



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) / C
24 April 2022

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jorge Timoteo, Francisca Mathesan, Manel Gunasekara, Adela Estrada, Joselina Delgado, Joselito Delgado, Rodolfo Chuanico, Sr Angela Muellebner SSpS, Meilinda Iskandar, Emily Eggleton, Edward Chua, Ernesto F. Domingo, C.J. Perera, Jose Olivier, Joseph Camilleri, Alyssa Dansord, Carmela Ruotolo, Pamela Pekin.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tony Boumadar, Procopio family, Bruzzese family, Joanne Mahon, Mgr Eugene Harley OAM, Alan Parmeter, Paul Tierney, Giuseppe Leo, Sam Amata, Robbie Lyons - Teresa-Dominic Alvaro, Frank Fressard, Irene MacDougall, Fr Terence Hogan, Fr Geoffrey Dickinson, Ronald O'Donohue.

Rosters – 30 Apr./1 May

Cleaning Ministry Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm	Anton & Anne Fernando
Sun. 7.30am	Sophie Russo
Sun. 9.30am	Pamela McKay
	Vartguess Markarian
	Patrick Edouard-Betsy, Michael Otter
Vigil 5.30pm	Leah Garcia, Maddison Boulous
Sun. 7.30am	Jodie Macgregor, Anne Marie Lyons
Sun. 9.30am	Lynette Rodrigues, Danny Yu

Counters: Lectors:



PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have at home, please bring your Project Compassion box or envelopes back next week.

ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is every Thursday. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.



STEPPING BEYOND

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Group, supports those navigating their way through separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. This group is held on the **last Tuesday** of each month via Zoom. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Registration Essential: Please contact Rita Ph. 8843 2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information and registration. See Flyer on Notice Board for more details.

AN EASTER 2022 MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV, BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA

Dear sisters and brothers,
We will soon celebrate, once again, the great feast of Easter and begin a season of joy.

For two years now, our liturgical celebrations have been muted by the pandemic. Over the past years, we have witnessed serious illness and death, social unrest and the economic hardships faced by individuals, families, and communities here at home and throughout the world.

Many people in Australia and beyond are still suffering the loss of loved ones, unemployment, and fear and anxiety. We grieve that so many people in poorer countries have not been given access to vaccines. This global inequity is folly, as it not only damages the lives of so many children of God but makes more likely the rise of even more dangerous COVID variants. Yet, there is hope. Christ is risen! He has liberated us and made a lasting peace and joy possible for our chaotic and troubled world.

Pope Francis often speaks of joy. With characteristic humour, the Pope says that Christians should not look like 'sourpusses' (literally "vinegar faces" in the original Spanish). We should rejoice in our freedom and remain confident in God's love for us. The joy of Easter springs from our deep gratitude to God for his gentle and compassionate presence in our lives.

Recently, we have seen natural disasters like the destructive floods in NSW and Queensland, the volcanic eruption in Tonga, and tragedies such as the pandemic and lately, the invasion of Ukraine. While these and other hardships persist, Easter celebrates what Pope Francis says so powerfully: "We are not loved after we are forgiven, we are forgiven because we are loved".

As my fellow Franciscan, the medieval friar, Giovanni Giocondo, once put it: "The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see – and to see we have only to look!"

May this season of grace bring us such lasting joy. Please share this joy generously with others, especially those in the 'shadows' and on the margins of our society, during this blessed time and always!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Have a blessed Easter.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv - Bishop of Parramatta

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS MANAGER – PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all our parishioners who contributed to and participated in our Easter ceremonies. A special thank you to Catherine Parker and John Galla who contributed greatly to the success of our wonderful parish choir.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday **26th April** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

ENROLMENT FORM - RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The enrolment forms are available at the back of the church and on our website. Enrolment dates: Saturday **30th April** 5.30pm Vigil Mass OR Sunday **1st May** 9.30am Mass. NO late enrolments will be accepted.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group resumes on Wednesday **4th May** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. We shall be continuing our series of Easter reflections. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Sunday, 24 April – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life. Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor. As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions. He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed. Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Reflection: The modern Church is calling us to follow the example of "the poor man's lawyer" by sharing ourselves and our talents with those less fortunate and by working for justice in the world.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

24 APRIL 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / C

MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.



what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.
2. 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. R.
3. 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 Apoc 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 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 Jn 20:19-31

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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:

have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FAITH BRINGS PEACE

The journey of faith is one that has many moments and stages. At times all goes well, as in Acts, and we can rejoice in the fruitful results of our efforts. There can be other times when, like Thomas, we wrestle with doubt and unbelief. In the face of difficulties, we can run the risk of losing heart, like the Christians of Ephesus, and sorely need encouragement. Today's readings are particularly consoling because they show us that the life of faith has always been a journey with many such moments. Many people of faith feel that it would have been different in the early Church, that somehow they had more faith, vision, courage, and understanding. We can often be unduly hard on ourselves and perhaps overly idealistic about life in the early days of the Church.

It is always worth asking why the earliest Christians wrote as they did. If John's community had not had its moments of questioning, the episode of Thomas the apostle would probably not have been written down. If the Christian communities around Ephesus had not been discouraged and fearful in the face of persecution and opposition, it would not have been necessary to write the book of the Apocalypse. They needed to be reminded that the Risen One who holds the key to life and death, was walking among them still. Even the bright picture painted in Acts was probably written with a view to encouraging the Christians of Luke's time.

The Risen One walks amongst us still. Mindful of our journey of faith, he calls us to faith and to know his peace.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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'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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may