



# St Patrick's Parish Gosford

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,  
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer  
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



**HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE.**



**JOHN 20: 19 – 31**

All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507)

Every time we participate in the sacraments, God pours forth "a ray" of His "merciful grace". This season, I encourage you to seek more opportunities to "set ajar the door" to your heart by participating more frequently in the sacraments. Consider attending daily Mass or receiving the sacrament of Confession more often. Through God's mercy, the sacraments give us grace to become better people.

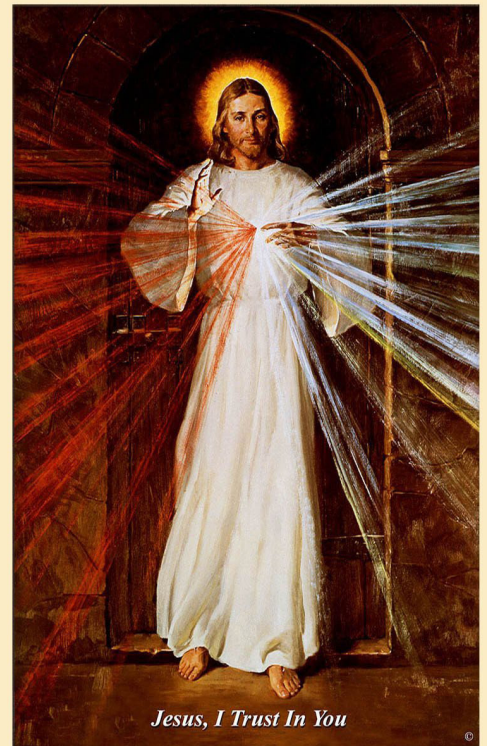
## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

**Sunday April 28.**

**Hour of Mercy from 3:00-4:00pm**

**In St Patrick's Church.**

**Including Adoration, Reconciliation & the Chaplet.**



*Jesus, I Trust In You*



### **FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS**

"Always maintain Great and Joyful Trust."



### **POPE FRANCIS' APRIL 2019 INTENTION**

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend at St Patrick's Parish.**

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

### PASTORAL CARE

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### SALVATORIANI

Society of the Divine Saviour

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### PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Colleen Kirk

Mon - Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday (fortnightly) 8:30am - 1:00pm

Children's Liturgy & Sacramental

Programme Coordinator:

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### VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin: Denise Jay

Judith Myers

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Caretakers: Ron Begg

Tom Brown

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St Edwards College: Mr Mark Bonnici 4321 6400

St Peter's College: Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

### Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

**CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM - 4:30PM.**

### STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Gosford:

Monday: 9:00am Thursday 9:00am

Tuesday: 9:00am Friday: 12 noon

Wednesday: 11:30am Saturday: 9:00am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am Children's Liturgy: During

9:00am Mass Each Sunday of

School Term.

Somersby, 30 Lutana Road:

Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm

Spencer, Wiseman's Ferry Rd:

1st Sunday Monthly: 4:00pm

### OTHER MASSES

Filipino Mass 2nd Sunday Monthly: 12 noon

Korean Mass Monthly: [Enq: Peter 0409-508-123] 6:00pm

### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 8:30am-9:00am Thur: 8:30am-9:00am

Tues: 8:30am-9:00am Fri: 12:30pm-3:00pm

Wed: 11:00am-11:30am Sat: 8:00am

### RECONCILIATION - 1ST RITE

Gosford:

Mon-Thur: during Adoration

1st Friday of Month Prior to Mass 11:30am

Other Fridays 12:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Sunday: 7:00am and 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi 30 Lutana Road, Somersby:

Saturday after Vigil: 7:30pm

### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

After weekday Masses and 3:00pm Friday

### ROSARIES

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday Thursday 8:05am

Wednesday 10:35am

Friday 11:35am

Saturdays Monthly 8.05am: 1st - For Priests & Religious.

8.05am 3rd Saturday - For Mothers & Abortion.

