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## Second Sunday of Easter

11th/12th April 2026

### Gifts of the Risen Christ

The Easter season invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Risen Lord. Today's readings reveal **three precious spiritual gifts** that Jesus offers to His disciples—and to each one of us: **peace, the Holy Spirit, and forgiveness**. These gifts are not merely ideas; they are living graces that transform the heart and renew the soul.

#### 1. The First Gift: The Peace of the Risen Lord

The Gospel opens with the disciples hiding behind locked doors. Fear has imprisoned them—fear of the authorities, fear of the unknown, fear that they too might be killed like their Master. Into this darkness, Jesus enters quietly and gently. His first words are not a command, not a correction, but a blessing:

**“Peace be with you.”**

This peace is the first spiritual gift of the Resurrection. It is not the fragile peace the world gives, dependent on circumstances. It is the deep, steady peace that flows from the victory of Christ. Through His death, Jesus destroyed the forces that steal human peace—**sin, suffering, and death**. Through His Resurrection, He becomes the **Light of the world**, a light that no darkness can overcome.

Even a small candle dispels the darkness around it. How much more the radiant presence of the Risen Christ. A child once told me he was afraid of the dark, but when his father was beside him, he felt strong and unafraid. The presence of someone he trusted gave him courage. In the same way, the presence of Jesus removes the darkness of fear from our hearts.

Throughout His life, Jesus drew strength from His communion with the Father. In every trial, He prayed. Even on the cross He whispered, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” The Father's presence gave Him courage to face suffering and to triumph over it. So too, the presence of the Risen Lord fills us with courage, light, and peace.

#### 2. The Second Gift: The Breath of the Holy Spirit

The second spiritual gift Jesus gives is the **Holy Spirit**. He breathes on the disciples and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This breath is the same divine power that guided Jesus throughout His ministry, strengthened Him in suffering, and raised Him from the dead.

Physical strength may make a person impressive before the world, but the power of the Holy Spirit makes a person radiant before God. The Spirit reveals heavenly realities, inspires holiness, and empowers us to serve with love. Without the Spirit, faith becomes dry; with the Spirit, faith becomes fire.

### 3. The Third Gift: The Grace of Forgiveness

The third gift of the Risen Lord is **forgiveness**. Jesus entrusts the disciples with the ministry of mercy: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." Sin enslaves the heart, but the Risen Christ breaks this slavery. Through the sacrament of Reconciliation, He washes us clean and restores us to holiness.

Today we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a day when we remember that from the heart of Jesus flow rivers of compassion, tenderness, and healing. His mercy is endless; His forgiveness is complete.

May the **peace** of Christ calm our fears,  
may the **Holy Spirit** strengthen our souls,  
and may the **forgiveness** of the Risen Lord renew our hearts.

Let us walk as Easter people-people of light, people of hope, people transformed by the gifts of the Risen Christ.

#### Readings for this week (11th & 12th April)

##### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

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

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**Gospel Acclamation: John 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 Reading: John 20:19-31**

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

#### Readings for next week (18th & 19th April)

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33**

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11**

*R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.*

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

#### Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rosemary Ryan, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, D Wilde, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Jenette Escrit, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Rogers, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt & Janine Monteath.

*We remember and pray for those who have recently died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

Betty Plunkett (06/04/2024)

Oliver Plunkett (11/04/2003)

Stanley Denis Cahill (11th April)

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

#### Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Romee Marie Baldwin, Miles Laning, and Beau Laning who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this week. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

#### Project Compassion Envelopes

Those who are yet to return their Project Compassion envelopes, please bring them to Mass on Sunday for collection.

Currently thanks to your generous contributions we have collected \$1380.

We appreciate your kind and generous donations.

## CONFIRMATION

### Children in Yr 3 or above who have been Baptised

**1. Parent meeting: Tuesday April 28th 5:30pm Place: St Mary's Church**

### **2. Compulsory Weekend Mass Attendance**

**Mass must be attended over all three weekends.**

**Weekend 1: Saturday May 2nd 6.30pm Mass**

**or Sunday May 3rd at 9.30am Enrolment Masses**

**Weekend 2 Saturday May 9th at 6:30pm or Sunday May 10th at 9:30 am Mass or 5:30 pm Mass**

**Weekend 3. Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Mass or Sunday May 17th at 9:30 am Mass **Receive The Creed****

**Lessons: Tuesdays 1. May 5th 2. May 12th 3. May 19th, -4:pm at Prep Classroom St Mary's School**

**Workshop: Friday May 22nd at 4:00pm at St Mary's Church.**

**Confirmation: Receive Sacrament Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am mass.**

## **Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal**

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.

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## Catholic Leadership Intensive

In these 10 sessions, we invite clergy and laity to come together to explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers.

**When:** 7pm - 9pm Monday evenings

11 May - 27 July 2026 (excluding school holidays)

**Where:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

**Cost:** \$250 per person

- o \$150 per person for groups of 5 or more\*
- o \$150 per person aged 18-35

*\*Price applicable for groups of 5 or more participants from the same Parish or Community.*



**Calling everyone to the Feast of Devine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter  
12th April 2026 After 9:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Church Beaudesert .**

10:30am Benediction / Adoration – Devine Mercy Chaplet – Blessing and Veneration of the Devine Mercy Image. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during adoration.

Did you know that the Lord said that this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation"?

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[stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Mass Times: 13th-19th April**

**Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm — 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.**

**Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068**

<u>Monday 13th</u>	<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	<u>Wednesday 15th</u>	<u>Thursday 16th</u>	<u>Friday 17th</u>	<u>Saturday 18th</u>	<u>Sunday 19th</u>
No mass	Beaudesert	Tamborine Mt	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Rathdowney	Tambourine Mt
	5:30pm	9:00am	7:00am	9:00am	4:30pm	7:30am
		Beaudesert			Beaudesert	Beaudesert
		Adoration			6:30pm	9:30am
		4:30pm				
		Mass				
		5:30pm				

**Our Mission**

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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