

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee

As we gather we acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people and the Indigenous elders of this area, those who once lived here and into whose sacred space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life

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Second Sunday of Easter Year A 19th April 2020 Divine Mercy Sunday

Seeing and believing

None of us have seen Jesus as he was seen by his followers beginning the Sunday after he died. The first to see him was Mary Magdalene. Then Peter and the others (except Thomas) in the locked room on Sunday night. He was a companion to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and had a meal with them. He was with the disciples in the north on the shore of the sea of Galilee. There were other occasions as well but there came a time which we celebrate with the feast of the ascension when he withdrew from their sight. So began the experience of the risen Jesus that we are familiar with. Jesus says to us: you are blessed because without seeing me you believe.

What do we believe? First and foremost, we believe Jesus from Nazareth is the definitive revelation of God. We believe that he is present to the world in which we live, in and through the men and women who believe, in and through us. Remember what St Paul heard at the moment of his encounter: Saul, why are you persecuting me? In other words, I am present in these people.

Why we believe this and many other things besides is because of what others have told us. We accept they are telling the truth and we act and speak as they challenge us to act and speak. In doing this we experience a joy, as St Peter says in his letter today, so glorious that it cannot be described.

We are not talking of just some sort of head trip or indulging in an act of self-delusion although accusations like that have been and will be again levelled at Christians. To be Christian is to have experienced Jesus – in the people who follow him, how they live, what they do as well as what they say. I think though that doing is more the way to belief than the saying. Faith comes to others as they see the talk (of Jesus and God and being fully alive) walked, to pick up the famous saying from Alcoholics Anonymous. You have to walk the talk, not just talk the talk.

St Luke give us an idealised picture of the community he knew some fifty to sixty years after Christ's death sharing goods in common, praying and worshipping together, being generous to others. Such common life would live on in monastic communities but also with those who live next to us and see what they have as something to share.

Jesus in the gospel we have just listened to or read, commissions the disciples to go out. As the Father sent me, so I send you. He sends us to tell them about Jesus and to put their trust in what He says and does. He gives them the Spirit to do this by breathing on them which is what God did at the dawn of creation. This coming of the Spirit is less dramatic in St John than the fire and noise of St Luke's Pentecost but all we need to do is to breathe in what Jesus has breathed out over us.

St Pope John Paul II, moved by the proclamation of divine mercy by the Polish nun and mystic Faustina Kowalska, dedicated this second Sunday of Easter also known as Low Sunday after the heights of Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy. Mercy is something never earned or deserved. Mercy is always a gift as the whole life of Jesus was. He gave his life for us, how can, filled with his Spirit, do less. Fr Adrian Farrelly

CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT HOME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Introductory Remarks

Today, we, the people of God,
gather to hear and respond to God's word,
to return praise and thanks.
We look forward to that day
when we will once more celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community makes its worship
in union with the Church throughout the world,
with Francis, our Pope, mark, our bishop, Ken, his
assistant, our pastors, Father Adrian and Father Dom.,
who are unable to be with us, or us with them,
and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring
parishes.

Opening Rite

Before listening to the word,
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

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.

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.

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

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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 had 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings *Listen to the recorded homily*

Profession of Faith

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions

Presider: Inspired by Jesus' Easter mission of forgiveness, we now turn to the God of mercy and compassion and make known our needs.

That the writers and producers of movies and television programs will promote peace and compassion rather than violence and abuse, we pray to the Lord:

That we begin within our hearts to promote peace through the practice of forgiveness, we pray to the Lord:

That our homes will be safe and loving places of peace not violence, we pray to the Lord:

That we promote justice as the foundation of peace, we pray to the Lord:

That our compassion for the poor will lead us to perform acts of justice and compassion, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: God of mercy and forgiveness, teach us to forgive others as you forgive us so that we will be ministers of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation of Praise

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Let us seal our prayer with a sign of fellowship
as we offer one another a sign of peace.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

