

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) YEAR C | 27 APRIL 2025

Trusting Jesus to catch us

Fear can be such a paralysing emotion. With its familiar twin, anxiety, it keeps us from acting or thinking constructively and clouds our awareness of grace. In this week's gospel reading, the disciples are gathered in fear behind closed doors. They are terrified about what may happen next.

Suddenly, they find Jesus standing in their midst. He offers them his peace, showing them his hands and side. They are overjoyed and their fear is dispelled. This is no fleeting reassurance. He repeats his blessing of peace and exhorts them to go forth in courage. He breathes on them and confers on each of them, the gift of his spirit.

It is a sacred moment, preparing them for a time when he would no longer be physically present with them. Yet, his spirit would remain with them always. This would be no passive presence but a dynamic, enlivening, divine presence which would animate them. They would be his witnesses to his love and redemption throughout the world.

Jesus's words of mission also foreshadow his words at his ascension: I am with you always (Matthew 28:20). It also foreshadows the coming of the Holy Spirit in the mighty wind of Pentecost.

The calling to a life of mission is not without risk. In his book, *Flying, Falling and Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom*, Dutch priest, theologian and psychologist Henri Nouwen described a life changing encounter with a travelling trapeze troupe, the Flying Rodleighs. He was amazed at how they flew through the air. He befriended the troupe and even travelled for a short time with them.

Nouwen once asked Rodleigh, the troupe's leader, the secret of a successful trapeze act. Rodleigh explained that, as a flyer, he had to have complete trust in his catcher. The secret was for the flyer to do nothing and trust the catcher to do everything, to catch him as he flew through the air and pull him safely onto the platform. In fact, the worst thing the flyer could do is to try and catch the catcher. If he tried to grab the catcher's wrists, it could end disastrously for them both. Nouwen suggested this as a sublime metaphor for our invitation to let go of fear and trust God utterly in all the circumstances of our life and beyond.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once described faith, not as belief in certainty, but as the courage to live with uncertainty. The figure of Thomas in today's gospel, wanting certainty, expresses the parts of our being which are still held back by fear and anxiety. We fear stepping forward into the unknown and allow our fears to sideline God's promise of his abiding presence. Nevertheless, Jesus invites us to trust him completely. Like the catcher in Nouwen's story, he promises to catch us as we fly through the air to him. He lovingly and unconditionally embraces all our fears, our frailty and our vulnerability. His peace enlivens our mission to go forth in courage and proclaim the good news. He is risen and, indeed, he will be with us always.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 27	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:30 am - Baptisms 11:00 am - Baptism
Monday 28	Parish Office is CLOSED today
Tuesday 29	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:45 pm - Scripture Study Group 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 30	5:30 pm - Mass
MAY	
Thursday 1	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 2	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 10:00 am - Funeral - Mary Willis 12 pm – 6 pm Adoration & Holy Door Open
Saturday 3	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8 am – 11 am Holy Door Open 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea

PARISH OFFICE
will be CLOSED...
Monday 28 April

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm before Tuesday
& Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday 2 May
6 am - 6 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Francis, Mary Willis,
Frances Hatton, Enid Armstrong, Lorraine Birch,
Lydia Cuadro, Sue Gallagher, Rachel Formosa, Neville
Banner, Barry Hall, Marie Watson

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Paschal O'Halloran

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Barbara McGrouther,
Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy, Robert Burton, Libby
Varela, Marie nee Flack, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock,
Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine
Green, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino,
Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray
today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and
emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Harrison Archer Gearing,
Darcy Patterson Gearing,
& Agnes Rose Fogarty
to our faith community.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

READING ROSTER

3/4 May | Third Sunday of Easter | Year C

6pm - Grace Molloy
9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

3/5 - Grace Severs
4/5 - Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

27/4 Pauline Weber
4/5 Kay Ryder



Bishop Greg remembers Pope Francis

At the news of Pope Francis' death, we are left with an inner emptiness. The death is not unexpected. In fact, there is a sadness and a joy. After much suffering he has gone to God. What remains for us is a memory of a great man, a wonderful shepherd. Emptiness invites us to ponder Francis the man and what he has done.