8.05am 4th Saturday - For Persecuted

Christians and their Persecutors.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Last Wednesday of each Month at 12 noon

### ADORATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Located on Chapel Lane at the Admin Centre

Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm

### GROUP MEETINGS

Bible Study Lectio Divina:

Mondays at 9:30am twice monthly,  
Wednesday at 10:00am in the Jordan Room.

Bible Study 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

RCIA: in Admin Centre 7:30pm Tuesdays.

Contact the Parish Office to register interest.

menALIVE: 7:30pm commencing with Mass

1st Tuesday of Month

9:00am 4th Tuesday Monthly  
in Jordan Room

Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:

1st Thursday Monthly 2pm in Jordan Room

Craft Group - Friday each week of School Term

9:30am - 12:00pm

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

### MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass Time & Place	Intention
Sat 27/4	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Kevers, Knight & Merchant Families.
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Ronald Freeman.
Sun 28/4	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Frank Rozmanec
	9:00a Gosford	Parish Intentions
	6:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance John [Jack] Solomon
Mon 29/4	9:00a Gosford	Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary
Tue 30/4	9:00a Gosford	Return to health Scott McKinnon
Wed 1/5	11:30a Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance Colleen Cartner
Thur 2/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Frank Rozmanec
Fri 3/5	12:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Joseph Vas
Sat 4/5	9:00a Gosford	Holy Souls
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Patrick Holohan
	6:30p Somersby	Parish intentions
Sun 5/5	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Lloyd Woods
	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversaries Anne Vanross & Brian Wilkinson

Loo, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Christopher Graham, Frances Cannon, John Riley, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Denise Smith, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bryan Marks.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim & Mary Ryan, John Van Yzendoorn, Tim Piper, Harry Remfry, Ken Caves, Jim Hastings, Helen Clement, Ric McGuire, Sarah Allen.

#### REMEMBRANCES:

Ronald Freeman, Friquet Family, Bob, Josie & Dian Burgin. Flornce Ranya, Frank Rozmanec, Colin Woods, Keevers, Knight and Merchant Families Tony Lowe, Michael Kokegei.

#### CONDOLENCES:

We offer our sincere condolences to Josie & Ian McGuinness on the loss of Josie's sister, Joyce Piggins who passed last week after reaching the grand age of 96, and her Requiem will be held at St Patrick's at 11.30am this Monday, April 29.

We also offer our condolences to the family of Br Denis Cusack and the Christian Brothers' community following the sudden passing of Br Denis this week.

We also offer our condolences to Angela Stitt and her family on the loss of her mum, Anne Peters, whose funeral was held in Orange this past week.

Finally, we remember Bryan Sharkey in his time of loss of his sister, Margaret Wiltshire who passed recently.

We hold you all in our thoughts and in our prayers.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Brian Graham, Arlene Peters, Kath Ryan, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Brian

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### CANDLE CLEANING IN THE CHURCH

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The wonderful Clem and Marie O'Donovan have been faithfully cleaning the Church Candles for many years and need to retire. The parish owes them a big thank you for their selfless work over the years. We now need volunteers to take on this task of keeping the candles spic n span.

### HEALING MASS AND LUNCHEON - MAY 3

We are beginning on May 3, and every 2nd month after that there will be a luncheon after the Healing Mass. Everybody is most welcome to come together in community and friendship.



### RCIA ... NEW ENQUIRERS ARE MOST WELCOME:

As we are on the precipice of commencing a new programme, now is the time to ask if there is anyone who would like to take up the Catholic faith, or perhaps has been baptised Catholic but not received any further sacraments, to contact either Fr Greg or the Parish Office to determine the full details of the process. If you know of someone who may be

interested, please let them know, as we would be happy to speak with them.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2018/19.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Ian McGuinness for his leadership at RCIA in 2018/19 which culminated in the Reception into the Church of Mark Bennett, and full initiation of both Elle Simpson & Daniel Page at our Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday. It was a joyous occasion for Mark, Elle & Daniel, and the end of yet another successful programme at St Patrick's, and we offer our congratulations to all involved.

