

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish Camp Hill



No. 15

Second Sunday of Easter – Year A

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8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday & Tuesday: 7.00am

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &

Public Holiday: 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

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THE MERCY OF GOD IN SUPERABUNDANCE

On this eighth day of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day when the flood-gates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for. Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for years as a private devotion. But in the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, who himself was an extraordinary instrument of God's mercy, put this feast on the Church's official calendar as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931: In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.' Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." Jesus spoke again to her of His desire that the Solemnity of Divine Mercy be established: "On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much we are loved by our God of perfect mercy. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Turn our eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

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Parish News & Notices

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch, Judith Angela, Alex Stegman, Kui Liu, Eileen MacDermott, Lorraine O'Leary, Shirley Mead, Don Cattnach, Barry Ahern, Rod Grove, Bernice Taylor.



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian John Walls (Mick), William Bradbury, Alice Rowely, Ronald Kitchen, Annie Ducey, Cameron McDonald, Dorothy Schlecht, Eileen Dask, Mervyn Harbeck, Elizabeth O'Connor, Joan Rowley, Miriam O'Reilly, Brian Kirby, Bernard O'Reilly, Mary Graham, Santo Cavallaro, William Lyons, John Moran, Ivan Harris, Mary Dwyer, Peter Traynor, Bill Gordon, Glen Crouch, Ann Jorgensen, Brian Trimble, Ned Rosengren, Campion Healy, Irene McMahon, Daphne Frawley, Neil Murphy, Barry Morrison, Margaret Carroll, Tom McDonald & Vince Thornton.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please consider giving to our Planned Giving Program. Your continued support for our Parish is much appreciated.

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Baptisms/Sacrament Programs/ Donations/
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* We also have Tap n Go facility in the Church premises.
Thank you for your generosity.

The Week Ahead

Sun - 16th Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter Mass @ 8.30am
Mon - 17th Apr	Mass @ 7am
Tues - 18th Apr	Mass @ 7am
Wed - 19th Apr	Mass @ 9am
Thur - 20th Apr	Mass @ 9am
Fri - 21st Apr	Mass @ 9am
Sat - 22nd Apr	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - 23rd Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Baptisms

We welcome... **Coco Audrey & Bodhi Angus McKenna** daughter and son of Peter & Kate McKenna being baptised in our Church this weekend.



May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your precious child with love and peace on this special day and always.

JOEL COURTNEY

JONATHAN ROME

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-PAISLEY

KELSEY and GRAMMER

FROM THE CREATORS OF *I CAN ONLY IMAGINE*

JESUS REVOLUTION

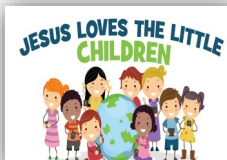
BASED ON A TRUE MOVEMENT



Calling all movie goers!!! Come see the new Jesus Revolution movie with an excited bunch of St Thomas parishioners (exceeded expectations in the US, over \$50 million at the box office!) On Sunday 23rd April at 12.45pm, Garden City.
Contact Melissa Chong 0467220461

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
8.30AM MASS
EVERY SUNDAY
During School Term only.



St Thomas Music Ministry Hymn Requests



Scan this QR code
and tell us your
favourite hymn!

Quote of the week

*Faith isn't about asking
God to stop the storm.
Faith is about trusting
God to help you
through the storm.
Just believe.*

Where is God calling you? Take some time to and discern the answer at this one-day retreat for women aged 18-35.

• **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

• **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. 267 Wellington Street Ormiston, QLD, 4160 Australia ([map](#))

Not sure where God is calling you? Come away and intentionally ask what God is calling you to do with your life. Through input, prayer, reflection and adoration, create space to listen to what He is saying to you. Quo Vadis is a retreat day for women aged 18-35 who discern their vocation to hear from those already joyfully living a religious life. Morning tea and lunch are included, and the day will finish with Mass together. Take the next step on your discernment journey, register now: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/QV4W2023>

Archbishop's Dinner for Women 2023

• **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

• **6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women is an evening that provides space for women discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. This year's dinner will be held on June 1st at Wynberg in New Farm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Brisbane) will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for women to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey. Register your Expression of Interest via email to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



Have you thought?

Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!

Archdiocesan Summit: SUMMIT23

is the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. Three-days of keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus. The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be sharing his priorities for the coming years.

For further information, go to brisbanesummit.com
When: 6pm Thurs. 18 May - 3pm Sat. 20 May 2023.

Where: Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

Cost: starting at \$150pp.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

In today's gospel what people did Jesus appear to?

Where were the disciples?

How did they feel when they saw Jesus?

Who did not believe it was Jesus?

Why did Thomas stop doubting?

When can you sense Jesus is with you, even though you do not see him?

How can we recognise Jesus in other people?

For the Children...

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Doubting Thomas

When Jesus appeared to his disciples for the first time after his death, one disciple was not with them. He became known as "doubting Thomas, because he did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He told the other disciples that his disbelief would only end if he could see Jesus with his own eyes.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, help us to remember the words of Thomas: "My Lord and my God," and to make them our own prayer.



Readings for Next Sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER -YR A

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Readings

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

First Reading: (Acts 2: 42-47)

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24

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

Second Reading: (1 Pt 1:3-9)

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 has 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.

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!

Gospel: (John 20:19-31)

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.