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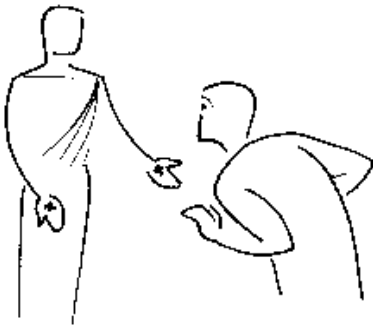
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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th APRIL 2013



'See my hands!'

John 20:27 Good
News Bible

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Parishioners who attended the Easter Triduum and special thanks to the co-ordinators who took on the responsibility to organise each liturgy and arrange their own team to help them. They put in an enormous amount of time to make it happen. Thank you to the music groups who again put in many hours in preparation, and to all who helped in any ministry or role.

- Fr Michael

IMAGINING THE FUTURE WITH POPE FRANCIS

'Every one of his utterances so far has had nothing to do with structure and everything to do with mission. After one week, Francis is calling us back to a sharp focus: to live and preach the Gospels. Clearly, he sees at the center of the Gospels calls to mercy, forgiveness, inclusiveness and love.

He has already spoken in simple words about the infinite mercy of God. He is compulsively inclusive.

He has not wagged a finger, not once. Is this the long-awaited new spring for our deeply hurting church? Well, for the moment, the former Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, seems to be imagining something big -- very big.'

- Thomas C. Fox, NCR, March 20. Full text:

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/imagining-new-spring-along-pope-francis>

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY BY POPE FRANCIS

Copies of Pope Francis' Palm Sunday Homily are available at the back of the church for you to take home and read.

THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.



Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.

Most people commit the same mistake with God as they do with their friends – they do all the talking!
- Fulton Sheen

Cuppa after Mass today

Join with your parish community for a cuppa after Mass today



We pray for



Those who have died recently	Pat Kerrins; Niki Duca; Matt Walsh
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Agnes Mangan; Sherryn Gawne
Our sick and their carers	Brendan Shingles (Nan Lawlor's son-in-law); Eileen Kirby; Geraldine Sullivan; Fr Chris Reay; Colin Mason; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Tessa Stokes; Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Geraldine Sullivan; Margaret Fox; Gerard Berry

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 8 – 14 APRIL			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	8	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	10	9.15am Liturgy of the Word	5.00pm Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	11	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	12	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	13	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	14	10.00am	8.00am
ROSARY	10	9.00am	
RECONCILIATION	13	11:30am	

Please Collect::

- April edition of The Sandpiper” – the 100th edition!
- Australian Catholics
- The Pope's Palm Sunday Homily

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun 14/4/13 10am	Sue Nihill	Ron/Roisin Powles	Judy Randall	B Maher	L Kerrins L McGrath P Baldwin	Bill Woods

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

APRIL DIARY DATES

Mon	8	SVDP Meeting 9.30am at the Centre Feast – Annunciation of the Lord
Tues	9	Italian Rosary 2.00pm Church
Wed	10	
Thurs	11	
Frid	12	
Sat	13	
Sun	14	
Mon	15	Crazy Whist Parish Hall
Tues	16	PPC Meeting Parish Hall 7.30pm
Wed	17	
Thurs	18	
Frid	19	
Sat	20	
Sun	21	

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.
Help our parents to give good example to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity
and to those in sorrow, joy.
May each parishioner grow stronger in faith
and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The Legion of Mary, Sandhurst Curia, and Fr Junjun, Spiritual Director, invite you to attend the ‘Acies’ Ceremony at St. Therese's Kennington on Monday 8th April at 2pm.

“I am all yours, my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is yours.”

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Members are reminded that the CWL Mass Crusade is 14th. - 19th. April. Mass and prayers are requested for the intentions of the Holy Father, the universal Church, the work of the WUCWO, all the special Works of the Catholic Women's League and the intentions of all Members.

A SPACE FOR GRACE

...and the numbers who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. Acts 5:14

There must have been such a buzz around those early Christian communities. Their enthusiasm and spirit was infectious ... it reached out to others who wanted to be part of this alive and active faith.

Lord, that we could replicate that buzz. Help us to 'infect' others with our enthusiasm, that many more will want to join us on this journey of faith.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC Meeting will be on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

ST JOSEPH'S VILLAS BENALLA

Occupancy Leases at St Joseph's Villas, Benalla are now available. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

EASTER – AND A LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS

On Easter Sunday Pope Francis explained the Resurrection of Jesus to some 250,000 people overflowing St. Peter's Square:

'What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom. God's love can do this. ... This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from the slavery to sin and evil to the freedom of love and goodness. Because God is life, life alone, and we are his glory, the living person.'

