



Bridie

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**Devine Mercy
Sunday
2nd Sunday of
Easter
19th April 2020
Year A**

In a nutshell

On the evening of resurrection day the disciples are filled with fear, and Jesus himself comes to them and gives them his peace and joy.

A week later Jesus comes again, to convince Thomas that he has truly risen.

The faith of Thomas resounds down the centuries and today we can be glad that Thomas took some convincing. Our hearts can echo his words: 'My Lord and my God!'



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Fr Phil can be contacted on 0420 329 731

Fr Phil will continue to offer private Mass for the intentions of parishioners

Mass Offerings: *Your prayers are requested for the following:*

Recently Deceased: Kathy O'Connor, Kathleen Colbran, Breanna (*road accident*),
Terese HanDok-hee, Peter Saide, Paul Lum, Kathy O'Connor, Penny &
Pably Yohanen.

Other Deceased: Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family, Eileen and
Paul McMahon, Kit Sanders, Barry Telford, Alma & Jack Saidey, Bill Jack,
Jack Olde, Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and
Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane

Sick: Bernice Ralston, Chaiel Blacombe, Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson,
Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Anne Stirling, Maureen O'Connor, Neil
Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney,
Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick,
Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood,
Richard Healy, Joan Edwards, Jim Kavanagh, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock,
Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Todd Hudson, Maximilian Naum,
Geoffrey Karpin, Chris Schneider.

Masses on-line, during COVID19 epidemic

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<https://www.facebook.com/olshparish.randwick/>

Wollongong Diocese has excellent Sunday Mass at 9am each week:

www.dow.org.au

Gospel for Second Sunday of Easter

(John 20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

***URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
EASTER 2020
Saint Peter's Basilica, Easter, 12 April 2020***

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!" Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence).

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.

Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable, such as persons who work in nursing homes, or live in barracks and prisons. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.

This disease has not only deprived us of human closeness, but also of the possibility of receiving in person the consolation that flows from the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In many countries, it has not been possible to approach them, but the Lord has not left us alone! United in our prayer, we are convinced that he has laid his hand upon us (cf. *Ps* 138:5), firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, "I have risen and I am with you still!" (cf. *Roman Missal*, Entrance Antiphon, Mass of Easter Sunday).

May Jesus, our Passover, grant strength and hope to doctors and nurses, who everywhere offer a witness of care and love for our neighbours, to the point of exhaustion and not infrequently at the expense of their own health. Our gratitude and affection go to them, to all who work diligently to guarantee the essential services necessary for civil society, and to the law enforcement and military personnel who in many countries have helped ease people's difficulties and sufferings.

In these weeks, the lives of millions of people have suddenly changed. For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic. May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees and the homeless... This is not a time for self-centeredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons... This is not a time for division. May Christ our peace enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world...

This is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people....

Dear brothers and sisters,

Indifference, self-centeredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words forever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

With these thoughts, I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter.

Pope Francis

(Note: This message has been edited, because of space available in *The Bridie*. Fr Phil)



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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.