



23-24 April 2022 Second Sunday of Easter—Year C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm
Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm
Masses: Tuesday—6pm
Wednesday, Thursday and -
Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday
4.15pm—4.45pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -
check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation

alleluia.

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

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.

Dear Parishioners Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter Year C



In the [Gospel](#) Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced. But when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly skeptical.

A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his skeptical challenge. Jesus tells him, *Put your finger in my wounds and believe!* And then, without so much as touching Jesus, Thomas believes.

When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Actually, then, all Thomas did was see Jesus and his wounds, and then he believed. But, of course, that is just what the other ten apostles did in the first appearance of Christ, when Thomas was absent. So why didn't Christ make his first appearance to the apostles at a time when Thomas was there too? Why did Christ first appear when Thomas was absent? Why single Thomas out in this way?

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah. But then the Romans killed Jesus; and when they did, they also killed the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," we say. And the bigness of Thomas's heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed. Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again. And so when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak by turning his back on Jesus and all that Jesus meant to him.

And maybe that is why Jesus left Thomas out of his first appearance to the apostles. When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Maybe if Thomas had not been able to move all the way from heartbreak to skepticism, he would not have been able to move back to Jesus so powerfully either.

Without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

2. Welcome

St. Anthony's family welcome all of you to the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. I welcome our visitors and our parishioners especially those who traveled for the Easter celebrations. Check the bulletin for the Divine Mercy program which starts at 3pm on Sunday.



As we have concluded our Lenten season and celebrated the Lord's resurrection, our main effort goes to St. Anthony's feast which is 13 June but the celebration comes on 19 June. Participation in the holy Mass shall include staff and students of St. Anthony's school as well as the Syriac community who use our church for their Sunday celebrations. Planning is still in the early stage and so suggestions are still welcome.

In our liturgical gatherings, please note that while wearing of masks are no longer mandatory, they are still recommended. The liquid sanitizer is at both sidewalls of the entrance to the church to clean our hands when we enter and exit the church. Unfortunately, it would not be prudent at this stage to resume the shaking of hands at the 'Sign of Peace' and reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice during Mass. The alcohol-soaked wipes have damaged some of our pews and we are considering some alternatives. At the moment, please, **DO NOT** leave the wipes on the pews or on any wooden surface as they corrode the woods and fade the paint on them. We have bucket/s at the foyer where you are to dispose them after use. Your safety and our Parishioners' safety are our priority.

If you would like to assist in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office who can help you with the necessary paperwork.

3. Choir

We would like to extend our Choir groups at each mass. If you can sing, and would like to be part of our choir, please let the Parish office know. If you are talented enough to play an instrument, especially the piano, please let us know.



4. St. Anthony's Feast Day

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June 2022. To celebrate, the Parishioners will again mark the feast with a mass, lunch and entertainment on Sunday 19th June 2022 in the parish grounds. To coordinate and organize such an event, we will need to set up a committee. If you think you can assist or for further details, please contact the Parish office. In the meantime, if you are a business and willing to donate items for raffles, or have a stall you would like to set up please contact us. We look forward to celebrating this Parish event with all parishioners and visitors to our Parish. For those who have indicated they will donate for our raffle could you please drop the items off at our office.



5. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Online Program

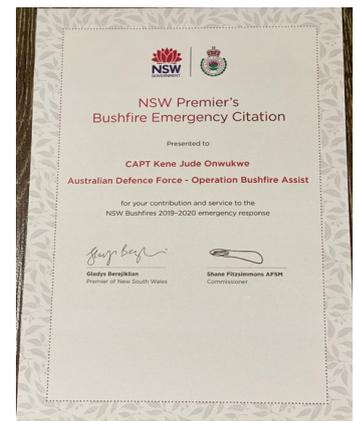
The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27. For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

6. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. We have just bought a new Audio/Video electronic Mixer to replace the old one that became faulty due to mishandling. If you do not know how to operate them and you need any of it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thank you for your understanding.

7. Recognition

Congratulations to Fr Kene who received the NSW Premier's Bushfire Emergency Citation for his work in the 2019-2020 bushfires. Well done to Fr Kene



8. Anzac Day

Monday 25th April 2022 our Parish will celebrate Anzac Day with a mass at 9am followed by a morning tea. Please wear a poppy flower. All are welcome.



9. Children's Liturgy

We would like children's liturgy to return to the 5pm Saturday mass and the 9am Sunday mass. However, we are in need of some volunteers for this ministry to run. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office. It will run on a roster basis. This ministry requires both current safeguarding certificate and working with children check.

10. Holy Communion

The holy communion program will begin its preparation beginning with an information evening on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 6.30pm in the church. A commitment ceremony will follow on the weekend of 30 April 2022-1 May 2022 during the four weekend masses. Please note that attendance for both these events are compulsory in order to register your child for Holy Communion.



11. Rosters

New rosters for reading and cleaning for the next quarter have been emailed. Please contact the Parish office if you require a hard copy. If you cannot assist on your allocated day, please contact the Parish office. We reiterate that you cannot read at any mass if you have not attended either an online or in person safeguarding workshop or have a current working with children check in place.

12. Commitment Ceremony /Lectors Meeting

Thank you to the new volunteers in our Parish who will read and/or become Eucharist ministers. The Parish office will contact you to arrange a commitment ceremony. We will also run a lector's meeting for the new readers in our Parish. Time and date to be confirmed in due course.

13. Want to become Catholic through RCIA Program

Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

14. Do not park on the green grass area

Parking on the green grass in the church yard is prohibited except if you have a disabled parking license. You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please do not park on the green grass area.

15. Parish Project

You would perhaps have noticed the paints on our pews have been badly corroded by the wipes we use to clean them due to alcohol that is contained in the wipes. There is need to make the pews tidier by repainting them. We have also identified our parish billboard right on the corner of Edmondson and Eleventh Avenues as a project that can improve awareness to the increasing population moving into Austral community. We therefore seek your support by funding the project/s or how best we can source fund for the projects. Thanks to you for your generosity and suggestions.

16. Liverpool Catholic Club

The Liverpool Catholic Club will be holding their 51st Annual Mass and Communion Luncheon for its members on Sunday 22 May 2022 at 11am. Contact the Club for tickets which will be on sale from Tuesday 26th April 2022.



17. Mother's Day

All mothers are welcome to join us in the Holy Masses on the weekend of May 7 & 8 for the celebration of Mothers' Day. Please invite your friends and families who are mothers whether biological, adoption or by choice.



Dates to Remember

Monday 25th April 2022—Anzac Day
Tuesday 26th April 2022—Feast of St Mark
Thursday 28th April 2022— Feast of St Peter Chanel
Friday 29th April 2022— Feast St Catherine of Siena

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Antoniette Teresa Grotto, Joe Vella, Silas Egwin, Josephine Camilleri, Lenette and Joe Gerardis, Nancy Chelliah, Father Barry Reabow, Ian Farrell, James Dimech

Anniversaries:

Anna Luciani (Mazzulli), Giovanni Macerola, Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Giovanna Fedele, Elisabetta Maiolo, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra

Also for:

Sharon Simone Ajkay, The Morton, Clark, Drabble, King, Roberts, Tobia and Musso Families, Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Grixti, Victor Vella, Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, Maria Luisa and Domencio Crestani, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, Deceased members of the Vella Family

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hane Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose

The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

Merciful God of hope and life, during this time of pandemic, May we hold to attitudes and behaviours that profess our faith in Jesus Christ, May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe, May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful. Heal those who are infected by the virus, Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work, Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom, Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or **safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org** You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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