### COMMISSIONING OF OUR NEW SENIOR SERVERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

At the 9:00 am Mass today we take a special moment to commission our new Senior Servers, Aaron Cartwright, Alan Dillon, Gerard Nicholls & Katrina Pratt, and also our new Eucharistic Ministers, Kaitlyn Crawford, Regina Fong & Ann Mackson. We are very grateful for their commitment to their ministry and the parish. If you too would like to be involved in ministry, please speak with Father or contact the office.

### BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS @ THE 9AM MASS:

Julia Noma Cremona, Jacob Stuart, Quinn Green, Charlie Butt, Jackson & Hayden Potter, Brianna Hinder.

## IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday April 28</b>	<b>10:30am 7:00pm</b>	<b>Baptism in St Patrick's Youth Group Meeting in Jordan Room sfter 6:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>Monday April 29</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Fundraising Committee Meeting in Admin Centre</b>
<b>Wednesday May 1</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Special Education by Fr David Ranson for Confirmation Children</b>
<b>Thursday May 2</b>	<b>9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm</b>	<b>Mass for Vocations. Salvatorian Colaborators Meeting in Jordan Room Grief and Los Meeting in Jordan Room</b>
<b>Friday May 3</b>	<b>9:30am 12:00pm 12:30pm</b>	<b>Craft Group in Jordan Room Healing Mass with lunch following. Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday May 4</b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Choir Practice in Church</b>

### KIDS CORNER

#### PINT SIZED PADDIES

#### **NEXT EVENT FRIDAY MAY 3.**

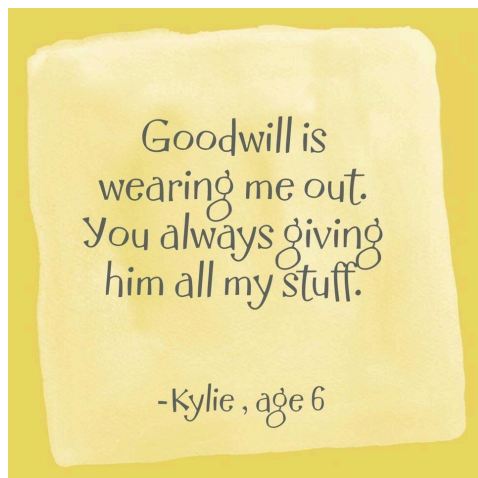
In the School Hall 7:00 pm.

In the school hall. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

#### SCHOOL RESUMES ON APRIL 29

The school holidays are over and children return to school on Monday. We wish them a successful time learning and studying this coming term.

#### KIDS ARE AMAZING



History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children. Nelson Mandela.

Children learn more from what you are, than what you teach. W.E.B. Du Bois

Even if people are still very young, they shouldn't be prevented from

saying what they think. Anne Frank

### SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP



**After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.**

**All proceeds to Charities**

### GENERAL NEWS

#### SPIRITUAL HEALING APPOINTMENTS

#### **SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC**

Sr Scully will be in the Parish on Saturday May 11 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Scully please phone 9810 2499 to make an appointment.

#### MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' BUS TRIP TO THE HUNTER VALLEY.

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 29, DEPARTING AT 9.30AM.**

Come along for a great day out where we'll visit the Marthaville Arts & Crafts at Cessnock & the Monarch in the Hunter, the home of all royal memorabilia, in Nulkaba. \$35 per person, all inclusive - morning tea, lunch, travel and any applicable entry fees. **Call Barb on 4322 0250 to book.**



### SUNDAY BREKKIES ARE BACK ON

#### **1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH COMMENCING, NEXT SUNDAY MAY 5, AFTER THE 9AM MASS.**

All funds raised are returned to the parish. So not only will you be enjoying your breakfast with some friends, but you will be supporting St Patrick's as well! If you are new to the parish, please let us know.

