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**PARISH OFFICE**

To make an appointment please call 4868 1931.  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY**



In the New Testament, the word "Passover" does not refer to the resurrection, but only to the Paschal Supper or to the sacrifice of Jesus. In the II century began to say : "Passover is Christ", or: "The Paschal mystery is Christ" (St. Justin and Meliton of Sardes). And since in Christ death and resurrection were inseparable, the word "Passover" gradually, albeit with some resistance, came to be understood also as the resurrection of Christ. Passover was an earlier custom, which Christians derived from the Old Testament. Its symbolism condemned sacrifice, blood, sacrifice. Christians therefore had no any problem with transferring this symbolism to the passion of Christ. The first use of the stowa in the Christian sig-meaning refers precisely to the offering of the Passover lamb: "Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed!" (1 Corinthians 5:7). In Greek culture, the similarity between the Hebrew word "Passover" and the Greek verb pasechin ("to suffer") made, That for a long time Passover was equated with the Passion. Overcoming these difficulties was made possible by St. Augustine, who discovered that St. John had reinterpreted the term "Passover," giving it the meaning of Christ's passing "from this world to the Father" (J 13, 1). "Through the Passion, the Lord passed from death to life, opening the way for us who believe in His resurrection. ascension, so that we too may pass from death to life". (Psalm 120). The Resurrection is so crucial to faith, that, as St. Paul says, without it our faith would be "empty" and without foundation ( 1 Corinthians 15:14). There we hear the word of Jesus, remember his death and resurrection; communing with him, we touch him as Thomas did. We give a breath of fresh air to our faith. Sunday Mass can be, and usually is, the gathering time par excellence in the village or neighbourhood, the time when people meet, greet each other in a festive atmosphere, in short, break the anonymity that so dehumanizes life today. St. Augustine writes: "The faith of Christians is the resurrection of Christ. Everyone, even pagans, believes that Christ died, but only Christians believe that he rose from the dead. Whoever does not believe this is not a Christian." **His Eminence Raniero Cardinal Cantalamessa**

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St Paul's Moss Vale	St Brigid's Bundanoon	St Peter's Burrawang	Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
Saturday Vigil - 6.30pm	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil -5pm	2nd, 4th Saturday Vigil -5pm	Sunday - 8am, 9.30am, 11am , Weekday 11am
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

4 Esdras 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**FIRST READING**

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. **The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 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. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(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 John 5:1-6

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth. **The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMUNNION ANTIPHON**

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

Monday 8 April: The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD. Solemnity. The liturgical vestment is white.  
Thursday 11 April: St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr. Memorial. The liturgical vestment is red.

The liturgical vestment is white.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

From the diary of St Faustina



I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy.

Ask of my faithful servant (Fr Sopocko) that on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.

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This year the Passion Play was featured in the Catholic Weekly Sunday 7 April 2024.

Please keep in your prayers for the children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation.



**Thursday 11 April**  
St Paul's School: First Reconciliation will be at 10.00am

**Friday 12 April**  
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Mary Mizzi



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