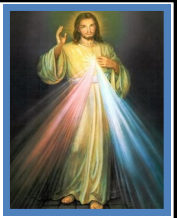




BRISBANE ORATORY IN FORMATION PARISH OF ANNERLEY EKIBIN

Divine Mercy Sunday - Year A [OF]
Low Sunday (Quasimodo Sunday) [EF] 22nd/23rd April, 2017



Readings for next Sunday
29th/30th April, 2017

1st: Acts 2: 14, 22-33
2nd: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. This week's reflection, given below, links the Gospel account of doubting Thomas' encounter with the Risen Lord to His divine mercy in a special way. Please refer to Page 2 for details of our special Divine Mercy holy hour today at 3:00pm.

In the traditional Extraordinary Form liturgical calendar the Second Sunday of Easter is known as 'Low' Sunday because compared with the great heights of spiritual joy and solemnity of Easter Sunday the next Sunday can only be a 'lower' celebration to some extent. One wag has also observed that it could be known a Low Sunday because the Mass congregation is always lower on the Second Sunday of Easter compared with Easter Sunday!

This Sunday also has the delightful name of "Quasimodo Sunday" which comes from the first words of the Introit antiphon "like newborn infants" (which in the ancient Church referred to adults who were baptised on Easter Sunday). Other Sundays in the traditional calendar also have alternative names from the first words of the Introit such as Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).

Finally, a reminder about our special centenary celebrations for Mary Immaculate School to be held next weekend (see Page 2). We especially look forward to welcoming Archbishop Mark Coleridge to Mary Immaculate church for a centenary Mass at 11:00am. All welcome.

Fr Andrew Wise

The Gospels tell an incredible story. A virginal conception. Miraculous healings. Even people coming back from the dead. How are we to know that it's not all just a fanciful fabrication?



STRONG EVIDENCE FOR THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPELS

There is much evidence for the reliability of the Gospels, but here is one of the strongest bits of evidence I know. Think for a minute. If you were part of a group who decided to perpetrate an elaborate hoax, what would be your motive? Wouldn't you want to gain some significant benefits from such a risky business? Maybe fortune, fame, and privilege? And if you were to be prominent figures in this tall tale, wouldn't you at least want the story to make you look good?

But in the story told by the apostles, virtually all of them look real bad. During Jesus public ministry they repeatedly fail to "get it." In fact Jesus wears himself out trying to hammer the truth through their thick skulls. After witnessing three years of miracles, one of them betrays

Jesus and the leader of the group denies him. All but one run away when he's crucified, and no one believes Mary Magdalene when she brings them the news of his resurrection.

DOUBTING THOMAS

But the episode recounted in John 20:19-31 takes the cake. The Risen Christ appears to the twelve on Easter Sunday evening. Or rather, I should say he appeared to the ten. Judas, the traitor, had taken his own life. And Thomas, the twin, missed the occasion. When Thomas returns to the group, he refuses to believe them. He demands empirical proof submitted personally to his lordship: "Unless I put my finger in the nail marks in his hands and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." This sounds more like a pouting of a child than the words of an apostle.

JUSTICE & DIVINE MERCY

In justice, Jesus could have just said "enough." Thomas had already seen so much. Acts 1 tells us that Judas was replaced by Matthias. This ungrateful skeptic could easily have been replaced as well. But Jesus does not deal with us by virtue of strict justice. God forbid! No, he comes to us in mercy, giving us what we do not deserve. And that's how he dealt with this doubter. A week later, he gives him what he asked for. Imagine how badly Thomas yearned to eat his words as he put his hand into the sacred side of the New Adam.

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PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 8th May

Josephites Associates Meeting at 10:00am at Majellan House, Yeerongpilly. Please phone Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998 for further information.

Wednesday 10th May

Parish Finance Council Meeting at 7:30pm at the Parish Office.

Friday 19th May

Elizabethan Social Club Devonshire Morning Tea and Bring & Take. Cost \$7.00. Bookings: Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.

Saturday 20th May

Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in the Music Room (under MI church). Please contact the Parish Office to book.

From Page 1: SEEING IS NOT BELIEVING

Thomas can't be said to come to true "faith" in the resurrection through all this. Because faith is about believing what you can't see. Walking by faith means NOT walking by sight. In heaven, we'll see God face to face, so "faith" will be no more. Blessed, says Jesus, are those who have not seen, and yet believe.

