

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

GLORIA

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. 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. 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. **Amen**



FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 42 - 47

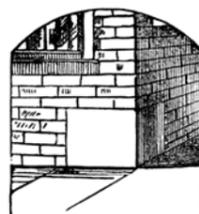
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*  
The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made 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.  
**Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118

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.**

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.**

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.**



FOR VIGIL MASS

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

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 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 a 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.  
**Thanks be to God**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 - 23 APRIL 2017

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9am

Saturday: 9am, 9:30 - 10am  
Reconciliation & 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am, 6pm

*\*Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.*

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Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reflection

There is a richness in this week's readings that is worthy fare for the great feast of the resurrection, and the basis for our understanding of mercy.

We are invited into the fear and anxiety of the disciples, their joy and peace. Yet behind the narrative of the evening appearance of the resurrected Jesus to the disciples are a range of primary theological realities. In fact the passage is a miniature theology of the church. The resurrection appearance is focused on the first day of the week, the Christian day of Sunday worship. The community are transformed from fear to joy. They are infused with the Spirit, gifted with peace and sent on mission, a mission of the forgiveness of sin. There can be no more condensed yet thorough theology of church.

The second appearance also has a narrative structure and an underpinning theological core. Again it is set on a Sunday, the day of Christian worship. The hapless Thomas is caught in his unbelief. His stubbornness is in strong relief to the freedom of Christ, who is not held back by locked doors, is enfleshed yet beyond the bounds of embodiment, and who accepts the doubting Thomas, leading him to faith. Yet Thomas also stands outside of historical self. In the passage he is a vehicle for us to be present. He has seen but no believed at first. We have not seen, yet believe. Through the figure of Thomas, the author of the Gospel has folded the generations of believers who follow the apostles into the larger story of the resurrection. This Sunday story is our story every Sunday. The sense of church hidden in the passages from the Gospel is explicit in the selection from the Acts of the Apostles. The church is marked by apostolic faith. It is a true community marked by sharing, with the needs of other more important than possessions. There is a strong Eucharistic sensibility: the breaking of bread, the sharing of food, and the praise of God are wrapped together. This witness is its essential mission.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also a celebration of the divine mercy of God, and these readings provide a scriptural lens onto its meaning for Christians. In the resurrection we see the mercy of God, beyond our fears, anxieties and sin. Mercy is in the peace of Christ, the gift of the Spirit and the community of welcome. Mercy calls us to put our possessions at the service of the needy, to share our food gladly and generously, and to live with one heart, the heart of God.

## A few words from Fr Bernie

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our wonderful prayerful Easter Liturgies. So many of you helped quietly background, in so many ways, e.g. helping with the Easter Vigil Candles and Easter fire; handing out the booklets at each liturgy, assisting with our music; ministering at the altar; (readers/acolytes/Extraordinary Ministers of Communion); having your feet washed on Holy Thursday; and just being there when I needed some help – **Thank you!** I have heard numerous comments from parishioners and from the friars and sisters who came to our Masses and services, that they were prayerful and liturgically meaningful. Considering that we don't have a Liturgy Committee in the parish the compliments go out to all of us who made this great feast of Easter so reflective and beautiful.

On the topic of "Liturgy", I would like to know if any parishioners have had experience in liturgy preparation, or would like to learn more about how to prepare liturgies? I am looking at forming a new Liturgy Team for the parish, to assist in the liturgical life in our community. This is a huge part of the ministry of our parish – creating meaningful and prayerful Masses and services, and it would be great to have help with this. If you have a creative flare or wish to learn more about our church prayer life, and possibly assist in forming a Liturgy Team then please contact me on 0415 077 353 or [bthomas@franciscans.org.au](mailto:bthomas@franciscans.org.au).



Blessings,  
Fr Bernie

### MASS TIME CHANGES

As per two previous messages from Fr Bernie, there are some proposed Mass time changes which will soon take effect. From Monday the **1<sup>st</sup> of May** the weekday Masses will change to 9.15. This is to enable the school students (St Charles and Waverley Junior) who come regularly to our Masses to have time to settle into prayer before the Masses start rather than rushing in once Mass has started. It will also hopefully enable more parents who are rushing around dropping off kids at school to come along also.