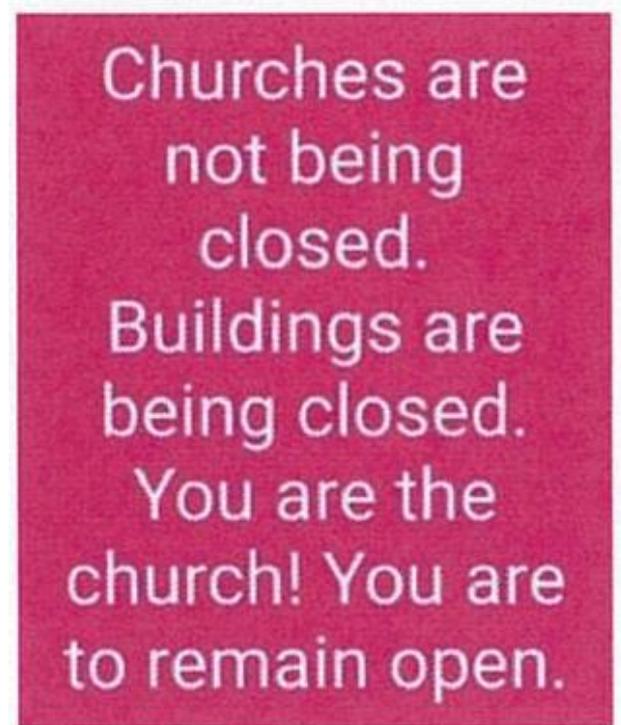
May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*If our doors are closed,
let our hearts be open.*

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

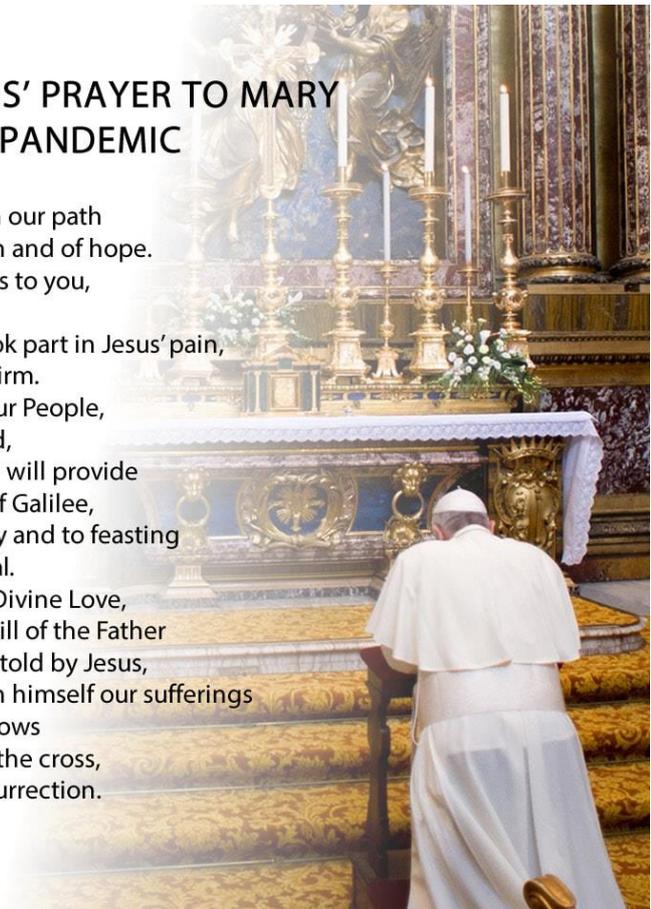
Most Rev. Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of Your People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

With Sunday masses suspended for the time being, please make your offering at the parish office or make arrangements with your financial institution for electronic transfer of funds.

The parish details for such arrangements are:

Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account number 6531102.

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

SUNDAY EUCHARIST IN ST PATRICK'S.

Sunday 10.00 am. Live stream:

Important Notice regarding Live-Streaming Mass from St Patrick's

As we continue to livestream our ceremonies via Facebook live at this time, we have received some feedback regarding the sound production. If you find it hard to hear what the priest is saying during the live stream, could you please try connecting your computer or iPad to an external speaker. Sometimes, the sound production varies because we use different platforms/devices to watch. Some computers we use don't have good speakers and that will affect the sound production. If you don't have external speakers, you can connect your computer or tablet to your television using a HDMI cable, they cost about \$10 if you don't have one. You could also buy an external speaker that cost about \$25 or so; alternatively, you can simply watch the live stream on your phone/tablet or computer using your headphones or earphones.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Live stream. www.archbne.org/bzw.

Weekday mass: 8.00 am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

CATHOLIC LEADER

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This [digital newspaper](#) will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

Also, the **Seminarians** have created a video to show you how they are coping at Banyo during this time. It is really lovely to watch. The link to the video is below.

Youtube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFbLipKWL8>