sheets, towels, or blankets that you would like to give to the Lismore flood relief, please contact Monica on 55391108. Thank you.



Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Tyson Mark Lawrance son of Daniel & Gretchen Lawrance

Ocearne Zenita Faumuina daughter of James Faumuina & Ariana Ciccarelli

Roman Charles Griffin son of Joel & Kylie Griffin

Koby Rock Richardson son of Denis Richardson & Lucy Okeefe

Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need And Who Have Journeyed To The Father

Anniversary: Mary Stanfield, Nigel Fox, Annie Maloney, Donna Hockey, Orlean Submaranian, Madeline Morgan

Recently Deceased: Mona Winkleman, Colin Flanagan, Valrae Wintour.

Sick and in Need: Ray Balkin, Michael Skinner, Dulia Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Michael Jamrich, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Robert Murtagh, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Lorraine Pledger, Yvonne See, Angela Sannen, Seraphina, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Fr Keith Turnbull, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Leslie Rabbitt, Victor Williams

Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.

Sacramental

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Reminder: Registration for the term 2 First Eucharist program is open. As per the new Archdiocese Sacramental program the Sacrament of First Eucharist is offered to those candidates who are baptised Catholics and who are at least 9 years of age in 2017 (School Year 4). Registration for the Sacrament of First Communion opened on Friday March 24th and closes on Monday May 1st. The online registration form is located at www.scp.org.au.

IMPORTANT: Confirmation date has changed from Thursday, September 14th, 2017 to Thursday, August 31st, 2017.

Due to changes to the Bishop's itinerary the new term 3 Confirmation program dates are:

Registration opens Friday, **June 9th** and closes Tuesday, **July 11th.**

Parent information session either Thursday **July 13th** or **Sunday, July 16th.**

Presentation of the Apostles Creed- the weekend of **July 22nd / 23rd.**

Confirmation meeting either **Sunday August 6th** or **Thursday August 10th.**

Family confirmation meeting Saturday, **August 19th.**

Confirmation practice, **Monday August 28th.**

Confirmation Thursday, August 31st.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in **Term 3, 2017** and will be available to those candidates who are 8 years of age (Year 3) or older. **Candidates must be baptised Catholics and at least one parent must be a baptised Catholic.** Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify should contact **Stephen Lunn** on **5510 2296**. Registration for the Sacrament will be online.

Children's Liturgy

The dates for Children's Liturgy in **Term 2, 2017** are: April 23rd, April 30th, May 14th and June 11th. Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on **5510 2296** or email him at: StephenL@scp.or.au.

Baptismal Preparation Classes Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on the **11th and 25th May at 7:00pm**, in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Parish Date Claimers

Holy Hour & Benediction May 4, Thursday 4.15 pm

Bridge. Every Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners are most welcome.

Craft. Every Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30pm in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome.

Morning Tea. On the first Sunday of each month at the "Annex" after 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker.

Rosary and Novena. At 6:00pm every Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker. On the first Wednesday of the month, they are followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

SCP Care and Concern Transport Service. This service is for elderly parishioners who require assistance and transport to medical, dental or optical appointments. Phone 0421507554.

Walking Group. Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at Main Beach Surf Club at 6:00am. The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janece on 0408 763772 for further details.

3C- The Catholic Charismatic Community

All nationalities, all genders and all ages are welcome to our 2nd and 4th Sunday Prayer meeting held at Guardian Angels Church from 11:30-1:00PM, then a lunch is shared to complete the fellowship. We are not just a Prayer group- we are also a support group, an intercessory group and most of all a friend if you needed one. Just come as you are. Contact persons: Joey 0439952297 and Stephanie 0421562024

PROCESSIONAL**This Day Was Made By The Lord**

Refrain: This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad. This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation!

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life,
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain:
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. **R Amen**

GIFTS PROCESSION**Firmly I Believe And Truly**

Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is one;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
In that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
For the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation
And her teachings as his own

Praise and thanks be ever given,
with and through th'angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Text 1801-1890 *John Henry Newman*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

Save us Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and resurrection you have
set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION**Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy**

I will take you from the nations,
And gather you from the world:
I will bring you in to your own land
And you shall be my people
And I will be your God,
And in mercy, my love will hold the
world.

Refrain:
Give us new hearts, O Lord
Give us new hearts O Lord
Give us hearts of flesh;
Remove our hearts of stone

Through your Spirit, deep within us,
We become your loving face,
And our grasping hands will open in
compassion
And our frowning eyes will widen to
see
And know again all the beauty in every
human heart. **R**

Heart of Jesus, heart of mercy,
loving face of God revealed.
You proclaimed the word, 'not sacrifice
but mercy'
For in you we see the Father who
longs for our return,
Ever faithful, His covenant of love. **R**
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Peace Prayer

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Where there's hatred grown,
let me sow your love.
Where there's inj'ry, Lord,
let forgiveness be my sword.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
Less to be consoled than to help console.
Less be understood than to understand
your good.

Lord, make me a means of your Peace

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
To receive love less than to give love free.
Just to give in thee, just receiving from
your tree.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
To forgive in thee, you've forgiven me.
For to die in thee is eternal life to me.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN**Prayer For Peace**

Peace before us, peace behind us,
Peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
Let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us,
Love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us,
Let all around us be love.

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