



# CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27TH APRIL 2025

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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Manger with shadow of cross, Photograph by Gino Santa Maria, Photographed on 23 March 2010, Digital photo © Alamy Stock Photo / Gino's Premium Images/ Alamy Stock Photo See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/yr58jt44>

### ***This Week at a Glance:***

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27)

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

**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!*

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41**

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13**

*R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

**Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14**

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

**Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19: Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.**

## MASSES & MEETINGS

### **Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

### **Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:**

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5pm-5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Prayer Intentions Prayer Group:** Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.)

**Little Lanterns Liturgy:** 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend. **Volunteers Needed.**

**Hospitality:** 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

## COMING UP...

**27 APR - SUN: Divine Mercy Chaplet**, 3pm at SOP.

**28 APR - MON:** St Peter Chanel (Memorial)

**29 APR - TUE:** St Catherine of Siena (Memorial)

**02 MAY - FRI:** Eucharistic Adoration recommences 9.30am at SOP, St Athanasius (Memorial)

**03 MAY - SAT:** Feast of Saints Philip and James

**04 MAY - SUN:** Little Lanterns Liturgy (CLOW), 9.30am, SOP (during Mass); Hospitality (after Mass) at both Holy Family and SOP

**08 MAY - THU:** Connect Dinner, 6.00pm, Parish Hall.

**11 MAY - SUN:** Mother's Day, Baptisms

**12 MAY - MON:** Penance & First Holy Communion Enrolments open

**14 MAY - WED:** Feast of Saint Matthias

**EVERY WED: Morning Tea, following 9am Mass, SOP.**

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference**

Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 28th April**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

**TUE: Parish Leadership Team**

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 29th April**

**WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting**

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, 30th April**

**THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting**

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th June**

### **Plate Collections - 20th April**

First Collection: TBA | Second Collection: TBA

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## THE GOSPEL - JOHN 20:19-31

*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.*

### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-16**

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

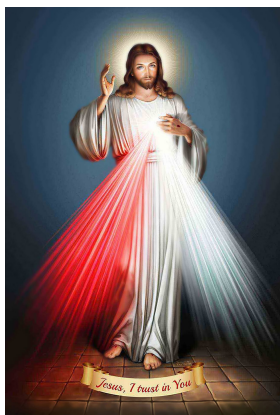
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27**

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

**Second Reading: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19:**

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

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31:** *After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**27 April, 3pm at SOP**

A day to receive God's extraordinary mercy as a church community, as the Body of Christ, as his followers. "It is a time when we are blessed with Divine Mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified".

Join us at 3pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church, Cannon Hill as we pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*.

For more about *The Message* go to [www.thedivinemercy.org/message](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message)

### **Mass Intentions**

**Week beginning 27th April - 9 am**

29/04 Tuesday: St Alfred's, Shatin

30/04 Wednesday: Australian OMIs abroad

01/05 Thursday: Fr General and Council

02/05 Friday: Fr Provincial and Council

*Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish*



**POPE FRANCIS**  
**Jorge Mario Bergoglio**

17 December 1936

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 21 April 2025

*May he  
 Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of Pope Francis: A Humble Servant of God**

With deep sorrow and profound gratitude, we join the global Catholic community in mourning the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th successor of Saint Peter and a tireless shepherd of Christ's flock. His passing marks the end of an extraordinary pontificate, one that touched the hearts of millions and reinvigorated the Church with compassion, humility, and hope.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis broke new ground in many ways—becoming the first Jesuit Pope, the first from the Americas, and the first to take the name Francis, inspired by St Francis of Assisi. His papacy will be remembered not for grandeur or power, but for its unwavering dedication to the poor, the marginalised, and the forgotten. He chose simplicity over splendour, dialogue over division, and mercy over judgment.

Pope Francis led the Church through turbulent times with courage and grace, consistently calling us to be a people of encounter and compassion. His teachings—particularly through his encyclicals *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si'*, and *Fratelli Tutti*—challenged us to care for our common home, seek justice for the vulnerable, and walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

He often reminded us that the Church is not a museum of saints, but a field hospital for the wounded. His pastoral heart, warm smile, and deep trust in God's mercy left an indelible mark on the Church and the world.

As we commend his soul to the eternal embrace of our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of his life and leadership. May his legacy continue to inspire us to walk in faith, humility, and love.

Let us pray for the repose of his soul, and for the Church he served so faithfully:

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
 May he rest in peace. Amen.*



**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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