



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life...**

Most houses are well alarmed nowadays; the computerised alarm has become as basic an item as table and chairs. We also need to have good strong locks, at least in the cities and towns. We are more fearful about our security than we used to be, and this fear and anxiety has led us to take more precautions to protect ourselves. Fear of what others can do to us tends to close us in on ourselves, not just in the physical sense of getting stronger door-locks, but also in other senses. We tend to be somewhat withdrawn around people whom we perceive to be critical. We are slow to open up to someone we think will judge us. Fear of others can often hold us back and stunt our growth.

The disciples had locked themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. The turning point came when the risen Christ appeared to them behind their closed doors and told them not to fear. We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in their hiding place. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will to self-preservation can prevent us from doing what we are capable of doing with the Lord's help. The wounds we carry from earlier, failed initiatives make us hesitate to try again. We let them get on with it, while we hold back and stay safe.

The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. The Lord is prepared to stand with us on our own ground, whatever that ground is, and from there He will speak to us a word suited to our personal state of mind and heart. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. He takes Himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt. We might pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, **"My Lord and my God."** We might also pray that, like the Lord, we would receive others where they are, rather than where we would like them to be.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### ***This Week's Readings:***

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35 – *The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

**Psalm Response:** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;  
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**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6 – *Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

### **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 – *After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

**Life is too short to wake up with regrets.  
So love the people who treat you right.  
Forget about those who don't.  
Believe everything happens for a reason and if you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.**

### **Next week's Readings**

**First:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

**Second:** 1 John 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

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**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodburn, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Roma Piper, Leontia Markey

**Anniversaries & Remembrances April:** Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers..

*Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk*

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**Mass Celebrations** Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**Sundays** at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

**COVID 19 Update:**

- Until Thursday 15 April, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces (including at Masses) and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible. Priest are required to wear masks upon entering and exiting the Church, during Communion and for Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday.
- When attending Mass celebrations, parishioners are to stay socially distanced at all times, including while processing to receive the Eucharist.
- Capacity limits for Places of Worship are no more than one person per 2 square metres for areas open to or used by parishioners, whether indoors or outdoors.

**EAST TIMOR EASTER RAFFLE** Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Drawn 11<sup>th</sup> April!!!! Many thanks for your support.

**Rose Garden** A big thank you to the Garden Gnome who keeps our rose garden at the Shrine to Our Lady at the front of the Church looking so lovely and vibrant. It is a lovely feature in our Parish and a truly special place to pray. The roses are used in the Church each week at our Mass celebrations. Please do not pick or snap off roses from the bushes (this damages the bush and can stop more roses from blooming). If you would like a rose from the bush at any time, please come to the parish office or phone/email your request to the Parish Office.

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

7:30am HEARTfit  
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

9:30am Mass

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

6:15pm Mass

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

8:00am Mass

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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 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.