



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BONDI

St Patrick's and St Anne's Parish Bulletin

MASS TIMES

Monday - St Anne's
No Mass
6.30pm Adoration & Confessions

Tuesday - St Anne's
7:15am

Wednesday - St Patrick's
7.15am

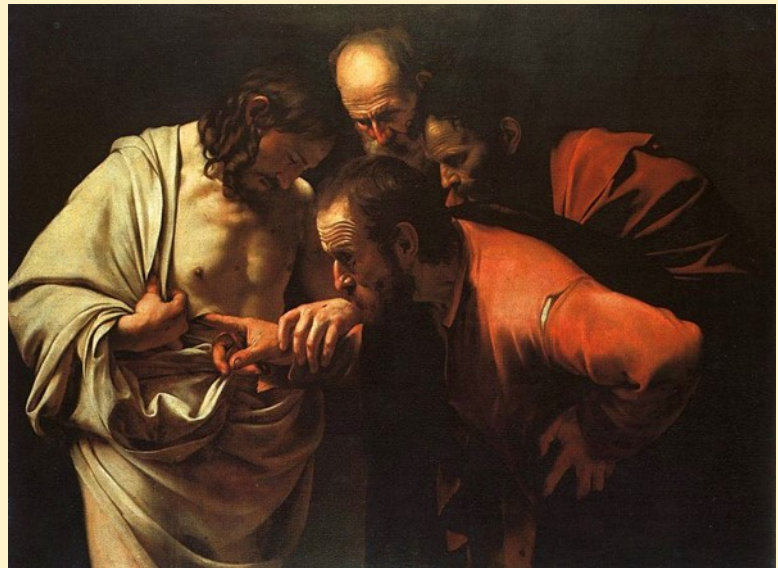
Thursday - St Patrick's
7.00pm
7.30pm Adoration & Confessions

Friday - St Anne's
9.15am

Saturday - St Anne's
9.00am

Sunday:
St Anne's - 8.00am & 5.00pm
St Patrick's - 10.00am

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas - Caravaggio, 1603



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**
Marian Abi Khattar - **Parish Manager & Parish Safeguarding Support Officer**
Eugene Raggio - **Music Director**
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CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - St Anne's
6:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday - St Patrick's
7:30 - 8:30pm

Sunday: half an hour before each Mass



Recently Deceased

Zachary Lerner & family, Samira Abouzeid

Anniversaries

Keith Hendy

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Powell, Maria Joao Rodrigues de Araujo, Jason Dickson, Maria Barbara, Diana Margaret Duguid, Margaret Murphy and Fred Molloy

Special Intentions

Da Costa Family and Allen Family

This Week's Mass Intentions:

Sun 7 Apr: 8.00am Holy Souls
10.00am Pro Populo
5:00pm Holy Souls

Tues 9 Apr: Thomas Brian Sheehy (anniv)

Wed 10 Apr: John Charles McCarthy, Michael & Teresa McCarthy, Mary Agar

Thurs 11 Apr: Holy Souls

Fri 12 Apr: Holy Souls

Sat 13 Apr: Holy Souls

Sun 14 Apr: 8:00am Holy Souls
10:00am Pro Populo
5:00pm Holy Souls


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Parish Primary School



Galilee Catholic Primary School
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From the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

April Feast Days



- 8 Apr:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- 11 Apr:** St Stanislaus
- 13 Apr:** St Martin I
- 23 Apr:** St George
St Adalbert
- 24 Apr:** St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 25 Apr:** Anzac Day
- 27 Apr:** St Louis Grignon de Montfort
- 30 Apr:** St Pius V

Choir



10am Mass - the Choir is in recess
At 5pm Mass, the choir will sing:
Offertory: Regina Caeli (Aichinger)
Communion: 'Alleluia' (Randall Thompson)

Men's Night



Our next men's night will be held on **Monday 8 April at 6.30pm at St Anne's.**
Fr Ninian Doohan, from Edinburgh will be our guest speaker. He is a priest of the Edinburgh Oratory in Formation and will be speaking on the lessons to be learned from the Carmelite saints and the particular riches of Carmelite spirituality.

A timely reflection on God's divine mercy by Deacon Bill Pollingue

In the Roman Catholic Church, Easter has always been a celebration of the great love that God has for His Creation. A love that was shown when the Divine Son became incarnate and dwelt among us, sharing in our lot, showing us the way to the Father, and making the perfect offering in atonement for our sins.



On the First Sunday after Easter the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast based upon the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina. In extending this Feast to the entire Church, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the resurrection context of Easter, citing St. Faustina's diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In describing this feast, Blessed John Paul II says: "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which it offers to all humanity."

The first epistle of St. John declares to the entire world that "God is love;" and in his encyclical letter Rich in Mercy, St John Paul II wrote "Mercy is love's second name." If we understand mercy in the Biblical sense, then without any fear of error contrary to the faith, it can be said, as John Paul II said, that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. This Biblically formulated relationship between love and mercy is expressed by St. Faustina when she says: "Love is the flower, mercy the fruit."

Divine Mercy is the form that God's eternal love takes when He reaches out to us in the midst of our misery and our brokenness. Whatever the nature of our need might be — sin, guilt, suffering, or death — He is always ready to pour out His merciful, compassionate love for us, to help us. Where there was only despair, loneliness, and heartache before, comes joy, fruitfulness, and abiding love.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

We must realize that God does not do anything in portions. He is infinite and the amount of His Divine Mercy available to us is infinite. The only limiting factor is us. The more we trust in Jesus, the more graces we will receive and the more all will come to share His joy. This is the message Jesus is giving us through today's devotion to his Divine Mercy, a mercy which he tells us is unfathomable and which he wants us to spread throughout the world through our own actions and love for others.



