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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

11th/12th April 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Easter

### Helped by a doubting apostle

The expression "Doubting Thomas" comes from this remarkable Easter story. The apostle Thomas, one of Jesus's inner circle, was slow to believe in the resurrection. He demanded concrete evidence before he could believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to his fellow apostles. His story offers some comfort to those of us who are always nagged by doubts. With the memory of our Lord's crucifixion fresh in their hearts, the nervous disciples had locked the doors of their meeting room.

They had locked themselves in fear of Jewish reprisals. They were afraid that what was done to Jesus could be done to them. The turning point came when Jesus appeared among them and breathed the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new purpose. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." In the power of the Spirit they left their self-imposed prison, to go out and spread the message of Jesus. In today's reading from Acts St Luke shows them witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

Some people who cannot believe profess to envy those who do. They would like to experience the certainty of believers and share the faith of their parents. And indeed, most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during our spiritual journey. Thomas's recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God's mercy and kindness.

Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures

make us hesitant to try again. Today's gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. "Put your finger here," he said, "and feel my wounds." He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, "My Lord and my God."

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say "My Lord and my God!". *(From The Association of Catholic Priests)*

Blessings, Father Stanley.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A (DIVINE MERCY)

Friday 10th April	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 11th April	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 12th April	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47  
**Responsorial Psalm** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas because you have seen me; happy those who have seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!



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

## WEEKDAY MASS OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Thursday 16th April	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 17th April	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 18th April	Blackbutt	5pm	Mass
Sunday 19th April	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

## ST MARY'S PARISH MOWING ROSTER

After many years of dedicated service, Joe Magee has recently retired from mowing and groundsman duties around St Mary's Church. In the interim we would like to set up a Mowing Roster. If you would be willing to volunteer your services please let Fr Stanley or Kate Williams know. Previously volunteers were rostered on a monthly basis. The Parish does have a ride-on mower available for use. **Enquiries:**

Phone Kate 0459 603 274



## SOUTH BURNETT ALLIANCE MEAL

The parish will be providing the meals through the SBSA on Wednesday 22 April. If you would like to help with mains, please see Eden Baylis, or if you would like to help with desserts, please see Michelle Rutley.



## CONFIRMATION 2026 DATE CLAIMER



Parent information Night - 22 April at 6pm in St Mary's Church Kingaroy.



Enrolment Sunday—26 April during Mass at St Mary's.

## PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Death Anniversaries:** Ada Langan, Mitchell Cronin, Kathleen Bain, Colin Porter, Victor Bain, Lorraine Jelly, Frank Cook, Sr Ella Mangan.

### Prayers for the sick:

**OLHC Parish** - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan.

**St Mary's Parish** - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross.

## ST. MARY'S KINGAROY WORKING BEE

**Saturday 18th April 2026**  
**7:30am - 12 noon (or earlier).**

We are holding another working bee to clean up and mulch the car park gardens below the St Mary's Church before winter.

Morning tea will be provided. A contribution to morning tea – sandwiches or savouries from anyone unable to attend would be appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you can contribute.



## OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA



The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 10-00 a.m. in OLHC Parish Hall. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

## DATE CLAIMER

Book Launch - 'Captain of His Destiny' - The story of Jim Burns, polio paraplegic and brilliant musician.

Author: Liz Caffery

St Mary's Church and Hall on the 6th June at 2pm

Guest Speaker: Moya Hayden

## CENT AUCTION



As our Cent Auction on 16 May 2026 is getting closer, if you would like to attend would you please purchase your entry tickets in the next couple of weeks as there may not be any tickets left to purchase on the day as numbers are limited. Tickets are \$10 each. This includes afternoon tea. We require numbers so we can finalise catering arrangements. Mike & Kate will be at Mass each Sunday selling entry tickets and tickets in the raffle. There are 5 great raffle prizes with tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please continue to support this fundraiser with all proceeds going towards the cost of painting of the church. Thank you. Karen and Kate