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

#### NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, May 5 after 6:00 pm Mass in the Jordan Room. We have a new and energetic group of young people who are meeting regularly to commune in a spiritual environment to engage in fellowship and positive activities. All youth are most welcome.

#### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, May 5, the new Altar Servers will be Blessed at 9:00 am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers and congratulate them for taking on such an important role.

#### **YOUTH BAND**

The Youth Band are welcoming new members, so if you are musically inclined why not join the band. If you are interested make contact with one of the existing band members or Fr Greg.

## A BIG THANK YOU

To John & Ros Van Lierop who have been working to improve and waterproof the area at the back of the Jordan Room, single-handedly we might say! John and Ros are an invaluable help as they immediately jump into action when they see something that needs doing – and the area at the back of the Jordan Room is just one of the maintenance and improvement matters they have handled for the parish. Well done John & Ros!

## THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

As the Charitable Works Fund final appeal in the 2018/19 financial year commences on the weekend of May 4/5 could you please come prepared to give in your usual generous way, as we have to meet our quota shortfall. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Supporting the CWF puts your gift to work in your local faith community.

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to ensure that there are trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to create the resources and train catechists (Catholic Special Religious Education Teachers) at public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

## SALVATORIAN SEMINARIES COLLECTION TODAY, SUNDAY APRIL 28

Today Sunday, April 28 we will have a special collection at all Masses to help support Salvatorian Seminaries.

Please give generously to help the Salvatorians encourage and foster new Priests in the Salvatorian order. Salvatorians have many seminaries around the world, and they need our help to survive and prosper. Thank you for your generosity.

## EASTER TRIDIUM CELEBRATIONS

We at St Patrick's Parish have been truly blessed this Easter following the dedication and hard work of many parishioners and our super energetic priest Fr Greg. We would like to thank them for their devotion to St Patrick's.

Following are some photos of the various celebrations across the Tridium and our Parish of St Patrick's Gosford and Somersby.

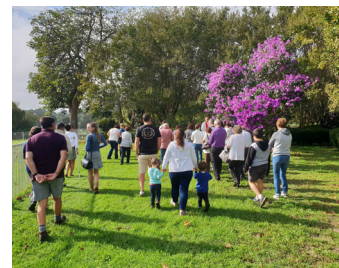
## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, PARENT INFORMATION EVENING -

**MAY 1, 7:30 PM IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Dr David Ranson will be the main speaker at this informative session specially designed to give information about the upcoming Confirmation of your children.

All parents who have children confirmed this year are strongly advised to attend the informative session.

Thank you Frances Bigeni for these images from St Francis of Assisi.



The Lord's Supper Mass at St Patrick's.



Easter Vigil at St Patrick's



Many more images can be seen on St Patrick's Facebook page.

## MOTHERS DAY



We welcome all Mothers to come to Mass on Sunday, May 12. Fr Greg will bless all mothers at all Mass and give them a small gift in appreciation of their dedication of motherhood.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Forms are being prepared in the office for the election of new Parish Council Members. The forms will be distributed at Mass on the 1st Sunday of June and will be collected again on the 2nd Sunday of June. Please put some thought into who you believe will make a good member of our Parish Council and vote accordingly.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the end of May Fr Greg will appoint new members of the Parish Finance Committee who will support him and the Parish in the finances of the Parish.

## DENISE IS ON HOLIDAYS

Bon, voyage to Denise Jay as she flies to Britain on Holidays until early June we wish her well and hope she enjoys her well earned rest.

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5, at the end of all Masses, this year's candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the Parish Community.

Parents are encouraged to attend one of the Sunday Masses to present their children to the congregation.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 10:34. 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.**

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 5:12-16

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 117:2-4. 22-27. R. V.1

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

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

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

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

## SECOND READING

### RV 1:9-13, 17-19

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

**I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## 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

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**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.

