

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.

**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, / Aorn 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 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!**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### FROM THE LIPS OF THE DOUBTER, THE HIGHEST PRAISE

Thomas called Didymus ('the twin') does not figure much in the gospels. Two earlier references to him in John (11:16; 14:5) show him as someone who is not easily persuaded. He does not immediately accept everything that Jesus says; when he does not understand, he questions the Master.

True to his character, Thomas does not believe his fellow disciples when they tell him they have seen the Lord. Maybe he is just being defensive or realistic. Like the rest of the disciples, Thomas failed miserably to stand by Jesus. He was nowhere in sight during his Master's trial and crucifixion. To say that Jesus has risen from the dead and has appeared to the disciples was a preposterous idea for Thomas. He remained incredulous.

Now, after eight days, Jesus appears again to the disciples. Jesus turns the tables on Thomas and the latter's 'defence' crumbles to pieces. He knows why the Master has singled him out. We can well imagine that when Thomas cries out, 'My Lord and my God', he is on his knees, asking forgiveness for his unbelief.

There is a fine touch of irony in Thomas' words that the risen Jesus is 'Lord and God': the title addressed to the one and only God of Israel. The disciple, who doubted the most, now offers the highest praise of Jesus ever uttered in the gospels. At the beginning of his Gospel, John tells the readers that the Word was God (Jn 1:1). Now, at the end of the Gospel, the disciples come to the same conclusion, that Jesus is truly their 'Lord and God'.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / A

23 April 2017

I AM SENDING YOU. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 1 Pet 2:2

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

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Gloria 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in 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, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

3. 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.**

### SECOND READING

1 Pet 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 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.**

**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



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



'After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them' ... John 20

## Dear Sisters and Brothers,

- ◇ A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO EVERYONE FOR THE PRAYERFUL AND JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM!
- ◇ I especially would like to thank the Readers, Special Ministers, adult and children Altar Servers, Welcomers.
- ◇ I would like to thank Harry Collins for the great music offered to us throughout the three days.
- ◇ A special THANK YOU to Nina and Dick Mahony and Maria who made the sanctuary look so beautiful and for the 'New Fire'.
- ◇ A special thanks to Isabelle and Bonny who assist with the ministry of 'counting' each Tuesday.
- ◇ It was a great honour to celebrate Easter in the parish.
- ◇ Thank you to Rob and Maureen who prepared the Triduum celebrations at Dover Heights! I heard the liturgy was very special for all who attended!
- ◇ Volunteers are urgently required to be rostered to assist Nina Mahony to prepare the sanctuary for the weekend celebrations of the Eucharist on Friday 9.30am – 11.30am. If you can assist with this ministry, kindly contact the parish office.
- ◇ Volunteers are needed for 'ADULT SERVERS' to assist with the 10.00am Mass and 6.00pm Mass. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office. A Working with Children Check is required which can be arranged through the parish office.
- ◇ The 1<sup>st</sup> CHARITABLE WORKS FUND COLLECTION is to be held on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May for the ministries of the Archdiocese. The Charitable Works Fund Collection is the official 'charity' of the Archdiocese. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible.
- ◇ The next BAPTISM PREPARATION GATHERING is to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre 9.15am – 9.45am. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please just come along! THANK YOU to Allison Malcolm and Lais dos Santos who will be facilitating this session.
- ◇ I will be celebrating a 'Mother's Day Mass' for McAuley School on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome!
- ◇ The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- ◇ THE FIRST SESSION OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 5.00PM IN THE CHURCH. I ASK THAT EVERYONE KINDLY BE 'ON TIME' TO BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMITMENT MASS AT 6.00PM.
- ◇ A WARM WELCOME to OSCAR COCHINEAS who is to be baptised on Sunday.
- ◇ May the Lord bless all the children who are returning from holidays to commence a new term!
- ◇ May we continue to open our hearts to the presence of the Risen Lord as He seeks to reveal his light and love to each of us in this time of joyful celebration!
- ◇ On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, ANZAC DAY, I will offer Mass for all parishioners who have died as a result of war along with all families who have suffered in any way the effects of war:
- ◇ We pray for all who served in the armed forces who served bravely and lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day.
- ◇ We remember all families, parents and children who have lost loved ones through war. May the light of God's hope and strength comfort them.
- ◇ May God send forth a Spirit of peace to our world as we ask you to grant our prayers through Christ Our Lord. May we become instruments of the peace Jesus gives to us at Easter!

Fr Chris

## Thank you to Peter from I-BUDG-IT, with our Church Maintenance and Repairs



**Baptisms** This week we extend a warm welcome to *Coreena and Phillip Cochineas and their son Oscar*, who will today receive the sacrament of Baptism. We pray that his future life be gently nourished in the midst of our parish family.

**Marriages** Join us in prayer for *Emily Andrijic and David Grant* who celebrated their marriage this week.

### Sacraments for Children at St Mary Magdalene's 2017

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on the following dates. Children from all local schools including McAuley Primary School will prepare together in the Church with a parent on dates to be confirmed.

**Confirmation** Friday 26 May at 7.00pm  
**Reconciliation** Wednesday 14 June at 5.00pm  
**First Eucharist** Saturday 2 September at 5.00pm

## Parish Information

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

Rose Bay Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm  
 Tues-Fri 9am; Mon 9am Communion Service  
 Dover Heights Sat 5pm

### Baptisms

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays 11am Rose Bay

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The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.



Death remains about the one certain fact in the lives of each one of us, and there will be suffering, sorrow, and sadness next week as there was last week.

Soon after you're dead - we're not sure how long - but not long, you'll be united with the most ecstatic love you've ever known. As one of the best things in your life was human love, this will be love, but much more satisfying, and it will last forever.

Basil Hume

## Coming Events/Notices

- \* **ANZAC Day Eve Mass of Remembrance**, St Mary's Cathedral, principal celebrant Archbishop Fisher, 5:30pm, Monday 24 April.
- \* **Lismore Flood Appeal** Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming. To donate to the Appeal go to [www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org](http://www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org).
- \* **Our new website** [www.magdalene.org.au](http://www.magdalene.org.au) is up and running, with more content to be added in the coming weeks.
- \* **St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass**, Sun 21 May 10am, Archbishop Fisher. Refreshments will follow. Info [centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au](mailto:centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au).
- \* **Waverley College annual May Procession**, Sun 7 May 2pm.
- \* **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Info [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au).
- \* **Meditation Group**, Tuesdays 7pm, Parish Centre. No experience needed, just come along. Marilyn Jones 0401 637759.
- \* **McAuley Primary School** is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.

## We pray for:

**the sick:** Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Kylie Lynch, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.

**the deceased:** Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech.

Rose Bay 30 April	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Remond Barney Remond Barrie Lum, Meg Wild	Nicholas Carney Lucille Gravina Jay & Anthony Gilbert Sue Heavener	Lindsay Gazal Kerry Gazal Thomas Jones
Information Desk			
Dover Hts 29 April	5pm	Rose Bay Altar Society 28 April	Feast days
Commentator 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Persson Tony Carroll Gabrielle Scarf Marie Manché Danny Au-Yeung Matthew Scarf	Nina Mahony	Wed 26 St Mark, Fri 28 St Peter Chanel, Sat 29 St Catherine of Siena