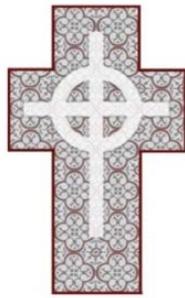


MASS TIMES  
9am Friday  
8am Sunday



# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

RECONCILIATION  
7:45am Sunday  
or by appointment

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year C

28 April 2019

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

*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.*

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 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.)
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 Rv 1:9-13, 17-19**

*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!

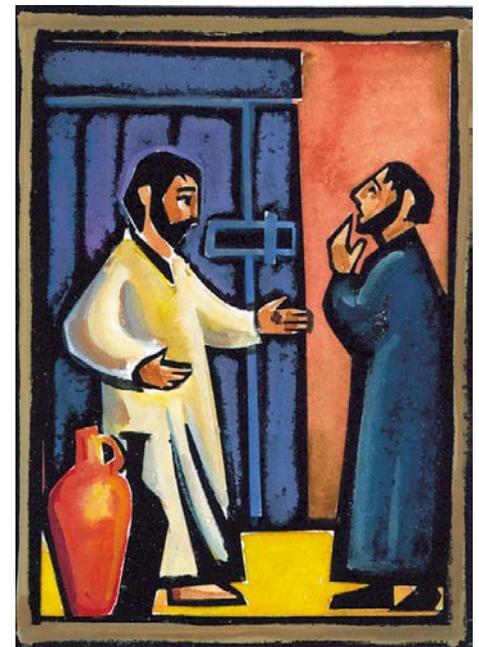
**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

*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.

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story. Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress. We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



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## ENTRANCE

### 424 Holy Father, God of Might

Holy Father, God of Might,  
Throned amid the hosts of light,  
Take our life, our strength, our love,  
King of earth and heaven above.

Hear the songs your people raise,  
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,  
Calling all created things  
To adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,  
Let this blind world see and know,  
Burning in our lives, the sight  
Of its only saving light.

So all men will bless your name,  
And your kingship all proclaim  
Praising with the heavenly host  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## OFFERTORY

### 496 Here I Am, Lord

**Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.  
I have heard you call-ing in the night.  
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.  
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark-ness now  
My hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

## THANKSGIVING:

### 204 I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons.

#### Refrain:

And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world;  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever.  
Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

## RECESSIONAL

### 352 By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord

**By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
All that Adam lost is now restored:  
In your resurrection be adored.**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Sound it to the souls in prison,  
Shout our triumph to the sky:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **(Refrain)**

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Let all times and peoples listen:  
Death has no more victory,  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **(Refrain)**

Death has lost and life has won;  
Every newborn soul we christen  
Now becomes the Father's son:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. **(Refrain)**

# NOTICES

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"Look into my Heart and see there the love which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look and enter into My Passion."

Jesus to St Faustina

**Together we pray:**  
**O Blood and Water,**  
**which gushed forth**  
**from the Heart of**  
**Jesus as a fount of**  
**Mercy for us,**  
**I trust in you.**  
(Diary, 187).



### NEW COLUMBARIUM NICHE PRICES

Please note that there has been an increase in niche prices for the St Luke's Columbarium. The new price for parishioners is now \$2200 inclusive of GST. If you are interested in reserving a niche, please contact the parish office on 07 3324 3222 or [stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au).

### ANOINTING MASS FOR THE SICK

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held at **9am on Friday 3 May** for those who feel the need for this sacrament at this time. Mass will be followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel free to invite others to this Mass who you feel may benefit from the reception of this sacrament.

### WATCH MASS AT HOME CHANNEL 351

#### St Luke's Green Residents

All residents can access a livestream of Masses in St Luke's Church via Channel 351 on their televisions.

**Livestreamed Mass Times**  
**9am Friday**  
**8am Sunday**

## Thank You from Monsignor Peter

I want to thank all those that assisted in making our celebration of Easter such a rich experience of God's grace.

A special thank you to Phil van Brunschot and Sr Sonia Wagner who assisted with leading the weekly Stations of the Cross and Lenten Group.

I appreciate the generosity of everyone who assisted in our prayer and worship over Lent and Easter.

Rejoice, for He has risen!

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- ❖ Death toll continues to rise – about 300 dead and 500 injured from the Easter bombing in Sri Lanka
- ❖ 80 year old Eileen Hearn brings her humble devotion to the Divine Mercy to the suburbs
- ❖ French President and Parish Archbishop vow to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral within five years after blaze

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST JOSEPH



This commemoration, instituted by Pius XII in 1955, proposes the example and intercession of Joseph as worker and provider. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour.

### Contact Local Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sarah Martelli

3324 3222 | [martellis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:martellis@bne.catholic.net.au)

Anonymous STOPLine | 1300 30 45 50

*If you have an item you would like considered for the newsletter please contact the Parish Office.*

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

## Penitential Act

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge  
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the  
sacred mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)  
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**Amen.**

## Gloria (when spoken)

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.**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

## After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.
- OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.
- OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*May almighty God bless you  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Go forth, the Mass is ended.*

**Thanks be to God.**