

# St Anthony's Parish

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27<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

## CHURCHES

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## RETIRED IN THE PARISH

Fr. John Darbyshire



## POPE FRANCIS *Jorge Mario Bergoglio*

(17 December 1936—21 April 2025)

Pope Francis will be remembered as a man of simplicity, humility and compassion, according to Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. He said the pope's death would be received with "great sadness" by Catholics and by people the world over. Pope Francis was elected the 266<sup>th</sup> pope of the Roman Catholic Church in 2013. Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1936, he was the first Jesuit to be elected pope and the first non-European in 1000 yrs.

*Pope Francis' funeral televised live from 6pm AEST Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.*

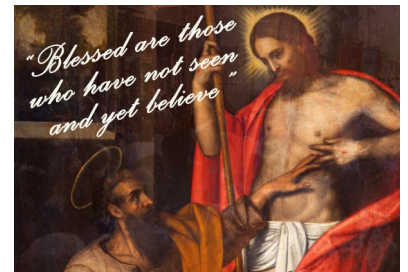
### *Living in "the Eighth Day", the Time of the New Creation.*

The liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. This weekend we celebrate the second of the eight Sundays of the Easter Season. The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Again, it is the first day of the week, evoking the first day of creation. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from Jesus the gift of the Holy Spirit and are sent in their turn to bring peace, to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. What Jesus is sent to do, the disciples are likewise sent to do.

This story invites us to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing. To refuse forgiveness or to "retain" the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. Those who refuse to forgive others have often failed to forgive themselves for their own shortcomings.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas seems to trust only his own first-hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. They then make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else already knows. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. We all need time to grasp what it means to say that Christ has been raised and, even then, we will not understand fully. Biblical scholar, Margaret Daly-Denton notes that, in the Jewish tradition, "the eighth day symbolized the aeon to come". Like John's community we live in "the eighth day", in resurrection time, the time of the new creation. Easter faith invites us to keep living into that reality and to break through the human-constructed barriers, even as we recognise that the full realisation of the new creation belongs to an unknown future.

Veronica Lawson RSM



## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS: KINGSCLIFF 5:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00—4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25am

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April **St Peter Chanel**, priest, martyr

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April **St Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May **Sts Philip and James**, apostles

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 2025**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave). It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy. This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us. This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

## THE EASTER SEASON



The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as on Feast days. The Sundays of this season rank as Paschal Sundays i.e. Second to Sixth Sundays of Easter and the Ascension. During the Easter Season the Paschal Candle Stands beside the Ambo.



## CELEBRATIONS



### Christian Initiation

Congratulations **Kate Stone** received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

### Baptism

We welcome **Zane Willems** baptised this week at St. Anthony's Church.

### Marriage

Congratulations Rowan Donnelly and Emma-Jayne Brown married this weekend at St. Anthony's Church.



## JUBILEE OF TEENAGERS (25-27 April)

The Jubilee of Teenagers celebrates those aged 13-19, recognising those years as vital in the formation of the person, and highlighting the joy and enthusiasm of teenagers.

### PRAYER

*Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer. Look with favour upon all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world. Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church. Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may "journey together, young and old... to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom."*

*\* Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission. Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore. Amen.*

*\*Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 199  
(From the USCCB's Guidebook for the Global Celebration of Young People)*

## JUBILEE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (28-29 April)

The Jubilee of People with Disabilities is a moment to reaffirm that every person has a place in the Church—not despite their differences, but because of them.

### Please remember in your prayers:

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul Smith (Rosie Carroll's brother), Hugh Azzopardi, Greg Philipson, Rachel Jones

#### ANNIVERSARY

Tony Byrne, Bishop John Satterthwaite, Lyn Prince

**ALSO** Jim Hession, Archie Burns, Philippa Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Les Andrews, Maria Andrews, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, Fr. Tom McEvoy, John Perkins, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of Legion of Mary throughout the world.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Neville Morrin, Matt Gallagher, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, Tara Selvakumaraswamy, James Heath, Kathleen Conaghan, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Kerrie Biddulph, Don Ping Kee, Marie Therese Collins, Martin Fitzhenry, Jayden Paulson, Gerard Paulson, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella (6yrs) and Skylar Kellehear (8mths).

