

GOSPEL: Luke 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 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.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Selena Maria Carmen Fitzpatrick
Angelina Faith Balser
Brendan Nguyen*



May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.

'Coming Home' Concert

Fr Rob Galea and his band will be giving a full-production 'Coming Home' concert in Sydney in July. The 'Coming Home' concert will be an amazing and contemporary witness of faith that will reach out to people in a way they can relate to easily. The event is open to all ages and we encourage families to come and celebrate the love of God together.

More information at www.frgministry.com/tickets

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;
Youth : Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;
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Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 9.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .



"Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:26-29

Responsorial Psalm

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

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!

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

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

Next Weekend: 3rd Sun of Easter - Year C.

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

2nd Sunday of Easter - Yr C - 28 April 2019

First Holy Communion Registrations

First Holy Communion for candidates in Year 4 and above will be celebrated this year during the weekend Masses of 16th & 23 June. If you would like your child to celebrate this Sacrament this year please complete a registration form which can be found in the Church foyer. The first compulsory Parents Meeting will be held in St Felix Hall on Tuesday 7th May. Please ensure all registrations are returned to the Parish Office before the first meeting.

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

Next weekend, our parish will play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

Readers and Ministers Roster

The new Roster for Readers and Ministers is available in the Sacristy for you to pick up. It is also available on our website online.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Andre Lebreux; Geeta Metharam; Rosa Villanueva; Zeina Lakis.

Anniversary: Norma Kemp; Michael Suriano; Joseph Marcellus Fernandes; Josephine Yott; Ellen Yott; Joseph Truong Nguyen; Dominic Nguyen Van Hiet; Domenico Ferraro; Charles Nuner; Mary Nuner; Jess Nuner; Carmen Nuner; Steve Nuner; Bradley Fenech; Toma Nguyen Van Sac; Maria; Joseph Nguyen Trong An; Paul Do Huu Phuong; Maria Madalena Pham Thi Hue; Maria Cynthia Joanne Ha

Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Carole Cooper; Louise Descombe; Lucien Descombe

Sick: Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 5/5/19 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 5/5/19 A Nguyen 12/5/19 Thom Pham

Church Cleaners: 3/5/19: Polish group **Children's Liturgy:** 5th May - Denice

Weekend Choirs: 5/5 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God 10am - St Felix Choir 6pm - Youth Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	28 APRIL	8am	10am	6pm
C	Kalisiana Mar	Joseph Dang	Mary O'Hea	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Judy Jones	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Jeannette Chong	Loreto Eduardo	

5 MAY

C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo

Reflection

Peace be with you.

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a *fruit of the Holy Spirit*. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: **What were the disciples to do with these gifts?** (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* or the *Peace Prayer of St. Francis*.

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In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on (02) 8912 4818.