

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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 ACCLAMATION: John 20:29

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 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.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14;
Jn 21: 1-19**

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY: No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage: By appointment.
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)
23rd / 24th April 2022**

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

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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

RESPONSE: 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.'

RESPONSE.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

RESPONSE.

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.

RESPONSE.

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23 / 24 APRIL 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE DECIDED	NIL	TO BE DECIDED
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN	A NAGANATHAN	D TAN
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

30 / 1 MAY 2022 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE DECIDED	NIL	TO BE DECIDED
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 9: C DABBAH	T DABBAH	A STANTON
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MAY ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Carmel Brereton (*parishioner, member of CWL and altar society – funeral will be held at St Therese on Tuesday the 26th April at 10.30am*) and John Higgins. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Thank you and Welcome to our new brothers and sister at Easter

Once again we congratulate the Zhang family on becoming Catholics this Easter. Please remember to keep *Xiuchen Sharon, Xiuye Sean, and Shuqing Stephen Zhang* in your prayers.

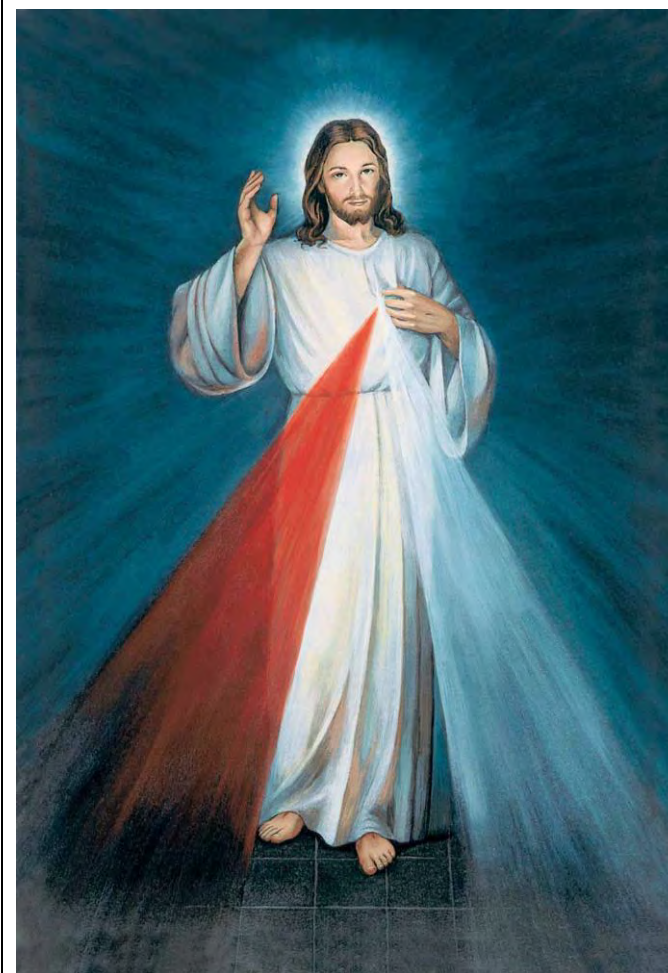


Our Easter celebrations and liturgies are always memorable and well attended. The support from our volunteers is amazing and this year was no different, from those who served on the altar at our liturgies and Masses, those of you who helped clean the church, to those who arranged the flowers, those who helped fill the holy water bottles and to those who made or served food for the supper. You all make such a difference and continue to help our community to be strong and united. We sincerely thank you all for continuing to help make all our Easter liturgies so special. Happy Easter, Alleluia!

First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Parent Information Evening** on Wed the 4th May at 7.30pm in St Therese Church.
- **Application forms** will be available at the Parent Information Evening.
- **Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** Candidate with parent(s) should attend Saturday 7th May at 6pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 8th May at 8am or 10am Masses.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st and 8th June in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 19th June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



Divine Mercy Sunday.

Will be celebrated at St Therese Church Denistone THIS Sunday the 24th April from 2pm-4pm. Reconciliation and Adoration will be from 2pm to 2.50pm and Holy Mass at 3pm.

Catholic Women's League next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 6th May at 10am in the presbytery. New members are welcome.

Parish Office hours have changed.

Our secretary, Gayle White, is starting to have Wednesdays off. Please note the new office hours: **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am - 4pm.**

Project compassion

Many thanks to all those who have donated to Project Compassion this year as there are so many people in need throughout the world. Don't forget to bring back your **envelopes** or **money boxes** as all donations are 100% tax deductible.



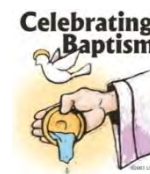
Anzac Day

THIS Monday, Fr Roberto, will celebrate a special Mass for our fallen soldiers at 9.30 am. Come and pray for peace on this special day for those who sacrificed their lives for our continued safety.



Baptisms this weekend

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Ella Steward. We congratulate her parents Jessica and Adam and their families.



Attention Altars Servers.

Don't forget to hang up your albs properly after you have used them at Mass. We are finding many at the bottom of the cupboard, leaving them crushed.



Catechist Meeting - Attention all Catechists.

- Catechism classes at DEPS will resume **THIS Tuesday the 26th April.**
- Catechist Term 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday on the **3rd May** in the presbytery, beginning 10.45am.

OTHER NOTICES:

ANZAC EVE MASS: Sunday 24 April, 6pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH: AN OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN: On Friday 29-Saturday 30 April.

Join in this challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker!

The Camino will begin with 9pm Mass on Friday 29 April at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday 30 April with 5.30am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast.

The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's – Punchbowl, to St Felix – Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary – Sefton, St Peter Chanel – Berala, St Joachim's – Lidcombe, Sydney Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Register Here - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT> - Cost is \$15!

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'. For more detailed information call Simon Yeak from the Life, Marriage and Family team on 0402 859 123 or email simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

Our parish will be involved in this event and we will keep you updated as more information becomes available!