

‘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.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf John 20:27  
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

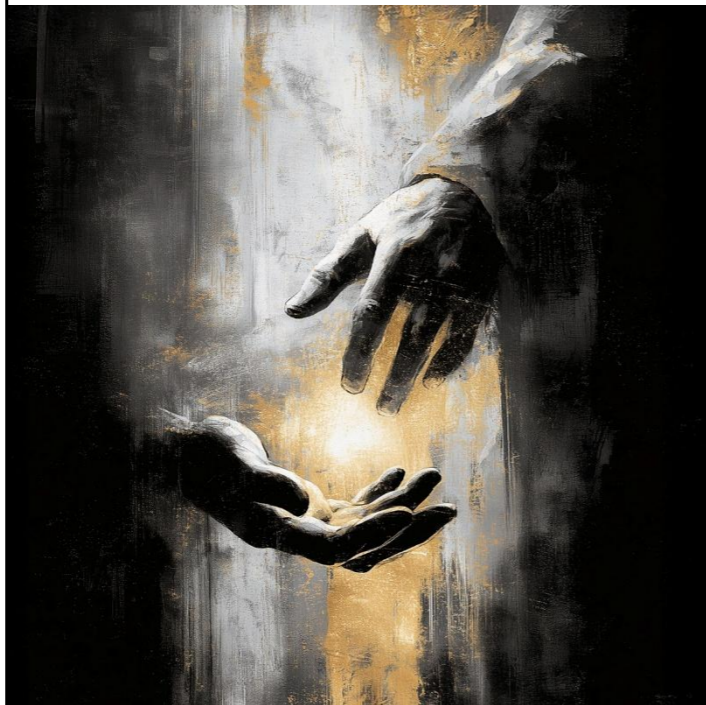
### Pew-sitters, Come Forward!

According to a not-so-scientific study, here are the top reasons to sit at the front of the church:

1. Statistics show that the front of the church building is the safest in the event of a natural disaster.
2. There’s still lots of padding in these seats since they’re almost like new.
3. You only have to comb the back of your hair and iron the back of your shirt.
4. It’s easier not to be seen passing the offering plate by.
5. No one will hear your stomach make all those ‘alien’ noises as noon nears.
6. You can keep a practiced eye on changes on altar boy’ hair colour & styles.
7. You want to justify the feeling you’ve always had that everyone’s looking at you.
8. It’s an ideal place to keep from seeing how your teens behave during the service.
9. You actually love worshipping God and feeding on His Word!

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace for Church Jubilee Year of St Francis)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life.*



**Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**  
*God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help  
for the peoples of the Middle East.  
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards  
peace.  
Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of  
calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.  
Where children are crying bring an end to tears.  
Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them  
and keep them from harm.  
Show us how to break down the barriers of history  
and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.  
Linda Jones / CAFOD*

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore  
Archdiocese of Sydney  
*Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe*

## Second Sunday of the Easter – Year A

12 April 2026

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**Entrance Antiphon** 4 Esdras 2:36-37  
Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 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.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1  
**R/** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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 Peter 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 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** John 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** John 20:19-31  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*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.’



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins  
*(available Tuesday to Sunday)*  
 Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle  
 Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey  
*(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)*



*Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation as traditional caretakers of the land.*

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**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

<b>Masses</b>	Thursday – 9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends of 28/29 March & 4/5 April 2026**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$</b>
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

**Masses for:** Steve Palmer (infected toe), Sophia (difficult time & private intention), JR (mental anguish), Michael Piga (RIP), Patricia Pace (RIP), Dave (cancer operation), Steve Murphy (chest infection), Quintino Goncalves & family, William Hansen (RIP), Fr Claude (bladder infection).

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with 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](mailto: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. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)* **Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.**

*Lord Jesus, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen*

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Good Friday Holy Land Appeal** Please return donations by Sunday 19 April.  
**Project Compassion ended on Holy Thursday** Please return all donations by 19 April.  
**Parish Morning Tea** Mother’s Day, Sunday 10 May

**ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS**

**Parish Planning Workshop: Processions** .In this preparatory Year of Prayer for the International Eucharistic Congress, join us as we share considerations and practical steps needed to plan and lead processions well. Processions are a powerful and visible expression of our faith which draws us beyond the walls of the Church and into the heart of our communities - an opportunity for evangelisation, unity and deeper participation. The Church has traditionally led Eucharistic processions on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and parishes can begin to prepare for this year's Feast with this workshop. Join us online to be equipped, inspired, and confident in bringing this beautiful expression of faith to life in your parish community. Date: **Wednesday 15 April 2026** Time: 7pm - 8pm More information and registration at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1560560> (On zoom.)

**Didasko Faith Formation 2026:** The Eucharist in the Life of the Church Introduction to the Eucharist (free event) Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv **Monday 20 April**

**Anzac Eve Mass** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to commemorate the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personnel and those who died in the line of defence on **Friday 24th April 2026** from 6:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

**Have you considered the priesthood? 26 April 7:00pm** You are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher priests and other young men in the Archdiocese of Sydney to a Pastor Bonus evening at Cathedral House on Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a special opportunity to learn about the priesthood, ask questions, and hear from the Archbishop’s own vocation story. Speak with your parish priest to register.

**Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre** We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia’s first religious sisters. Open Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Free entry and parking available. Bookings recommended. A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point. W: [socheritagecentre.org.au](http://socheritagecentre.org.au) E: [heritagecentre@rscoffice.com](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com) P: 02 9138 0835 As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival we are hosting two morning tea events on **28 April and 12 May** called *You Can Ask That*.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** with Charbel Raish **Thursdays 30 April – 4 June**, 7-9pm St Joseph’s Primary School, Rosebery. Enquiries: [mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au) See noticeboard for flyer

**Catholic Theological College | Engaging Your Faith | May program** See noticeboard or website <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

**Called & Gifted Discernment Process:** Hosted by the parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gymea If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to serve as a channel of God's goodness to others. Commences Monday, **4 May 2026**. Places are limited. Register at [gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process).

**Calling all former St Mary’s Cathedral choristers** Are you a former chorister of St Mary’s Cathedral Choir? Stay connected with us, each other. Attend a special luncheon on **Sunday 17 May 2026**. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DIOSX> | Call Tony Maricic 0422 099 576 | RSVP by Friday 8 May. See noticeboard.

**Sistine Chapel Revelations:** An immersive exhibition. Sydney **16 May to 19 July 2026**. The exhibition unfolds across two distinct spaces. The **Introductory Gallery** offers an informative and engaging journey through the history, architecture, and purpose of the Sistine Chapel from its construction in the 15th century to its role in papal conclaves and its enduring significance as one of the world’s most celebrated artistic achievements. The **Immersive Projection Chamber**, the centrepiece of the exhibition, presents a spectacular digital recreation of the chapel’s interior. Surrounded by artistic masterpieces on a monumental scale and accompanied by guided narration, visitors are drawn into the sweeping story of salvation depicted in one of the most extraordinary works of sacred art ever created. Tickets and further information can be found at <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>

**Ignite Conference: Ascend in Sydney Jul 9-12** Kick-start a newfound relationship with Jesus, revive a faith that has grown tired & equip emerging parish leaders. We have everything you need to invite the young people, families & parishioners of your

**The Eucharist28 website is now live:** <http://eucharist28.org> It contains a wide variety of materials to help all our people deepen their connection to our Eucharistic Lord: catechetical resources for all ages, parishes and schools, including podcasts, personal reflections, and theological texts. Register your interest for further updates through the website. You can begin following Eucharist28 social media pages on Instagram, Facebook and X,