Names removed after a considerable time. Please advise the parish office if you wish for names to remain.



## VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING A CATHOLIC RESPONSE *Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April*

All parishioners are welcome to learn about the recently introduced Voluntary Assisted Dying in NSW and the Catholic response.

The session will cover Catholic commitment to quality end of life care, an outline of the NSW law and some global perspectives on assisted dying.

The presenter is Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley, who is a deacon in Ballina parish and a theologian. He has worked for a time in the Catholic health sector and taught theological ethics.

The session will be held at St Anthony's Parish at 10am and at St. Joseph's Parish at 4pm on Wednesday 30th April. *To help us plan for hospitality, please advise your attendance by email.*

**ST. ANTHONY'S, KINGSCLIFF: 10.00am**  
PARISH MEETING ROOM (RSVP: [parkings@bigpond.com](mailto:parkings@bigpond.com))

**ST. JOSEPH'S, TWEED HEADS: 4.00pm**  
PARISH HALL (RSVP: [tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au](mailto:tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au))

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ELECTION STATEMENT

### *Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee*

An excerpt from the statement: As Catholics, we have an obligation to form our consciences through reason, Sacred Scripture, and Church teachings so that, in the words of St. Paul, we "put on the mind of Christ." Conscience is our inner guide, enabling us to discern right from wrong and judge what is good and just, and we have a duty to follow it faithfully. This demands careful consideration of the facts and the background to our decisions, and a commitment to prayer to discern God's will.

### *Key issues to reflect on before voting:*

- The dignity and value of every human being
- Religious freedom and conscience rights
- Fairness, justice and the common good
- Responsible stewardship of God's creation

In determining our electoral choices, Australian Catholics search always to uphold the sanctity of life, protect the vulnerable, support and strengthen families, promote the common good, and foster a just society where all Australians can thrive.



### UPCOMING DATES—MAY

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT/CHILD MEETING

MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 6.00pm—St. Ambrose School  
TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 6.00pm—St. Anthony's School

BAPTISM WELCOMER 27<sup>th</sup> April Terry & Sherida Sheridan

BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER 4<sup>th</sup> May Cheryl French

RECORDING Tues 29<sup>th</sup> April John Mulhall, Marion Gardner

RECORDING Tues 6<sup>th</sup> May John Mulhall, Shirley Burns

MASS ROSTER	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Kim Dixon
SECOND READING	Peter Campbell
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marion Gardner
OFFERTORY	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
HOLY COMMUNION	John Mulhall, Carmel Atkinson, Shane Martin
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo
<b>POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Peter Smith
SECOND READING	Marie Stott
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler
<b>KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READING	Cheryl French
SECOND READING	Peter Byrne
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Josephine Hortle
OFFERTORY	Faye McCoach, Julia Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Clare Perkins, John Rawson, Catherine Holliday
HOSPITALITY	Julianne & Stewart Barlogio, Shyne Mupunga
DATA SYSTEM	Madeleine Holliday
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane
MASS ROSTER	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READING	Helen Gooley
SECOND READING	Teonie Flynn
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Anthony Luxton
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Shirley Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, Marion Gardner, Robyn Denny
HOSPITALITY	Denise DeVene, Marie Moore
DATA SYSTEM	Helen LeFebvre
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo
<b>POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Patrick Butler
SECOND READING	Michael Carney
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marie Stott
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Amanda Bottle
HOSPITALITY	Catherine Dennis
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards
FLOWERS	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
<b>KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READING	Adam Gallagher
SECOND READING	Trish Spillane
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Mary Rawson
OFFERTORY	Joan Prichard, Yvonne Potts
HOLY COMMUNION	Lynne Bermingham, Gavin Dykes, Angela Finkel
HOSPITALITY	Holliday Family, Peter Byrne
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Hession
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## FIRST READING — Acts 5:12-16

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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 stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
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.**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. **R.**

## SECOND READING — Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

### 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



## ROSARY IN THE PARK

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am,**  
Faulks Park, Kingscliff  
Hosted by The Legion of Mary.

## HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION



Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May after 8am Mass



## THANK YOU!

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