But Thomas does come to faith in something else that he can't quite see. He saw Lazarus, the son of the widow of Nain plus the daughter of Jairus, all raised from the dead. Thomas now looks at yet another risen human being before him and says what he did not say to the prior three: "*My Lord and My God.*" Thomas here professes what can only be seen by the eye of faith. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a marvel for *Ripley's Believe it or Not*. Jesus is not just some first century Houdini. No, his resurrection is a sign that he is the Messiah, the King, even the Eternal God, come in the flesh.

THE APOSTLES & DIVINE MERCY

So this man, humbled by Christ's mercy, is content to be known for all generations as "Doubting Thomas." Thomas the Doubter and the other apostles spread a story in which they look real bad. And for it they receive not privilege but persecution and death. So why do they spread the story? Because it's the truth. And because it's a proclamation of the Divine Mercy of God who does not reject the thick-headed, the weak, and the doubting but instead gives them the power to become strong, loving, and wise. "Behold," says Jesus, "I make all things new." (Rev 21:5)

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, 18th April, 2017

FROM THE ORATORY MODERATOR: The Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory are very grateful to our parishioners, friends and other benefactors for the many ways that you support us. One of the tests of an Oratory-in-formation is that it can show itself to be financially viable, and as the Archbishop has publicly stated, the Brisbane Oratory in Formation is not financially supported by the Archdiocese. The Oratory therefore raises some of its money from the paid ministerial work of the priests of the Oratory, but the larger portion of the money that we need comes from our benefactors.

For these first few years, our main expense is the important work of training the Oratory's future priests, priests who will be here to serve you for many years, God willing. Thank you for your recent and generous offerings to the Holy Thursday collection which was advertised as being for the training of the Oratory's seminarians. We're also grateful to those of you who have chosen to use the Oratory envelopes via the Sunday collections, or via the Oratory donation box at the back of Mary Immaculate Church.

Thank you also to our other regular givers who contribute via direct deposits or via credit card giving. The fact that we are always able to pay our bills, especially the seminary fees when they come in, is a mighty example of God's providence working through you. We certainly can't do it without your help.

We have, so far, raised about \$65,000 of our goal of \$100,000 for the 2017 seminarian education appeal. If you would like details about the ways that you can contribute, please pick up a flyer from the back of the church which has the photos of our four seminarians (details are on the reverse). You can also contact me for more information. Thank-you sincerely! **Fr Adrian 0427 109 054** or at sharpa@bne.catholic.net.au



Mary Immaculate Primary School Centenary Celebrations NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 APRIL.

All welcome! Please email: ldelany@bne.catholic.edu.au, phone the School on 3848 8965 or go to the School website for event details: www.maryimmaculate.qld.edu.au.

THE ORATORY WINTER BALL: Saturday 22 July 2017,



6:30pm, Portside Wharf. This is the LAST WEEK to take advantage of EARLY-BIRD TICKET PRICES! *Don't miss out!* Adults \$95, Couples \$180, Children \$55, Groups of ten \$900. Go to

www.trybooking.com to purchase tickets. If there are any parishioners with businesses who would like to take advantage of advertising/sponsorship packages associated with the ball (which include tickets) please contact Father Adrian on 0427 109 054 or sharpa@bne.catholic.net.au. There is an advertorial for the Ball in this week's *Catholic Leader*.

EASTER COLLECTIONS: \$3,593.25
ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR WEEK: \$2,077.40. Thank you from a grateful Parish.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE BRISBANE ORATORY, 23rd APRIL: Holy Hour, including confessions, commences at 3:00pm with the Chaplet of Mercy at Mary Immaculate church on Divine Mercy Sunday, with Benediction at 3:45pm. Vespers [EF] follows at 4:00pm for those who wish to stay.

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased:

Peter THORNTHWAITE, Beverley HASSON, Noel TENNISON (Castlemaine, Victoria), Fr Dan MOORE (Ireland) Tiernan McCANN (Ireland), Mary BERRY, Helen O'NEILL, Margaret (Joan) DRUERY, Sean McCANN (Ireland), Mary Ann VAN DER WEIDE and Neil BETTS.
Those who are sick: Luke ADENEY, **Baby CHARLIE, Helen BAILEY,** Ksenia BORODIN, **Rex BOWEN,** Joan BRAMMER, Peter BROPHY, John BROPHY, Shannon EMSLIE, Jane FARRELL, Tereza FERENC, **Bryan FITZPATRICK,** Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Bronte GREER, Judy HARRIS, Marlene JOHNSTON, Brian McMAHON, Marie MITCHELL, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Rosa Maria SANTOS, **Matt VASIL,** Charlie WINTER, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.
All the faithful departed.

