

All Hallows' Five Dock



Second Sunday of Easter | Year C | Sunday 24th April

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Fr Richard

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday completes the Octave of Easter, a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the blessing of His continuing presence in our midst. The Gospel reading for this Sunday recalls the encounter between St. Thomas and Jesus after the Resurrection. Faith is a great gift. But the story of doubting Thomas shows just how frail the human container in which this gift is carried.

At Sunday Mass, we relive the experience of the disciples on the evening of Easter when the Risen Lord appeared to them and greeted them with the words, "Peace be with you." One of the greatest mistakes Thomas made was to cut himself off from the community and walk alone, it was only when he re-joined the community (eight days later) that he encountered the Risen Jesus, and so found faith again. By seeing the Risen Lord, Thomas rekindled his faltering faith.

Jesus shows them his wounds (to identify as the same one who was crucified) and bestows peace on them. Jesus then inaugurates the mission of the church. "He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" This mission is the exact same mission he received from the Father (a mission accomplished by his death and resurrection): the reconciliation of people with God, through the forgiveness of sins. This is a constant reminder for us that the Lord's Mercy has no end.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

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 Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Notices from Bishop Danny

Easter 2022

I think our Easter ceremonies were all very prayerful and, though COVID is still about, the congregations were very healthy. Let's hope that our congregations continue to build as we go forward.

Two ceremonies stood out for me. I thought the Stations of the Cross, with children acting out the different stations, was very well done. And I was very pleased to see a good congregation for the Saturday Vigil – we managed to get through it all in a prayerful way, including welcoming 4 adults into the Church, in just over an hour. There was a great spirit afterwards. I'm sure you all have your own memories.

Again, thank you so much to all who contributed so generously to the ceremonies.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a devotion which is explained elsewhere in the bulletin. St Faustina, a Polish nun, experienced a vision of the image of Jesus we now associate with Divine Mercy, and Pope John Paul II set aside this Sunday for the devotion. Of course, there is nothing new in the teaching that God is all mercy and love – but we so easily forget and, it seems, each new generation needs a reminder.

First Reconciliation

At the 10am Mass, many of the children who will be preparing for first Reconciliation will be here with their families. Welcome to them all. They will make a pledge to participate as well as they can in the preparation program, which will conclude with the celebration of First Reconciliations in June.



Easter Water

If you would like some of the water blessed at the Easter Vigil, there is still lots in the baptismal font. Please bring your own container. Take it home and sprinkle it about your house, asking the Risen Lord to be present, blessing all who live at home with His Holy Spirit.

Formation & Training for Lectors

The Liturgy Office has arranged for a Lectors Formation and Training workshop to be held at All Hallows.



The workshop sessions will be held on the **21st and 28th May (9am to 12pm)**. To register for this workshop, please fill out a registration form which can be found in the gathering space.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.



Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Phillip Nolan
Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Lewis
Salvatore Capello
Colleen Robertson
Breda Kelly
Mavis Dunstan
Carmine Di Leo
Mark Ciardi
Reg Green
Evelyn Green
Vittorio Geremia
Gabrielle Rowe
Maureen Phillips

Anniversaries:

Peter Hyama
Maura Toomey
Albert Volpatti
Raymond Volpatti
Vincenzo Spagnoto
Rosina Zappacoste
Phillip O'Connor
Nunziata La Cava
Salvatore La Cava
Rita La Cava

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Roster

The new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion roster is now available in the gathering space of the Church. Thank you to those that help in this ministry.

Volunteers needed for Children's liturgy

Each year, a group of parishioners volunteer their time to help run the Children's Liturgy here at All Hallows. It is a wonderful and enriching way to give something back to the community, while also gaining much from the experience of seeing our Mass through the eyes of our littlest parish members. If you are interested in volunteering to run (or co-run with another team member) some of these Children's Liturgy Sessions, please contact the parish office.



Online Renewal Series - Reclaiming Evangelisation



Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online | **Saturday 28 May 2022** | 10 – 11:30 AM

Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

In this fourth part of the Reclaiming Evangelisation series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

Enquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



The ACU Centre for Liturgy

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.

Baptisms



We welcome

Isabella Louise Galvin
Maximus Stefano Hanly-Jones
Mattias Terenzio Hanly-Jones

who are being baptised into our parish Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

Catholic Women's League

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

On sale this weekend
Tickets 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10
Great prizes!



Raffle drawn on 8 May
All monies raised go to Charities supported by CWL

Pilgrimage to Berrima

A pilgrimage to Berrima has been organised to honour **Our Lady of Mercy on Friday, 13th May 2022.**



Join like-minded companions for a full day excursion to Penrose Park (Berrima) and pay homage to Our Lady of Mercy. Free time on arrival, you can meditate, visit the grotto and the pleasant surrounding grounds or join the prayer groups.

The coach will depart at **8:30am from Haberfield Medical Centre** (112 Ramsay Rd, Haberfield) and return to Haberfield at 4:30pm. **The cost is \$40.** Please contact Albina on 9713 8961 to book your seat.

Children's Corner

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

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START

FINISH



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>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.</p> 	<p>(R.) Alleluia!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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.) 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 true God is our light. (R.) 	<p>Rv 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.'</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 2nd Reading: Rev 5:11-14 Gospel: Jn 21:1-19</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Jn 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. '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.





Sunday 24 April 2022
John 20:19-31
2nd Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)

In the GOSPEL TODAY

What gift?

Unscramble the letters to see what gift Jesus gave his friends.

P _ _ _ _



Here is another gift we can all receive. Unscramble the letters to see what it is.

F _ _ _ _



The disciples are sad and scared. They are hiding. Suddenly, Jesus is there with them! He gives them all the gift of peace. Thomas had not been with them and cannot believe Jesus really is alive. Jesus comes back and helps Thomas to believe. Thomas knows it really is Jesus because he can see Jesus' wounds. Now everyone is happy!

I can bring peace

Jesus gave his peace to his disciples. We can bring peace to people too. Circle something you will do today to spread peace. Cross out all the bad ideas.



Which disciple?

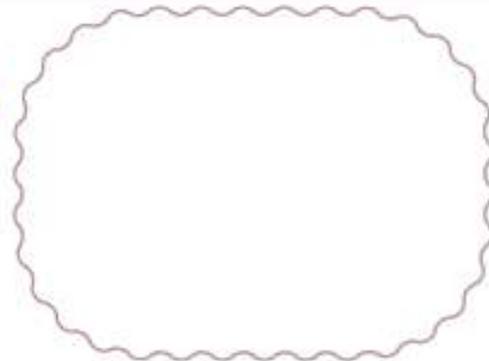
One disciple needed to see Jesus before he could believe it was really him. Write the correct word for each picture. The letters in the dotted squares will tell you which disciple it was.



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A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us all the gift of peace and the gift of faith. Help me to spread your peace today. Amen.



I am happy!

Thomas believed in Jesus because he could see him. Jesus says those who have not seen him but still believe are happy because we believe! Draw a happy picture of you.

Answers: Peace, Faith, Thomas.