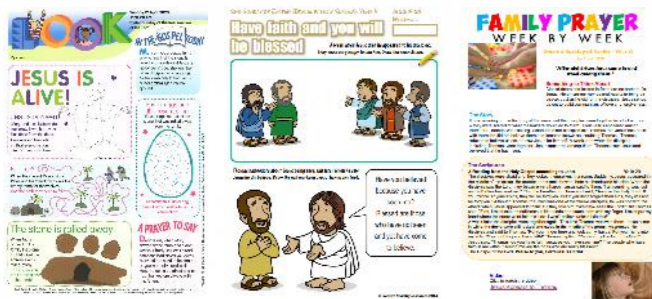


KIDS CORNER

Click on the images below to download the activity sheets & resources for this week.



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Family Discussion Starters:

- In today's gospel what people did Jesus appear to?
- Where were the disciples?
- How did they feel when they saw Jesus?
- Who did not believe it was Jesus?
- Why did Thomas stop doubting?
- When can you sense Jesus is with you, even though you do not see him?
- How can we recognise Jesus in other people?

CALLING YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS!!!

Mother's Day is an opportunity to celebrate the women in our life who have cared for and nurtured us—our mums and also all the other special women who have 'mothered' us. May is also the month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother. As such we are producing a special Bulletin for mothers day dedicated to Our Mother, and the women who have been mothers to us in our community. Send in your artwork, stories about and messages to the important mothers and women in your life and also artworks and reflections about Our Lady to administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com (please include your full name and age). Contributions due by 3rd of May.

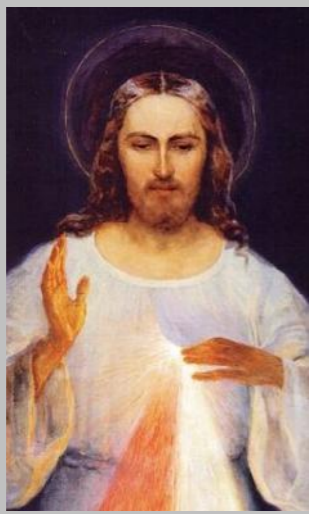
FAMILY & FAITH WEBSITE

Bernice Wong, our Family Educator at the St Francis of Assisi Primary school has created a fantastic resource which is **available to all families in our community**. You do not need to have a child enrolled at St Francis School to use this site! Visit the website by clicking the Family & Faith icon for prayers, activities and more!



Divine Mercy Prayer

Most merciful Jesus,
I trust in You,
I trust in You,
I trust in You.
May I trust You always
and in all things.
May I daily surrender
to Your Divine Mercy.



Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of Mercy,
Pray for us as we turn to you
in our need.
Amen.

Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.



My God and My All

Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 19 April 2020 : Second Sunday of Easter Year A

During special celebrations is a tradition in some homes for those around the table to share one thing for which they are truly grateful. We are a family. In these days of covid19 for what are truly grateful for? Permit me start: I am grateful that I have my health. I am grateful that I have meaningful work. I am grateful that I am in a position to serve. I am grateful that I am learning news skills like how to live stream and connect on zoom. I am grateful that I work with talented men and women who love this community and want to see it thrive and grow. I am grateful that on this Sunday, the unfathomable Divine Mercy of God can envelop the whole world. It's your turn now, on this Divine Mercy Sunday for what are you truly grateful for? Could I invite you to let me know, that I may share it other members of our family too. **- Fr Paul**

ARE YOU LOOKING TO LEND A HAND?

Are you available to lend a hand to others in your community? Perhaps you can provide some assistance with shopping & errands? If so send us an email letting us know and we will pair you with someone in need of some help. Our friends at Catholic Care are also looking for volunteers from our parish to assist the needy to access groceries, meals, medication etc. Would you like to be our parish coordinator for this project or would you like to volunteer your time—let us know!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN

We want to celebrate the women who have nurtured and helped form us—send us a reflection on the theme: *Lessons my mother taught me (or alternatively, lessons motherhood has taught me)* for inclusion in our special Mother's Day edition. Email reflections to administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com by Sunday 3rd of May.

RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE

All who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to call the Parish Office and make an appointment. The Parish Office renovations have been completed and there are two suitable rooms at the front of the office where the sacrament may be received. Please note physical distancing will be maintained as per Department of Health guidelines.

COULD YOU USE SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

Are you in need of some assistance in running errands or doing shopping during this time? If so let us know and we can connect you with others in your community who are able to help.

REGARDING PLANNED GIVING

We truly appreciate the numerous phone calls and emails from parishioners who would like to contribute to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our community via the second collection. If you would like to continue your contributions there are two ways to donate via credit card.

Recurring Monthly Donation:

Sign up for automatic direct debit via your credit card by completing the forms available on our website at: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/planned-giving/ or contact Ruth at the Office and she will send you a form via email or post.

One Time Credit Card Payment:

Visit our website to make a once off credit card payment: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/other-donations/ Please include your planned giving number if applicable. You can also make a donation by calling us on 9331 4043 and Ruth will process your credit card payment over the phone.

JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE Live Streams Weekly

Due to the positive reaction from our Easter Live Streams our community will continue to live stream mass during this time when we are unable to celebrate together in person. Mass will be streamed twice a week at the following times:

Wednesday 5pm
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm

To view the livestream follow us on Facebook or you can also watch at:

www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/facebook-live-stream/

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Join our Mailing List & visit our Website
Follow us on Facebook & Twitter
Forward this Bulletin to your Family & Friends

Our Community of Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay is now online! Join us for latest updates from the parish office and to share updates with one another as well.

For many of us this is a time to learn new means of communication and togetherness.

As Pope Francis said in his Holy Week message:
The creativity of love can overcome isolation.

If you need help starting your own Facebook page give the Parish Office a call and Ruth will help you over the phone.

To find our Facebook & Twitter click the symbols below to visit our pages. Or if you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to join to receive updates (and this bulletin!) via email click the Join Our Mailing List link below.



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community. Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

OUR PARISH

Paul Ghanem ofm - Parish Priest
Piotr Rzucidlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm - Assistant Priests
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Pamina Milenkovic - Organist, Edgecliff
Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold - Safeguarding Support Officer
Nicole Hudson - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.

Recently Deceased: Valerie Warton, James Adamovich, Matthew Bolton, John Rockey, Jim Evans, Jean Groves, Karl Hallenan, David Barrett, Clare Carter, Winifred Simshouser, Nancy Rickard, Junior; baby of Jono Allatt & Sarah MacMahon, Tim Chew, Cathy O'Connor, A. O'Sullivan, Peter McMurray, Lois Squadrito, Rae Collins, James Cummings, Patrick Whooley, Juliet McCormack, Caroline a'Beckett, Elizabeth Hammond, Michael Rock Dean, John Fordham, Margaret Quade, Norma Castaldi, Adrian Lynch, Danielle Linkson.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Quinell, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Jean Groves, Judy Debien, Mary Di Bello, Karen Tighe, John McCue, Joyce Dingwall, Vinz Napoli, Caterina Maiurana, Judy Petrosian, Margaret McCaffrey, Valerie McPhee, Susan Griffith, Katharina & Manfred Lemech Conley Family Intentions, John Kelly, Aquino Lanojan, Kevin & Ann Nicey, Ian Stewart, Andrew Georgiou, Nancy Jordan, Yiu Lam Kwan, Gaetano Carone, Faye Anderson, Anne & George Duncan, Adeline Lee, Sr Mary Hereward, David Roderick, Tino Ordenez, Giuliano Family, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Francesco Labbozzetta, John Newman, Giuliano Family, Ann Kaine, Dennis Kiernan, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Shannon Whelan, Kathy Nemeth, Kiernan Family, Avery & Roche Families, William Dikson, Jean Malouf, Maria Satoh, Hector Destro, Concepcion Family, Hector Barbara, Ray Ghanem, Tom Connelly, Nancy Jordan, Odete Desa, Vince Munro, Marian Wojciechowski, Krystna Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Holy Souls.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

Please click on the image to download the latest Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher to the Clergy & Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney dated 30 March 2020



FOR REGULAR UPDATES FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE

www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or on 93905810. 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.

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	Parish Archdiocese	www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com www.sydneycatholic.org

Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / A

19 APRIL 2020

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

STILL BEARING THE WOUNDS OF LOVE

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospels. Born loser, realist, pessimist, he has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won't believe that Jesus has been raised simply on the other disciples' claim: 'We have seen the Lord'. He insists on seeing, touching, hearing for himself.

Eight days later, with divine 'courtesy', Jesus meets Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of his risen Lord, Thomas abandons these conditions. He, the late-comer, the obtuse one, goes on to make the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

Moreover, Thomas' demand to see and touch the wounds shows that the risen Lord continues to bear these badges of vulnerable love. Presumably that is why Pope John Paul II chose this Second Sunday after Easter as 'Divine Mercy' Sunday: Jesus is someone to whom we can go and find understanding and mercy in a divine degree.

Jesus adds a comment that brings us into the picture too: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Succeeding generations of believers will not have the privilege of seeing the risen Lord. We have to believe simply the testimony handed down in the Church: 'We have seen the Lord'. We are not at a disadvantage. We are in fact 'blessed' because from us a faith greater than that of Thomas' will be drawn. And it is faith that lets God's power into the world.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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I AM SENDING YOU. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. 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.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.'

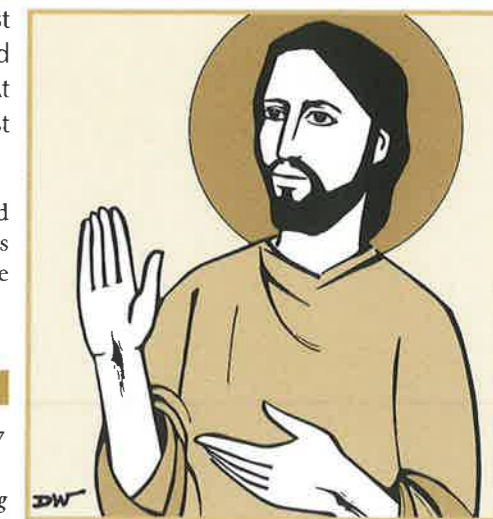
R. Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.'

2. 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.**

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 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.



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 spoiled 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 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 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 Jn 20:19-31

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.
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