



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

**11 April 2021**  
**Second Sunday of**  
**Easter - Year B**



### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

### **First Reading**

a reading from the  
Acts of the Apostles  
Acts 4:32-35

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22  
-24. R. v.1

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

### **Second Reading**

from the first letter  
of St John 1 Jn 5:1-6

### **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!

### **Holy Gospel**

according to John  
Jn 20:19-31

## **Pope Francis' Regina Coeli Address**

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 20:19-31) recounts that on the day of Easter, Jesus appears to his disciples in the Upper Room, in the evening, bearing three gifts: peace, joy, the apostolic mission.

The first words he says are: "Peace be with you" (v. 21). The Risen One brings authentic peace, because through his sacrifice on the Cross he achieved reconciliation between God and humanity, and he conquered sin and death. This is peace. His disciples needed this peace first and foremost, because, after the Master was arrested and condemned to death, they fell into dismay and fear. Jesus appears among them alive and, in showing the wounds — Jesus wanted to preserve his wounds — in his glorious body, gives peace as the fruit of his victory. But that evening the Apostle Thomas was not present. Apprised of this extraordinary event, incredulous at the testimony of the other Apostles, he demands to personally verify the truth of what they assert. Eight days later, just as today, the apparition is repeated: Jesus confronts Thomas' incredulity, inviting him to touch His wounds. They are the sources of peace, because they are the sign of the immense love of Jesus who defeated the forces hostile to man: sin, death. He invites him to touch the wounds. It is a lesson for us, as if Jesus were to tell all of us: "If you are not at peace, touch my wounds".

Touch Jesus' wounds, which are the many problems, difficulties, persecutions, illnesses of so many suffering people. Are you not at peace? Go. Go to visit someone who is the symbol of Jesus' wounds. Touch Jesus' wounds. Mercy flows from those wounds. That is why today is the Sunday of Mercy... Let us be courageous and touch Jesus' wounds. With these wounds he stands before the Father; he reveals them to the Father, as if to say: "Father, this is the price; these wounds are what I paid for my brothers and sisters". With his wounds Jesus intercedes before the Father. He gives us mercy if we draw near, and he intercedes for us. Do not forget Jesus' wounds.

The second gift that the Risen Jesus brings to his disciples is joy. The evangelist recounts that "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (v. 20). And there is also a verse, in Luke's version, that says that they disbelieved for joy. We too, perhaps when something incredible, beautiful has happened, might say: "I cannot believe it; this is not true!". This is how the disciples were. They disbelieved for joy. This is the joy that Jesus brings us. If you are sad, if you are not at peace, look to Jesus Crucified; look to the Risen Jesus; look at his wounds and receive that joy.

And then, in addition to peace and joy, Jesus also brings the gift of mission to the disciples. He says to them: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (v. 21). Jesus' Resurrection is the beginning of a new dynamism of love, capable of transforming the world with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This second Sunday of Easter, we are invited to approach Christ with faith, opening our heart to peace, joy, and the mission.

*Saint Peter's Square, Divine Mercy Sunday, 28 April 2019*

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# 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.***



# ROSTERS

18 April 2021	6pm	9.30am	5pm
<b>Monitor</b>	D. Fehlberg	G. & O. Mafi	P. Wicks
	B. & R. Potter	G. & M. Connolly	R. Thompson
<b>Altar Server</b>	Ryan Potter	Orly Simbul	Robert Selvaraj
<b>Reader</b>	S. Binny	C. Gabin	R. Thompson
<b>Counting</b>	V. Marquinez, J. Balane	<b>Flowers</b>	P. Wicks
<b>Vacuuming</b>	L. Bryant, J. Plasto	<b>Foyer</b>	Wicks Family

Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
Reconciliation: by appointment	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

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**For the sick & homebound:** Nelia Balingit, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Fr David Catterill, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Eduvigis Reyes, Rose Levoune, Gabriel Gonzales, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gibbons, Jenny Bishop, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Claude Fricot, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Mary & Reg Gardner, Doris Wahhab, John Kajdrys, Gabor Weiner, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Ofilia Mawson, Mary & Frances Raithi, Marie Atkins, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aguirre, Joan Wilson.

*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Iris Wallis, Gaudencia Mendoza, The Nguyen, Marian Owens, Louisa Moniz Dearaujo, Denise Field, Nina De La Cruz,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dolores Sitjar, Anthony Binny, Veni Menezes, Bien Cortez, Emile Autard, Barbara Frantz,  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

# Bulletin Notices

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April.** Commencing at 2pm with the Chaplet, followed by Holy Mass at 3pm.

**SACRAMENTAL DATES for 2021:** The dates for the reception of Sacraments this year are: First Holy Communion: 6 June at all Masses. Confirmation: Sunday 22 August at 9.30am Mass  
First Reconciliation: Saturday 6 November at 11am.

**Registration for all sacraments is required before April 16** and it is important for all parents to attend the **Parent Formation evening on Monday 19 April** at 7.30pm. More information and registration forms are available on our parish website.

**The Samoan Mass** will be this Sunday 11 April at 12pm, and on the first Sunday of every month in our Church.

**MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE** is offering a weekend retreat 16-18 April: Praying with St Teresa of Jesus, presented by Fr Ferdi. *St Teresa guides us towards a state of sublime surrender to God, where in silence we will be taught in an interior way.* For bookings please contact 02-87953464.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend April 16—18 Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Book online:** [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au).

**Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong** Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Wednesday 7 April 2021. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

## **Tribunal of the Catholic Church**

The Wollongong Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal is still “open” – staff are available to take calls and enquiries Tuesdays to Thursdays each week during business hrs. If you have any questions about marriage, divorce and remarriage in the Catholic Church, or about any other matters of Church law, please contact the friendly staff on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au)

**BAPTISM:** We welcome *Oliver John Arthur Paddison, Leilani Aerith-Yuna Sheriff, Darcy Ray Peter Borg* who will be Baptised in our Parish today. *“Help these tender branches grow to be more like you, the true vine, and be your faithful followers”.*



## **YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH**

*“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”*

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