



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B – 07 April 2024

### Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

### Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

### Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday  
9.00am to 4.30pm

### Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

### Accountant:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

### Weekday Mass Times:

#### English:

7.00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

6.30pm Wed

9.00am Sat

#### Vietnamese:

6.30pm Tues & Thurs

7.00am Wed

### Weekend Masses

#### English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am;

10.00am; 6.00pm

Polish: Sun 11.30am

#### Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

7.30pm: (Chaplain)

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30 pm

4.00pm (Chaplain)

### Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

### Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

### Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady  
of the Southern Cross  
Phone: 9723-3704

### S.V.D.P.

Phone: 9823-1222

### Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Principal: David Parawa  
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### Baptism/Wedding

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## *“Doubting Thomas”*

The gospel passage for this second Sunday of Easter is familiar to many as it not only bears witness to Christ's resurrection but also highlights the profound transformation in Thomas, often referred to as "doubting Thomas." Here, we witness Thomas' journey from scepticism regarding Jesus' resurrection to a profound declaration of faith in Jesus as "My Lord and my God."

It is understandable why Thomas initially doubts upon hearing the news of Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection was beyond his comprehension, despite all the miracles he had witnessed during his time with Jesus. Additionally, doubt often accompanies the introduction of something new or incomprehensible to human understanding. For instance, if someone claimed to have seen a dinosaur walking down the street, it would be natural to receive such a claim with scepticism.

In our society, judgments are frequently formed based on tangible evidence—what we can see, hear, smell, feel, and touch. This approach extends even to matters of faith, with some individuals seeking rational explanations akin to scientific inquiry. Yet, for Thomas, encountering the risen Christ shifted his perspective entirely. In Jesus, he not only saw the physical wounds but also experienced the profound love and mercy that Christ offers to humanity, a love that led Christ to sacrifice himself on the cross for our salvation.

This second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as 'Divine Mercy Sunday,' reflecting on Christ's promise of mercy to those who repent sincerely, regardless of the gravity of their sins. Jesus' appearance to Sister Faustina in the 1930s underscored this promise, affirming that no soul genuinely seeking mercy would be turned away.

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, let us accept the invitation to embrace our doubts and uncertainties with openness and humility. May we, like Thomas, be willing to encounter the risen Christ in the midst of our doubts and uncertainties, trusting that he meets us where we are and leads us into a deeper experience of faith. May our journey of transformation also inspire others to encounter the living God and to embark on their own journey of faith and discovery. However, we need to remember that embracing the faith is merely the beginning; we must also strive to deepen and live out our faith in accordance with the teachings imparted by Christ and the Church.

*Fr. John Pham*

## Pope Francis Intention for April



"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."  
- Pope Francis -

## Project Compassion & Holy Land Collections

Thank you for your generous contribution to response the **Project Compassion (received \$3,447.40) Good Friday (received \$5381.75)** collections last week.

May God bless you and families this Easter Season with full of joy, peace and goodness.

### Thank you to all

Thank you for being faithful, devoted parishioners of Sacred Heart. We thank all who helped to make these Holy Week celebrations so beautiful and inspiring.

For all the preparations needed to make it happen, we extend our deep appreciation, in particular, to our Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, all liturgical ministers, choir members, florists, wardens & helpers.

Praises be to God for the gift of your life and dedication to Sacred Heart Parish.



### Cám ơn

Chân thành cảm ơn quý ông bà anh chị em đã sốt sắng tham dự các nghi lễ Tuần Thánh. Cách riêng quý Soeurs, quý thừa tác viên phụng vụ, các ca viên và nhiều thành viên ban phục vụ, ban trang trí, trật tự và vệ sinh đã bỏ nhiều thời gian và công sức để giúp cho các nghi thức Tuần Thánh được long trọng và tốt đẹp.

Tạ ơn Chúa quà tặng cuộc đời của mỗi thành viên và những đóng góp, chia sẻ, hy sinh, và phục vụ trong giáo xứ.

## Sydney Priests & Live In Conference

Fr Remy and Fr John will attend Clergy Conference in Wollongong from Tuesday 08/04/24-Thursday 11/04/2024.