## COMMENTARY

The first reading is one of the passages that forms the basis of the idealisation of the early Christian community (cf. Acts 4:32-35). Today's reading offers a collage rather than a picture of the community. It is less a coherent summary than a collection of motifs, even somewhat contradictory motifs. The great accomplishments of the early Christians certainly struck fear in the hearts of some; but they also attracted others. 'Signs and wonders' is a way of describing the mighty works of God (cf. Exod 7:3; Ps 135:9; Acts 2:22, 43; 4:30). Here it refers to the miracles that the apostles were able to accomplish through the divine power bestowed on them by Jesus (cf. Luke 9:1).

The responsorial psalm consists of excerpts from a song of thanksgiving. The refrain ('His mercy endures forever') establishes the psalm's congregational liturgical character. The psalm itself begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. The Hebrew word for mercy (hesed), is a technical theological term, denoting God's steadfast love. The psalmist was under great duress, suffering at the hands of others and being overpowered. God stepped in and saved the psalmist from ultimate defeat. The rescue of the individual is linked to the salvation of the entire community. Although the salvation described occurred in the past, the

Your Roster – May 5, 3rd SUNDAY of Easter Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	04.05.19	05.05.19	05.05.19	05.05.19	04.05.19
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Johann Fernandes	Mark Fawkner	Arthur Holland	Anna Jung	Melissa Monaghan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Johnson Fernandes Peter Young	John McCrae Peter O'Neill	Peter McLean Aaron Cartwright	Ange Stitt Sean Pearson	
<b>Lectors</b>	Jan Blanch Diana Ball	Regina Fong Chris Golden	Neil Murphy Isobel O'Neil	Anne Mackson Barbara McCarthy	Tony Pickup Sarah Xuereb
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Blanch	Ron Begg	Liz Malik	Kevin O'Donnell	Cheryl Barany
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Anita Fernandes Nicole Murphy Diana Ball Jan Blanch Vic Camilleri	Gerard Price Cecilia Coughlin Eunice Dal Busco Regina Fong Pam McCrae	Scott Frazer Molly Holland Helene Hussein Marissa Hussein Paul Hussein	Margaret Pratt Laraine Rowe Jessica Russell Aimee Sands Tom Sands	Nina Lentini Maria Lentini
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alvita Fernandes Annette Fernandes Lorenzo Arango		Cameron Moss Rowan Talbot Lily Talbot Sarah Selim	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden Joey Stitt	Ebony McIntosh  <b>Flowers:</b> Carmel Xuereb
<b>COUNTERS</b> May 6 Fiona Eaton Marie Cradock May 13 Diana Addis Neryl Tyrrell	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> Josie McGuinness Collect April 29 Return May 3	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Eunice Dal Busco Kerryl McGrath Mabel Kan Jo Pugh Sat May 4	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> Viola Kim Millen Shiju	<b>PARISH BUS</b> <b>Driver:</b> John Moriarty <b>Helper:</b> Ros Moriarity	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> Nora Koleszar Michael Lynch

psalmist insists that today is the day that the Lord made, today is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

The second reading is a report of a commissioning vision of the speaker, who was caught up by the Spirit and commissioned by God as were the prophets of old. The function of this vision was twofold: it clarified the nature of the speaker's task; and it conferred divine authority upon it. Since adherence to civil religion was considered the duty of every good citizen, preaching the gospel and testifying to faith in Jesus was considered a political breach that warranted severe punishment. Identifying himself as a Christian, this John makes himself a companion with the others in the suffering that they endure for the sake of their faith. The vision is clearly for the churches, not for any individual.

In the gospel, two resurrection appearances form a kind of diptych with Thomas as the connecting hinge. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians, those who are called to believe on the testimony of others. The faith required of him is, in a way, more demanding than that required of those who actually encountered the risen Lord. Viewed in this way, his doubt is understandable. While we may judge him harshly for it, Jesus does not. Instead, he invites Thomas to touch him, an invitation not extended earlier to the other disciples. The story does not say that Thomas actually touched the wounds, only that he cried out in faith: 'My Lord and my God.'

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