Rosters for next week

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kevin Rowen, Barbara Nicolaides

Sun (MI) 7.30am Judy Harris, Marie Melski

Sun (SJF) 8:30am Vince Kartelo

Sun (MI) 5.00pm John Butterworth

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair, Kevin Rowen, Valmai Winter

Sun (MI) 7:30am: Bertha Clark, Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan, Ester Evangelista, Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

Sun (SJF) 8:30am: Peter Menagh

Sun (MI) 5:00pm: Liam Herbert (also available as a reserve. Please phone 0417 727 480)

COUNTERS

Monday, 24th April, 2017

Pat Brophy, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro

Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah

Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

This Tuesday, ANZAC Day, 25th April, there will be a 7.30am Mass at MI church which will be a Requiem [EF] *Missa Cantata* to pray for the eternal repose of the souls of all who have served Australia in the defence forces on active service and have left this life, especially the ANZACs. There will also be a 9.30am [OF] Mass at MI church offered for the same intention.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter offerings may still be given on the collection plate at Mass anytime over the next few weekends. Thank you for your generosity to our Parish and the Brisbane Oratory in Formation.

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St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

Low Sunday (Quasimodo Sunday): Wilston 7:30am

PLEASE NOTE:

Weekday Mass omitted for this week:

Tuesday, 25th April, 6:00am Mass at SE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 22nd April, Private: For the Repose of the Souls of Francis and Anne Nguyen, anniversaries

8:15am Mass at MI: For the Holy Spirit to guide new members to join the Oratory choirs

5:30pm Vigil at SJF: For the spiritual blessing of all Brisbane Oratory altar servers

Sunday, 23rd April, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For Merry Mathew, Birthday

8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

9:00am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention

Monday, 24th April, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the repose of the soul of Peter O'Halloran

Tuesday, 25th April, Private: For the Holy Souls

9:30am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 24th - 30th April

Monday 24th April

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

Tuesday 25th April ANZAC Day: Please notice at left.

6:00am **NO MASS** SE

7:30am Mass [EF] MI Sung Note: 7:30am

9:30am Mass [OF+] MI Note: 9:30am

Wednesday 26th April

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 27th April

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 28th April

6:30am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

7:30pm Holy Hour MI

Saturday 29th April

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

Third Sunday of Easter

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

Sunday 30th April

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

8:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

5:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form |

MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

CONFESSION TIMES:

Mon 6:45pm (MI)

Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Fri 7:30pm - 8:30pm (During Holy Hour)

Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)

Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)

Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)

Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)

The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early Masses, Monday to Friday, at SE & SJF.

* All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday at St Elizabeth's Chapel beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:45am on Fridays.

* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at Mary Immaculate Church.

Wednesday, 26th April, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For the Intentions of the Donor

9:00am Mass at MI: For Amanda Pacé, recently deceased

Thursday, 27th April, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the repose of the soul of Thomas K.T., anniversary

7:00am Mass at MI: For Michael Eaves, terminal illness - conversion and spiritual health

Friday, 28th April, 6:00am Mass at SE: For the repose of the soul of Lillian Irene Gwin, anniversary of birth (100)

9:00am Mass at MI:

For Shannon Emslie, for healing from ill health

Saturday, 29th April, Private: For Jesus Youth

5:30pm Vigil at MI: For Mary Berry, recently deceased

Sunday, 30th April, Wilston: For a Special Intention

8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the Intentions of the Donor

11:00am MI Primary Centenary Mass at MI:

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

5:00pm Mass at MI: For Baby Charlie, sick

MASS READINGS

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 117

(Said by all)

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.'
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.
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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

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 I am 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Memorial Acclamation: Number Two:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Jeff Cavins exciting Timeline Bible Study continues at the Little King's Movement for the Disabled, 31/33 O'Keefe Street, Wooloongabba. Bible Study begins after prayers in the Chapel: Thursdays, 7 pm for 7:15 start. For more details phone Mystical Rose Praesidium 0473 208 086.

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