Pope Francis impressed us with his simple humility, openness to God and the people of our world. Listening deeply, he was able to hear with his heart and see Jesus in others. He did not judge, rather he loved by touching hearts.

He did much for world peace and the care of the abandoned and suffering. He reached out to people regardless of their religious belief. In particular, he worked for Christian unity. He also led the way in dialogue with Jews and Muslims.

Finally, he was a man of prayer. It is our turn to pray for him.

Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD



SAVE THE DATE! **Rosary in the Park**

Budd Park
Sat 17 May 10 am
Followed by shared refreshments

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Greg Homeming has made the following Diocesan appointments - to commence 1 June.

- ◆ Fr Felix Ekeh, Parish Priest | Clarence Valley
- ◆ Fr Joe Holloway, Parish Priest | Kyogle
- ◆ Fr Anselm Okeke, Parish Priest | Wauchope
- ◆ Fr Erick Quinteros, Assistant Priest | Ballina
- ◆ Fr Joy D'Sousa, Administrator | Sawtell
- ◆ Deacon Anthony Gooley, Director of Vocations



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a cuppa/morning tea after 9am Mass next Sunday 4 May.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Tuesday's 12:45 pm
Parish Administration Centre
ALL WELCOME



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for standing with us!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

Safeguarding Courses in the northern region of the Diocese will be held at **St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff on Thursday 15 May at 10am.**

10am-11.15am

Safeguarding awareness

11.15am-11.45am

Integrity of our common mission

12noon-1.15pm

Mandatory reporting & reportable conduct

All employees, church personnel, volunteers & parishioners are invited to attend.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (117)

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

IF SUNG:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love endures forever.**

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!

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).

It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy.

This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Legion of Mary will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday, after the 9am Mass.

LEGION OF MARY

Eucharistic Adoration | 1st Fri of the month

In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this Jubilee Year, there will be Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month | Friday 2 May.

Print your name, phone number & preferred time on the roster located at the front door of the Church. This Friday from 12 pm until 6 pm. There must be 2 or more people present for each hour of the day. Contact Trish Jandura.

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

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

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Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray
THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon to Fri via Teams
Date: 1st May to 31st May 2025
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Meeting LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples




CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation Group meets on **Tuesdays at 11am in the Parish Office**. Our time together is about 45 minutes.

Jesus says, in Matthew 6:6 'When you pray go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father who you will find there.'



GENTLE REMINDER ...

As we head into winter and cold & flu season, we gently remind those who are kneeling and/or receiving *Communion* on the tongue to please wait until the end of the Communion line.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING | A CATHOLIC RESPONSE

Wednesday 30th April 2025

All parishioners are welcome to learn about the recently introduced Voluntary Assisted Dying in NSW and the Catholic response.

The session will cover Catholic commitment to quality end of life care, an outline of the NSW law and some global perspectives on assisted dying.

The presenter is Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley, who is a deacon in Ballina parish and a theologian. He has worked for a time in the Catholic health sector and taught theological ethics.

The session will be held at St Anthony's Parish at 10am and at St. Joseph's Parish at 4pm on Wednesday 30th April.

To help us plan for hospitality, please advise your attendance by email.

ST. ANTHONY'S, KINGSCLIFF: 10.00am

PARISH MEETING ROOM (RSVP: parkings@bigpond.com)

ST. JOSEPH'S, TWEED HEADS: 4.00pm

PARISH HALL (RSVP: tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au)

~2025~
MT ST PATRICK
COLLEGE PRESENTS



Wednesday 7th May, Friday 9th May,
Saturday 10th May

7.30pm @ the Gilbey Centre.

Tickets on sale in April

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