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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) ~ Year A

Sunday 12 April 2026



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



Liturgy Jottings Easter Towns II

The events of Easter take place in Jerusalem: Christ's triumphal entry into the Holy City, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt 26:36), his arrest, trial before Pilate and condemnation and the way of the cross to Calvary. The body of Jesus was interred into a tomb. Christ, the Lord, rose to life and encountered Mary of Magdala and visited the Eleven Apostles twice in Jerusalem.

The second town of Our Lord's resurrection is Emmaus. Jesus' encounter with the two disciples on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus is an alternative Gospel for Easter evening Mass. It is the Gospel for Easter Wednesday and the Third Sunday of Easter (Years A & B, Luke 24:13-35) and referred to on Easter Saturday (Mark 16:7-13)

The present site of the town cannot be certainly identified, but we all can identify the inn where we may certainly encounter the risen Christ!

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Looking at the Readings

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus, yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas received bad press for years, labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God. © Greg Sunter

Pope Leo on Easter

The Paschal proclamation is the most beautiful, joyful and overwhelming news that has ever resounded in all of history. It is the quintessential "Gospel", which attests to the victory of love over sin and of life over death, and this is why it is the only thing capable of satisfying the demand for meaning that troubles our minds and our hearts. Human beings are inspired by an inner movement, striving beyond self, place and time. No contingent reality satisfies us. We tend towards the infinite and the eternal.

On the Lighter Side

Animals that undergo a metamorphosis such as a butterfly are Easter symbols of great antiquity. Images of these animals can be found carved into ancient tombs. One sarcophagus, a frog is shown, emerging from a pond nearby are carved the words: "in the twinkling of an eye" This is a reference to 1 Corinthians 15:52: "We shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." (Steve Erspamer)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Joanne Cox, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Noreen Gallardo, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Tamara (Trimby) Lonergan, Dorothy Cooper, Fr Grant O'Neill

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Popong, Antonio DiPetra

ROSTERS

Sunday 19 April 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – B Lyon

Saturday 25 April at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1733.70

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Liturgies, the liturgy team for their organization, the music ministry team, lectors, commentators, special ministers, sacristans, screen operators and Alan Busch for the Easter Vigil fire. It is very much appreciated. God bless you all.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th April. The message of Divine Mercy is at the heart of the gospel. It presents the truth and call of the gospel and is proclaimed by Pope John Paul 2nd in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*, as the message for our age. Over and over again Jesus expressed His desire to St Faustina that the whole world be told of His mercy, and He promised to defend throughout their lives those who proclaim His mercy.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY

On **Wednesday, 15 April 2026** [Common Grace](#) invites you to join them in prayer on the 35th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody's final report. Heartbreakingly, in the decades since this 1991 report was released, [626](#) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have died in custody. We grieve the [lack of implementation](#) of the 339 recommendations by the Australian Government and as this [injustice continues](#), so does the deep and ongoing grief experienced by First Nations families and communities.

As followers of Jesus, we are called not to turn away, but to draw near - in lament, in prayer, and in action. Click [here](#) to register for Vigil held via Zoom from 7:30pm

LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS PROGRAM

The program begins on 19 April runs over two months however all webinars are recorded so it can be done in your own time. This free online program brings Laudato Si' to life. Step into a journey of ecological conversion and join a global movement committed to healing and protecting our common home. For information and registration go to www.laudatosianimators.org

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 11th April - 5pm Mass

Sun 12th April - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 14th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 16th April -

Sun 19th April - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 21st April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 23rd April -

Sat 25th April - 5pm Mass

Sun 26th April - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 28th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION

A gathering of leaders from the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership (Chancery, Catholic Education, Priests, parishes and schools) to connect, establish a common vision for mission and be co-responsible for Youth Ministry in their local context. If you are interested in accompanying young people (16 – 35 years old) on their faith journey, you are invited to participate. Contact claire.spinelli@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information or to express your interest in attending.

SHEPPARTON 15 May 2026, 12:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Mons. Peter Jeffery Centre, St Brendan's Church

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

Your Diocesan social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. CCV is committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs. CCV focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Our office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some of our services are provided remotely while other services are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For information or support, please call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

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Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code **Or online at:**

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/kyabramcatholicparish> **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

"Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." – St. Anthony of Padua

Breaking Open the Word

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE GIFT OF PEACE

Today is the extension of Easter Sunday. It is such an important and central feast in our Liturgical calendar that we celebrate it for a whole week, and Easter itself, over six weeks. Today's Gospel from John is the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his frightened disciples. They have locked themselves in a room for fear of the religious authorities, that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. To their surprise, the Risen One stands in their midst.

Three things now take place. First, Jesus speaks. His first words are 'Peace be with you.' These words gifted to John's audience are also gifted to us: the gift of peace, of 'shalom', heals all division. Second, Jesus sends his frightened disciples, now filled with joy, John notes, on mission. Their mission is the same as that of Jesus, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.' And third, he breathes on the disciples. Jesus' breath, the symbolic presence of God's life and Holy Spirit, empowers the disciples to accomplish their Easter mission.

The final part of the Gospel is taken up with Thomas, his incredulity at the presence of the Risen Jesus reported to him by the others. When he is finally reconnected to the community of disciples—and this is the point of the story—Thomas, too, comes to Easter faith, declaring Jesus, 'My Lord and my God'. This beautiful Gospel underscores for us the presence of the Risen One amid our fears, his empowering of us, and our need to be always connected to our discipleship communities.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / A

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FIRST READING

Acts 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his 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. 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 Pet 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 had 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 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

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

Laudato Si'

In May 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, to call for action to address the spiritual, social and economic crisis manifest in environmental devastation. He called us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

"Laudato si'" are the opening words in Latin of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures "All praise be yours, my Lord through all that you have made".

On the 5th anniversary of his encyclical, May 2020, Pope Francis announced a plan for Catholics to make a commitment to implement *Laudato Si'*. Over the next couple of years, a framework was developed to support this plan. This framework has 7 goals or ways of measuring integral ecology.

In Australia

Taking their lead from Pope Francis, our Australian bishops issued their 2021/22 Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", drawing wisdom from scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and human knowledge, so that we might be converted to new ways of living, both personally and collectively.

The Bishops' Statement, invites all parishes to commit to the Laudato Si' goals.

Our Parish

Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for us to take up the Bishops' invitation with a certified journey which we, as a parish, have begun!

The process begins with a wide-ranging self-assessment, followed by action planning for the next few years. We hope you'll join us on the journey!

Catholic Earthcare Australia was established in 2002 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and mandated, through the activities of education, research and advocacy, to give leadership in responding to the call for ecological conversion. It is now a program of Caritas Australia, responding to the interconnectedness of the 'cry of the poor' and 'cry of the earth'.

We acknowledge our First Nations people and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. Their deep spiritual connection to Country and respect for the natural environment has ensured the preservation of our natural environment for thousands of years.



Response to
the Cry of
the Earth



Response to
the Cry of
the Poor



Ecological
Economics



Adoption of
Sustainable
Lifestyles



Ecological
Education



Ecological
Spirituality



Community
Resilience and
Empowerment