During their absence, Fr Tuan Tran (from the Rosary Village) will celebrate the Eucharist as usually scheduled.

Please keep our fathers and clergy in your prayers.

## In loving memory of John Zammit



We sadly farewelled our dear Mr John Zammit; President of our Vincent de Paul local Conference who had gone to the Lord on Holy Thursday 28th March.

His funeral will be on ***Friday 12/04/2024 2.00pm***. A private burial will follow the Mass.

We bless God with him and for him. May he now rest, in God's loving arms as he stays in our hearts and memories. Extending our condolences to his dear wife, Jean, children, Dennis & Sonia, Rebecca & Chris, Christian & Natalie and grandchildren Laurie, Isabelle, & Olivia and family members. Please keep them in our prayers for these days and the days to come.

## Baptisms- Congratulations

Welcome to God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Adeline Khanh (Teresa) Cassar,*

*Arthur Anh (David) Cassar,*

*Marcel Kai Nguyen, &*

*Marissa Vienne Nguyen.*



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

## Church Pews Restoration Project

All newly restored pews have been returned to the church . Please help each other, take a very good care of these pews, avoiding all scratches and damages to them.

Through your generosity we have raised **\$85.046.20** towards the total cost of over \$150,000. The Appeal is still going for those who are able to help. Contact the Parish Office for on-line transactions or a tax deduction. Thank you & God bless.

### **Funerals: Helena Przsiecka**

*Monday 8/04/2024 at 11.30am.*

### **Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc**

*Friday 12/04/2024 at 10.00am*

### **John Zammit**

*Friday 12/04/2024 2.00pm.* A private burial will follow the mass.

Extending to their families our condolences and prayers.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** John Zammit, Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc, Helena Przsiecka, Vincent Nguyen Anh Tuan, Maria, Micae, Vincente Nguyen Anh Tuan (2), Fr Giuse Nguyen Van Quang, Anna Le Thi Thanh Binh

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick MacAuliffe, Ronald Robison, Ivan Puskas, Maria (13), Joseph (7), Peter (6), Vincent (5), Anna (4), Dominic (2), Anthony (2), Cecilia (2), Paul(2), Thomas, John, Maria Madalena, Francis Borgia, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (10), for all souls (19) Baustista, Lucina, Addie, Danilo, Romeo Severin, Francis Fornasier, Olimpia & Edovilio Fedrigo, Vincent Nguyen Anh Tuan, Anna Le Thanh Binh, Peter Nguyen Trung Hieu, Maria Huynh To Nu, Anna Nguyen Thi Tam, Theresa Dao, Matta, Daminh Nguyen Huu Khue, Teresa, Luca, GioanKim (2), Lucia, Vincente, Anton, orphan souls, Phero Nguyen Van Be, Maria My, Pheroan, Giuse Lawrence.

**Other Intentions:** For the sick (1), for the conversion of hearts (1), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (13), peace and wellbeing for family (15), for stable works (6), personal intention, have mercy on us and family

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

### **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.

**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.**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

*A reading from the letter of St John*

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.

### **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.

## **Chúa Nhật Tuần II Mùa Phục Sinh-Năm B**

### **CN Lòng Chúa Thương Xót**

#### **Bài đọc 1: Cv Cv 4, 32-35**

*Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.*

Lúc bấy giờ tất cả đoàn tín hữu đông đảo đều đồng tâm nhất trí. Chẳng ai kể của gì mình có là của riêng, song để mọi sự làm của chung. Các tông đồ dùng quyền năng cao cả mà làm chứng việc Chúa Giêsu Kitô, Chúa chúng ta, sống lại. Hết thầy đều được miễn chuộc. Vì thế, trong các tín hữu, không có ai phải túng thiếu. Vì những người có ruộng nương nhà cửa đều bán đi và bán được bao nhiêu tiền thì đem đặt dưới chân các tông đồ. Và người ta phân phát cho mỗi người tùy theo nhu cầu của họ.

