

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

12 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

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

(R.) Alleluia.

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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. 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.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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 *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

12th of April 2026

RIP Fr. Grant O'Neill

Funeral Details

The Requiem Mass for Fr Grant O'Neill will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, at 11.00am.

The Requiem Mass will be livestreamed, please find the link here:

<https://www.vividstream.com.au/live/grant-oneill>

The Rite of Committal (Burial) will be at Kilmore Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at Kilmore Catholic Cemetery, 155 Kilmore – Lancefield Road, Kilmore, at 11.00am.

This will be followed by a morning tea, which will be held in the St Patrick's Primary School Stadium. Please bring a plate to share, these can be dropped off at the stadium from 10am.

The Parish Memorial Mass will be at St Patrick's Church, Kilmore on Sunday 19 April at 10.45am. Fr. Tony Kerin VG will come to Kilmore and together with the community celebrate this memorial Mass.

A memorial book will be available at each church from this weekend, so that parishioners can write a message or story that they would like to share about Fr. Grant. An email address has also been set up memoriesoffrgrant@gmail.com, if you would prefer to leave an email message/story. All messages are to be sent through by Friday 17/4/2026, so that we can collate them all and we will pass these messages onto Fr. Grant's family at Mass on Sunday 19th April.

Building the Synodal Way Together

During the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- **Discerning pathways forward**, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission was held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday to Friday, for private prayer.

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

8.15am, Tuesday to Saturday before 9am morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 11 Apr : SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 12 Apr: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Divine Mercy Mass, St. Patrick's
(Confessions 10.50am -12.15pm,
Benediction 12.15pm)

Mon, 13 Apr: MONDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

8.30 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Tue, 14 Apr: TUESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 15 Apr: WEDNESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (*please note
NOT at Our Lady of the Way*)
11 am Burial of Fr. Grant O'Neill at Kilmore
Catholic Cemetery followed by morning
tea at the St Patrick's Primary School
Stadium

Thu, 16 Apr: THURSDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 17 Apr: FRIDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 18 Apr : SATURDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 19 Apr: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Memorial Mass for Fr. Grant O'Neill,
St. Patrick's
12 noon Baptisms, St Patrick's

Thanksgiving Envelopes: Please do not split your
Thanksgiving envelopes in half. Please keep them intact
and write the amount on the front.

Cemetery clean-up: Despite the cancellation of the Pre-
Easter working bee, because of the weather, a big thanks
to those who came back later and in the following days, to
clean up the cemetery. **Brian**

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The
Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation
would be appreciated.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian
O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region,
Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or
Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

Parish Sacramental Program 2026—First Reconciliation

Information day: Friday April 24th, 2026 at 4 pm. **Classes:** will be held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of May & 5th, 12th, 19th of June 2026. **Celebration:** will be held at St. Patrick's church on Friday June 26th,
4:30 pm. **Please contact the parish office if you wish to enrol your child into our sacramental program, by emailing:**
kilmore@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>11/12 Apr</u>	<u>18/19 Apr</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	11 Apr	18 Apr
Reader	I. Ross	C. Stokes
EMHC	P. Fleming	J. Dixon
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	11 Apr	18 Apr
Reader	M. Fleischmann	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	V, Barro	M. Fleischmann
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	12 Apr	19 Apr
Reader	M. Carocci	N, Ryan
EMHC	A. Moore	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	C. Banon	M. Hoban
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	12 Apr	19 Apr
Reader	D. Selar	G. Campbell
EMHC	A. Liddle	C. Mathew
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	H. Clancy	J. Jain
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Kim	Michelle Ramsay & family

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased: Fr. Grant O'Neill

Anniversaries

Antonio Rodriguez, Annette Delaney, Joseph John Zanelli,
Peter Carter Snr, Eric Barro, Aileen Mona Shea, Lillian Archer,
Maureen Sharp, Jessie Doreen Lawrence, Peter Searby, Clare
Jones, Mary Buick, Alan Aitcheson, Margaret Allan and all
anniversaries which occur at this time.

Mass Intention: Pray for the intention of Bonnie Hess

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie
Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo,
Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle
Chatfield, Dorothy Yarwood and all people who are in need
of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.
If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the
parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than
yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks
you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.



**If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation
envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass.** Every
contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and
opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside
vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable
futures.

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.