

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The second Sunday of Easter shows us the Christian community after the Pentecost experience. This is an idealised picture of the primitive church. There we see: the authoritative apostolic teaching, which formed the basis of what ultimately became the New Testament; the early church's life of communal sharing; the celebration of the Eucharist, which probably took place in the homes of Christians (house-church). Finally, it is clear from this passage that the earliest Christians did not consider themselves separate from the larger Jewish community, for they regularly participated in temple prayer. The signs and wonders that were performed were primarily cures.

The psalm response begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. This is followed by a description of the duress once endured by the psalmist at the hands of others. In the face of such oppression, God stepped in and saved the psalmist from ultimate defeat. The acknowledgment of deliverance is followed by a song of praise often associated with deliverance from Egyptian

bondage. The reference to tents could be an allusion to the sojourn in the wilderness. In the third section of the psalm, the one rejected has been saved and exalted by God. Finally, the psalm brings us to our day. Today is the day that the Lord has made, today is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

This short reading from the 1 Peter is a hymn of praise. It directs our attention to what God has done in the lives of believers. The passage then indicates that Christians will have to suffer while still in this life. However, hope is the basis of the strength required of them when this happens. The entire passage is remarkable for the variety of themes that it weaves together. They include: praise of God, which is patterned after the Jewish hymn of praise; Christology and soteriology, which perceive Jesus as the mediator of the salvation that comes from God; eschatology, which looks to the future for the fulfilment of God's promises.

The gospel consists of two resurrection appearances. Thomas was absent for the first event, but he is the central character of the second. Both events occurred on the first day of the week, the day that will eventually be chosen to commemorate the resurrection. The closed doors not only secure the disciples from danger, but they demonstrate the mysterious character of Jesus' risen body which is not impeded by physical barriers. Jesus' wish of peace was a prayer for eschatological blessings of health, prosperity and all good things. By calling attention to his wounds, Jesus showed that he was really the crucified one now risen. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians. He is not remembered because he doubted, but because, like us, he must believe on the word of others.

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Souza	Carmen de Souza
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Shirley Whitfield	Maria Fernandes
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Counters</b>		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Elizabeth Noronha, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Apr Mon 17	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 18	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter) Church
Wed 19	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter) Church
Thu 20	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter) Church
Fri 21	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter) Church
Sat 22	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter) Church
Sun 23	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter) Church



## 2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

### Confirmation

**6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
10 May 2023**

### First Holy Communion

**9am Sunday, 11 June 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
25 May 2023**

### First Reconciliation

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Saturday, 28 October 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
12 October 2023**



## Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
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## Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
All parishioners are most welcome  
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Christian Healing Course  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5 - 7 and May 19 - 21 (both weekends are required!).

Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a PREREQUISITE for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'.

If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost for each module is \$65. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further info contact Dan (0409 849 049).

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Jesus said to Faustina

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of my Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm. Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



## Seniors Gathering

Our First Seniors Lunch for 2023 will on 27 April 2023 from 12 to 2pm

Please put your names & contact on the List provided in the Foyer.



*Reach out. Give life.*

## Online Rosary During May

In honour of Mary, our Mother, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot.

Contact :

[deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com](mailto:deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com)  
or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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

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

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

Thomas did not quite 'get it' when the other Apostles were telling him that Jesus had risen from the dead. He wanted to see for himself. Is that really so strange? Would you believe it if your friends told you that while they were locked up in a room someone who had recently died walked through the door and appeared to them? Would you want to see it yourself?

When it comes to Christianity, do you think you 'get it'? Do you 'see the light'? If so, what is it all about? If not, what don't you get? What questions do you have about Jesus' resurrection?

The continuum of doubt and belief has two extremes. On the 'extreme doubt' side is cynicism. A cynic doubts everything, especially people's good intentions. It can be a negative, unhappy way of seeing things. A person on the opposite side, the 'extreme belief' side, is gullible. That person believes whatever anyone says. It can be a happy, but sometimes dangerous, way of seeing things.

Are you a doubting Thomas? Do you think you are cynical? Do you think you are gullible? Why or why not?



## Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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## Next Sunday Readings

Sunday 23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35