#### **Đáp Ca: 117, 2-4. 16ab -18. 22-24**

**Đáp:** Hãy cảm tạ Chúa, vì Chúa hảo tâm, vì đức từ bi của Người muôn thuở.

#### **Bài đọc 2: 1 Ga 5, 1-6**

*Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Gioan Tông đồ.*

Các con thân mến, ai tin rằng Đức Giêsu là Đấng Kitô, thì kẻ ấy sinh bởi Thiên Chúa, và ai yêu mến Đấng sinh thành, thì cũng yêu mến kẻ sinh ra bởi Đấng đó. Cứ dấu này chúng ta nhận biết rằng chúng ta yêu mến con cái Thiên Chúa, là khi chúng ta yêu mến Thiên Chúa và thực hành các giới răn Người.

Vì những gì sinh bởi Thiên Chúa đều chiến thắng thế gian, và đây là cuộc thắng trận thế gian, là chính đức tin của chúng ta. Ai là người chiến thắng thế gian, nếu không phải là người tin rằng Chúa Giêsu là Con Thiên Chúa? Đáng đã đến nhờ nước và máu, chính là Đức Giêsu Kitô, không phải trong nước mà thôi, nhưng trong nước và máu nữa, có Thánh Thần làm chứng rằng Chúa Kitô là chân lý.

#### **ALLELUIA: Ga 20, 29**

**Alleluia, alleluia! – Chúa phán: “Tôma, vì con đã xem thấy Thầy, nên con đã tin. Phúc cho những ai đã không thấy mà tin”. – Alleluia.**

#### **BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Ga 20, 19-31**

*Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan.*

Vào buổi chiều ngày thứ nhất trong tuần, những cửa nhà các môn đệ họp đều đóng kín, vì sợ người Do-thái, Chúa Giêsu hiện đến, đứng giữa các ông và nói rằng: “Bình an cho các con”. Khi nói điều đó, Người cho các ông xem tay và cạnh sườn Người. Bấy giờ các môn đệ vui mừng vì xem thấy Chúa. Chúa Giêsu lại phán bảo các ông rằng: “Bình an cho các con. Như Cha đã sai Thầy, Thầy cũng sai các con”. Nói thế rồi, Người thổi hơi và phán bảo các ông: “Các con hãy nhận lấy Thánh Thần, các con tha tội ai, thì tội người ấy được tha. Các con cầm tội ai, thì tội người ấy bị cầm lại”. Bấy giờ trong Mười hai Tông đồ, có ông Tôma gọi là Điđymô, không cùng ở với các ông, khi Chúa Giêsu hiện đến. Các môn đệ khác đã nói với ông rằng: “Chúng tôi đã xem thấy Chúa”. Nhưng ông đã nói với các ông kia rằng: “Nếu tôi không nhìn thấy vết đinh ở tay Người, nếu tôi không thọc ngón tay vào lỗ đinh, nếu tôi không thọc bàn tay vào cạnh sườn Người, thì tôi không tin”.

Tám ngày sau, các môn đệ lại họp nhau trong nhà và có Tôma ở với các ông. Trong khi các cửa vẫn đóng kín, Chúa Giêsu hiện đến đứng giữa mà phán: “Bình an cho các con”. Đoạn Người nói với Tôma: “Hãy xỏ ngón tay con vào đây, và hãy xem tay Thầy; hãy đưa bàn tay con ra và xỏ vào cạnh sườn Thầy; chớ cứng lòng, nhưng hãy tin”. Tôma thưa rằng: “Lạy Chúa con, lạy Thiên Chúa của con!” Chúa Giêsu nói với ông: “Tôma, vì con đã xem thấy Thầy, nên con đã tin. Phúc cho những ai đã không thấy mà tin”.

Chúa Giêsu còn làm nhiều phép lạ khác trước mặt các môn đệ, và không có ghi chép trong sách này. Nhưng các điều này đã được ghi chép để anh em tin rằng Chúa Giêsu là Đấng Kitô, Con Thiên Chúa, và để anh em tin mà được sống nhờ danh Người.