100% Tax-deductible donations for St Elizabeth's Hospital

St Elizabeth Hospital is an 85-bed charitable Catholic hospital located in Hyderabad, Pakistan. Its mission is to provide the best possible quality health care at the lowest possible cost with a preferential option for those in greatest need; to provide the highest level of Mother and Child care; and to be the leader in Hyderabad in providing Palliative Care.

We are pleased to support St Elizabeth hospital in its mission and this worthwhile cause. If you would like to join us in making a donation, you can do so by bank transfer or cheque.

Please note: Whether by cheque or bank transfer, do inform clearly in writing that the donation is for Fr Robert McCulloch - St Elizabeth Hospital Hyderabad and ask for a Tax receipt.

By bank transfer:

Account Name: Saint Columban Mission
BSB: 013373

Account No: 008684451

By cheque:

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About St Elizabeth Hospital



Not only is St Elizabeth a hospital, but a facility for training nurses and midwives to guarantee the future of Pakistani women and babies. St Elizabeth's Hospital was established in 1958 and is a non-profit institution. It is owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hyderabad and is run on its behalf by the Medical Board of the Diocese. Since 1975, St Elizabeth has been staffed by Pakistani personnel.

In 2010, St. Elizabeth Hospital is the sole medical provider for 12,000 people in nearby villages. Free medication is provided. The major health issues that need attention are: provision of ante-natal, natal and post-natal care; infantile anaemia; general medical care for all sexes and age, including diagnosis, treatment, and provision of medicines; TB diagnosis with referral to the TB care center to the Government TB Sanatorium in Hyderabad; Hepatitis A, B and C diagnosis and treatment; treatment of common ophthalmic and skin conditions and diseases. In 2020, the hospital is providing free health care to 50,000 people. For more, please watch the youtube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGnUJ962wKA>

Reflection: St Thomas and the benefits of doubt

By Karl Gustel Wörnberg, Catholic Herald



Doubting one's faith can be considered a sign of weakness. I have even heard it referred to as "pathetic" by Catholics when they encounter someone who says they struggle with doubt. Doubt, however, is a corollary of faith, as Scripture shows. Israel, the very name for the land of the people of God, means "to wrestle with God". It is easy to make light of the reality of doubt, instead of seeing the necessity of tackling it head-on

and even seeing the fruits that it may bring.

When Christ had fulfilled His promise of dying on the Cross and rising from the dead on the third day, we find Him presenting Himself in a glorified state to His faithful Apostles. Yet, even after many years of fellowship and camaraderie, one Apostle betrayed Him, one denied Him and a third doubted Him. This doubting Apostle is, of course, St Thomas. He tells Christ he is not sure this man in front of him is truly the same man he had known, walked alongside and eaten with. Christ asks him to approach Him, put his finger in His side and recognise Him.

St Thomas obeys and believes; "blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe", is Christ's reply. This is often read as a rebuke of St Thomas, but another interpretation is possible. Earlier the Apostles had doubted Christ and he responded with an admonition: "oh ye of little faith". But this did not mean that the doubts of Thomas and the others could not be remedied. Some do not need to see, some are more easily convinced, but St Thomas needed the extra aid and he was offered it. We often recognise that faith is not a mere emotion, constant and warm. In the Anima Christi prayer, we say "in your wounds, comfort me". There, like Thomas, we can find solace in Christ's pierced side: in the very real, physical nature of a mutilated body, a well-spring of redemptive blood, we find our consolation – not in the comforts of pleasant feelings.

Doubt is, therefore, a form of faith. This statement might strike some readers as contradictory, but a moment of reflection will show that this must be the case. To doubt is to have a doubt about something, to stand in relation to something. You must have a good degree of faith in order to doubt it – otherwise, you would reject it and no longer have faith. We do not speak of those who lack faith as doubting, but rather as rejecting faith. You might doubt Christianity's claims to truth, regarding it from a sceptical posture, yet you do not doubt your faith in this case, for there is no faith to begin with. Moreover, doubt helps us relate to our faith, and spurs us on to question it, coming out of the process stronger. If our faith is true, it must be able to withstand any amount of criticism and questioning – in short, any amount of doubt.

Scripture is replete with stories of doubt. Jacob wrestled with God. Christ Himself, according to G. K. Chesterton, seems for a moment to have been an atheist when he called out for His Father who had forsaken Him. And in the Old Testament, we see in the life of Gideon (book of Judges) a man who began in doubt but ended in faith. There is a sound philosophical basis for this association between doubt and faith. In Socrates's Apology, Plato says that Socrates believes that piety is putting the word of God to the test. The oracle at Delphi had said Socrates was the wisest of men, yet Socrates doubted the oracle and wanted to test the claim. This may seem impious, but once we recall the distinction that Socrates (according to Plato) held between opinion and knowledge, it makes sense.

For something to be known, we must make it our own. We cannot merely repeat a tenet, but must challenge it in order to better comprehend it, to find a way in which we can appropriate it and communicate it to others clearly and convincingly without being mere ventriloquists. Browsing Scripture, we may be confronted with many apparent contradictions, which is an invitation to ask questions and see how the whole fits together and what it has to tell us. Even with the magisterium of the Church, this can be a challenging process, peppered with doubts. Yet once we have made the truth ours, we can more readily convey it to others. Similarly, if we have never had a moment's doubt, we can rightly wonder if we have ever truly tested the resolve of our faith.



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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

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

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.

1. 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.)**

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(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 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first 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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

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

