

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / C

27 APRIL 2025

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.

## 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

Glory 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 Lord, / 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, 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:



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
27th of April 2025**

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S MALVERN EAST  
ST. JOSEPH'S MALVERN  
ST. ROCH'S GLEN IRIS

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Miss Bernadette Winkels

**Mass Times**

Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 p.m.	St. Mary's
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Chapel
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

**Confessions:**

Monday	6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard)	St Roch's
Tuesday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m	St Roch's
Thursday	9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Mary's

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:**

Sat	26th April	5:00 p.m	Victoria Refalo, for the repose of her soul
Sun	27th April	8:30 a.m	Marian Flockhart, for her 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of death
		9:30 a.m	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
		10:30 a.m	Private Intention
		5:00 p.m	Private Intention
Mon	28th April	5:30 p.m	Private Intention
Tues	29th April	9:15 a.m	Guido De Chellis, for his anniversary of death
Wed	30th April	5:30 p.m	Venkateswara Rao, for the repose of his soul
Thur	1st May	9:15 a.m	Private Intention
Fri	2nd May	9:15 a.m	Private Intention
Sat	3rd May	9:15 a.m	Private Intention

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:**

**CURRENTLY SICK:** Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, John Hill, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Alan Powell, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pope Francis

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:** Fr Michael Mulcahy, Fr Dale Richards, Bernard Alphred, Joan Brady, Vincent Burton, Mary Crothers, Gloria DeKretser, Annie Devlin, Doreen Dollard, Garrett Dowd, Evan Edwards, Marian Flockhart, Cyril Fonceca, Zena Fonceca, Kit Garland, Leonard Gravener, Bill Healy, Lillian Johnson, Frank Mercovich, Kathleen Mercovich, Maria Monguilot, Catherine Moran, John Moran, Charles Murphy, Gwendoline Nigro, Aileen O'Donnell, Paul O'Shea, John Pacini, Clare Peters, Ita Rankin, Anna Reinheidt, John Sloan, Joan White.

### MASSES FOR POPE FRANCIS

As part of these days of mourning, parishes are encouraged to offer a Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis. For our family of parishes, we shall make that Mass the **9:15am Mass at St Mary's on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. It will not be a Requiem Mass, as we are still in the Easter Octave, however the Easter prayers and readings are helpful to us in this time of mourning for our family of parishes, we shall make that Mass the **9:15am Mass at St Mary's on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Monday 28 April at 1pm**. All are welcome.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed and broadcast on Community Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital television) thanks to our broadcast partner C31.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—MORNING TEA AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Dear Parishioners, You are warmly invited to join us for **Morning Tea after Mass on Sunday, May 4th**. We will take this opportunity to honour and celebrate our wonderful Mothers, giving thanks for all they do and have done for us.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special moment together.

## SOIREE

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### 'Music in the Chapel'

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### ST ROCH'S AND ST JOSEPH'S OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank all of you who have already returned your pledge cards.

There are still a number of cards yet to be returned, so if you haven't had a chance to return yours yet, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible.

You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the parish office, or sending it by mail.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge—no matter the size—is a response to God's blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future

### FREE GIFT—SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH COURSE YEAR OF JUBILEE

To celebrate the Jubilee Year which is marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, Catholic marriage ministry, SmartLoving is offering its BreakThrough online course as a free gift.

This course is designed to help an individual to understand the struggles they are facing in their marriage, and to equip them with powerful tools to restore love, communication, and connection.

Use Coupon code: **Jubilee2025** for FREE access to BreakThrough. The offer is available from now until the Feast of Pentecost. Visit: [www.smartloving.org/jubilee](http://www.smartloving.org/jubilee)



### CatholicCare VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community—those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

**Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available at the entrance of the church, donate online at

[www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.





'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

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

### THE BREATH OF LIFE

Fear surrounds Jesus' disciples in this story from John's Gospel set on the night of his resurrection. They are closed in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. The Risen One comes into their midst, into the centre of their fears, and proclaims, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus offers his frightened disciples peace at a time when they feel a sense of potential annihilation by the very ones who had manufactured Jesus' execution.

His 'peace' is more than an encouragement not to worry; it is a prayer, his gift, for their wholeness and holiness. The prayer is accompanied by his breathing upon them—an echo of an earlier 'breathing' when Jesus 'breathes down' his spirit on to his mother and the Beloved Disciple at the moment of death. This is John's Pentecost scene. For John's audience, 'breathe' was a sign of life. Here, in the room's enclosure, Jesus' breathes onto his disciples his life which offers forgiveness.

The story concludes with Thomas and it is not about his 'doubting'. It is rather about his connection with the other disciples. Disconnected from them, he does not believe. When he reconnects with them a week later and Jesus reappears, Thomas comes to faith in the Risen Jesus. Two points emerge from this powerful story: Jesus' presence dispels fear; Easter faith is restored and deepened through belonging to a community of believers.

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