

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Second Sunday of Easter - Year C
27th April 2025



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The first reading is one of the passages that forms the basis of the idealisation of the early Christian community (cf. Acts 4:32-35). Today's reading offers a collage rather than a picture of the community. It is less a coherent summary than a collection of motifs, even somewhat contradictory motifs. The great accomplishments of the early Christians certainly struck fear in the hearts of some; but they also attracted others. 'Signs and wonders' is a way of describing the mighty works of God (cf. Exod 7:3; Ps 135:9; Acts 2:22, 43; 4:30). Here it refers to the miracles that the apostles were able to accomplish through the divine power bestowed on them by Jesus (cf. Luke 9:1).

The responsorial psalm consists of excerpts from a song of thanksgiving. The refrain ('His mercy endures forever') establishes the psalm's congregational liturgical character. The psalm itself begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. The Hebrew word for mercy (*hesed*), is a technical theological term, denoting God's steadfast love. The psalmist was under great duress, suffering at the hands of others and being

overpowered. God stepped in and saved the psalmist from ultimate defeat. The rescue of the individual is linked to the salvation of the entire community. Although the salvation described occurred in the past, the psalmist insists that today is the day that the Lord made, today is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

The second reading is a report of a commissioning vision of the speaker, who was caught up by the Spirit and commissioned by God as were the prophets of old. The function of this vision was twofold: it clarified the nature of the speaker's task; and it conferred divine authority upon it. Since adherence to civil religion was considered the duty of every good citizen, preaching the gospel and testifying to faith in Jesus was considered a political breach that warranted severe punishment. Identifying himself as a Christian, this John makes himself a companion with the others in the suffering that they endure for the sake of their faith. The vision is clearly for the churches, not for any individual.

In the gospel, two resurrection appearances form a kind of diptych with Thomas as the connecting hinge. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians, those who are called to believe on the testimony of others. The faith required of him is, in a way, more demanding than that required of those who actually encountered the risen Lord. Viewed in this way, his doubt is understandable. While we may judge him harshly for it, Jesus does not. Instead, he invites Thomas to touch him, an invitation not extended earlier to the other disciples. The story does not say that Thomas actually touched the wounds, only that he cried out in faith: 'My Lord and my God.'

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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Our Motto

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. 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. 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.)

Second Reading

Revelations 1:9-13, 17-19

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.'

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

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.

Reflection for Young People

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever written in a journal or diary? Was it a hobby or an assignment from school? Was it something you kept in secret or something you shared? Did you like it? Why or why not?

If you could write a book, what kind of book would you write – a romance novel, a science fiction book, a historical document, a how-to manual? What would be your hope for people who read your book?

The Bible is like our faith family scrapbook. It has letters, stories, poetry, songs and information about events that have happened to the people of God ever since they became the people of God.

Do you think the gift of writing is a calling from God? Do you think the Bible is a sacred book? Do you think all family scrapbooks and photo albums are sacred books? Why or why not?

VALE POPE FRANCIS

We are saddened with the Passing of Pope Francis, our beloved shepherd and spiritual leader, who served with unwavering dedication and a profound commitment to the Gospel. We give thanks for his Merciful Devotion during his papacy and pray for the eternal rest of his soul. His Funeral will be televised on Saturday at the front of St Peter's Basilica starting at 4pm AWST.

Next Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025 - Year C

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Second Reading: Revelations 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 7.00pm	Jerome Randle-Rai	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
Ushers	Sat 6.00pm	Adolph de Sousa	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Marie Chaperon	Marie Chaperon
	Sun 9.00am	Mary Fernandes	Colleen Lowry
Counters		Janine Stanley, Marie-Clare Law	D & B Molony

St Pius X Church Masses

Apr Mon 28	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 29	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Wed 30	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
May Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Sat 3	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
Sun 4	7.30am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
	9.00am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)

2025 Sacraments Schedules First Holy Communion

Commitment Mass

17 May 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Wednesday 28.5.25 at 5.30pm)

First Holy Communion Mass

22 June 2025 Sunday 9.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation

Commitment Mass

9 August 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 26.8.25 at 5.30pm)

Confirmation Mass

14 September 2025 Sunday 9.00am

First Reconciliation

Commitment Mass

18 October 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 14.10.25 at 5.30pm)

First Reconciliation

28 October 2025 Tuesday 5.00pm

**For further enquiries
please see Fr Anthony Vu**



2nd Sunday of Easter 26/27th April 2025

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A Busy Bee in preparation for the Green Waste verge side collection has been planned for Saturday 3rd May, from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

If you are able to assist for the whole time or an hour or two, please put your name on the Roster in the Church foyer. Bring along any gardening tools you think will be useful on the day. All are most welcome.

RCIA

Our process of Welcoming New Catholics

The RCIA Process, comprising the Parishes of South Perth, Como and Manning has been meeting at Manning Parish during the Sundays in April: at the 9:00am Mass.



Please pray that their hearts are open to the Holy Spirit as they journey this spiritual road. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith.

If you have any questions please speak to Fr Anthony.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and

Benediction will be held on Sunday 27 April at 3.00pm due to Easter being on 20 April.

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