As mentioned in the Easter Bulletin, there have been a few requests to change the Sunday Evening Mass to 5pm for the winter months. Having announced this possible change a couple of times at the Sunday Evening Mass and, also publishing the possibility of a change in the bulletin, no objections have been received, so from the 7<sup>th</sup> of May the Sunday Mass time will be changed to 5pm. Please inform anyone you may know who occasionally comes along to the Sunday night Mass. The Saturday Vigil will remain at 6pm.

### LOST RING

When counting the money for the Good Friday collection, a ring was found in one of the Good Friday Envelopes. If you think you may have accidentally added a ring to the donation please see Fr Bernie.

## Let Us Pray For...

### Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum)

### Anniversaries at this time

Keith Tate, Dick Golding, Miklos Gubacsi, Melinda Guerreiro, Allan Smith, Anglo Vella, Agata Salvo

### Those recently deceased

Edward McBride

### Those recently baptised

Harrison Richards, Connor Higginson, Alexander Sartoretto, Natalia Alonsa

## Did You Know?

- ◆ The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter- Pentecost cycle.
- ◆ There is an ancient tradition that St Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India.

### ANZAC DAY MASS - 9AM TUESDAY, 25 APRIL

Please come and pray as a community for the men and women who have served and who currently serve in our countries (Australia and New Zealand) military. This is a special day of Remembrance of how our 2 countries fought together so that the places we call home could become places of peace and prosperity. In celebrating and remembering we gather to pray that peace, and in particular the peace found through Christ, may be lived in our countries, our communities, in our homes and in our hearts. At the foot of the Altar there will be a prayer focus where our two nations' flags will be placed, you may wish to bring other mementoes of family members who have fought and died for peace and place them at the foot of the Altar also as a way of honouring them and remembering them. Please feel free to come in uniform if you are or have been in any of our armed forces and also to wear medals.



### PARISH MINISTRIES

We are still in need of more volunteers to help in our parish ministries. If you have still have forms at home or wish to get a new form please see Fr Bernie. We would like to have new rosters starting by the beginning of June, but still need more parishioners to be involved. There will be training for each of our ministries, so if you are concerned that you may not be capable please, chat with Fr Bernie to find out what might be involved.

## News and Notices

### FR JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

On Thursday this week the father of our former Parish Priest, Fr John, passed away. The full details are unclear but please remember to pray for Fr John and his family and also for the response of the soul of his father. There is some paper on a clip board at the back of the church for anyone who may wish to write a message to Fr John, which will be sent to him back in India.



### MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE APRIL RETREATS

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### I Can't Pray Day Retreat

*What can I do when "the well runs dry" in my life of prayer?*

Presenter: Fr Greg Chee, OCD

May 13 @ 9:30am – 4pm

Cost: \$25 (please remember to bring your own lunch). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:45am and 10am

### Entering the Heart of God at mid-year

*We read and pray the Gospels for the four great Feasts of the middle of the year: Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Presenter: Michele Connolly

May 26 @6:10pm – May 28 @1:30pm

Cost: \$230 (discounts for pensioners/unemployed/students)

### 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](http://www.acyf.org.au).



### LOOKING TO GET MARRIED AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH?

It is expected that any couple intending to marry will participate in one of the Pre-Marriage Courses offered in the Archdiocese of Sydney. CatholicCare Sydney invites you to spend some time building or strengthening the foundations for your married life.

You can choose between 3 different courses, suited to your individual needs: Becoming One, Intimate I or Intimate II. Courses are run either in the group or face-to-face format, on weeknights and some weekends.

More information about the Marriage and Relationship Education program can be found by visiting [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org), calling (02) 9509 1234 or emailing [mre@catholiccare.org](mailto:mre@catholiccare.org)



The next Meeting of the Fraternity will be held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Friar's Chapel. You are cordially invited to attend.

### ANZAC DAY EVE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - 5:30PM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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.



### WAVERLEY COLLEGE PROCESSION

The annual May Procession at Waverley College will be held on Sunday, 7 May in College grounds, commencing at 2.00pm. All Old Boys of the College are invited to attend.

### FASHION PARADE

There is to be a Fashion Parade for Our Lady's Nurses (Brown Sisters) The Date: 4th May

Time: 11.30am for 12noon start

Where: Our Lady's Nurses,

35 Dudley Street, Coogee 2034

Price \$15 for a light lunch.

Raffle Tickets/ Lucky Door Prizes.

Phone: (02) 9665 6331 for bookings by the 1st of May 2017



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