- VIS, Rome, March 31, 2013

HARRIETVILLE WEEKEND "SPIRITUALITY FOR A PILGRIM CHURCH" Fri (eve) 26 – Sun (lunch) 28 April, with Mons Tony Doherty, Ailsa Piper, Br Michael Herry. ***Our lives are like a pilgrimage, with difficult stretches, wounds needing healing, unexpected new life and happiness, walking, stopping places, sharing meals, memories, stories, music.***

Brochures in parishes or contact Lyn at adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or ph (03) 5441 2544.

MASS STREAMED DAILY

From Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, in the Broken Bay Diocese. Weekdays live at 9.30am Saturdays live 9.30am (followed by Adoration and Benediction) Sundays live 9.30am. Go to the site below at the appropriate time to connect. www.dbb.org.au

So am I Sending You.....

Although it is Thomas who gets the bad press in today's Gospel the other disciples weren't exactly exemplars of faith and conviction, huddled as they were in a tiny room with all the doors locked double tight because of their fear of the authorities, as they gripped tight their fear, self-protection and doubt. What then did the disciples see that filled them with joy? They saw before them in spite of locked doors their beloved Lord the risen Jesus who Mary Magdalene had recognised in a heart burst because she had stayed at the tomb while Peter and John had gone home. His wounds assured them that this was the Jesus they had seen die. His words enlivened them and gave them courage. His tangible presence in their midst assured them that the Jesus they see now has come back from death to new life. The risen Jesus gave this new life and sent his disciples forth to continue his mission. The risen Jesus continues to be seen through the "signs and wonders" worked by those who are his disciples. Jesus transforms our fears with his gift of peace and sends the Spirit to strengthen us on our way, the risen presence of Christ in and through us. The "signs and wonders" which reveal the presence of the risen Christ stretch far beyond miraculous healings. People see the risen Christ also in our everyday acts of kindness, sensitivity, generosity, patience, and forgiveness.

When we respond to Christ's invitation to 'Doubt no longer but believe' by confessing our faith as Thomas did 'My Lord and my God' Jesus assures us – *'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'*

LOCKS ON THEIR MINDS

'Behind locked doors! The first Christians were victims of state terrorism. The sudden arrest and death of Jesus provoked a climate of fear and apprehension among the apostles. They assemble inside a locked room – probably that of the Last Supper. The terror is so great that one apostle, Thomas, is reluctant to approach them even in seclusion. The locks are not only on the doors but on their minds and faith. Jesus breaks through with a powerful witness of love. He gives them power to unlock souls as well as portals.'

- *A commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale*

ITALIAN ROSARY

Il s.rosario sarā recitato nella chiesa Martedì 9 Aprile alle ore 2.00pm.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on 9th April at 2.00pm. All welcome



Readings for this Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32,40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



Liturgical Jottings

The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of presence of the risen Lord in several manifestations.

People of the Bible: Thomas
Thomas also called Didymus, the twin, often appears in the Gospel of John (11:16; 14:5; 21:2 and especially 20:24-29). The doubter is in fact the greatest believer, professing "My Lord and my God".



Prayer for the week

Risen Lord, help us to believe that you are in our midst. Send us your Spirit so that we may have the courage to proclaim you by our lives.

Looking at the Readings

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

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Quotable Quote

We are like the Apostles in the Gospel: often we would prefer to hold on to our own security, to stand in front of a tomb, to think about someone who has died, someone who lives on only as a memory rather than we confront the living. We are afraid of God's surprises. He always surprises us! The Lord is like that.

Pope Francis' Easter Vigil Homily.

On the Lighter Side

Young Jack and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was around the table as the food was served. Jack started eating straight away. 'Jack, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the six year old said. His mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at home.' 'That's at our home,' he replied, 'but this is Grandma's home, and she knows how to cook.'



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THE PROFESSION OF FAITH - I BELIEVE IN GOD.

'The Profession of Faith begins with "I believe in God" because the affirmation "I believe in God" is the most important, the source of all other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.'

- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:*
Paragraph 36
From Catholic Enquiry Centre

DEAR God
Help me to
unwrap
Your presence
in our midst.
Amen

