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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish***  P O BOX 600 Tumut  Catholic Community  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~  ~ PARISH NEWS ~  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays ‘after’ Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays “of” Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. The first scene in today’s gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors “for fear” of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his “Father”. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.  The second and third scenes in today’s gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today’s first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into “ordinary time”?

*An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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**Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

**Sunday: 10am (children’s liturgy) Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

**‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am Anointing Mass**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

**‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

**Saturday at 5.15pm**

**‘LITURGY MEETING’**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

**‘PRAYER GROUP’**

**(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

**Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**2nd Sunday of Easter Year B**

**April 8th 2018**

***Entrance Antiphon***

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

***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!**

***Responsorial Psalm***

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

***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am | |
| Acolyte | Anita Mason | Cath Purcell | |
| Reader | Dobbie Family | Howard Young | |
| Commentator | Dobbie Family | John Power | |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | Pat Spannagle | |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | Patricia & Monica | |
| Altar Servers | New Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | |
| Church Care  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  LINEN Bev Piper | -------------------------------------- | | |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th April | | | |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | | 10am |
| Acolyte | Trish Matthews | | Sue Bulger |
| Reader | Carmel Butler | | Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator | Maureen Cook | | Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | | Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | | Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay | | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson & Bev | | |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

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**~ FEAST DAYS ~**

9th April: The Annunciation of the Lord11th April: Saint Stanislaus

**Collection amounts for March 2018**

**D/D $ 2145.00 1st $1997.35 2nd  $1660.10**

**~PARISHNEWS~**

**Reminder to parishioners the weekly bulletin is available on our Web page www.cg.org.au/tumut – please remember to log on for weekly roster reminders if in doubt.** **PARISH STREET STALL** will be next Thursday 12th April 2018 in front of House to Home, volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets, donations of cakes, jams eggs etc would be much appreciated. Please write your name and contact on the list provided in the church foyer if you are able to assist in any way. **TARTHRA BUSHFIRE CAKE STALL** St. Vincent de Paul and our Parish isholding a stall in front of Coles on Friday 13th April 2018 in aid of people affected by the bushfires. If you are able to help on the stall please add you name to the sheet in the church foyer, or if you could help with baking, please take a packet cake mix or two from the basket in the church foyer and drop it at the stall on Friday morning . Thank you for your assistance. **BAPTISMS**  we welcome into our commumity this weekend **Billy James Dean** son ofMitchell and Taliika and **Freyja-Rose Woodman** daughter of Ryan and Rebecca. We pray for all baptism families **SINCERE THANKS** to John & Tiffany Casey for there generous load of wood and hampers to raffle at our stall next Thursday, it is very much appreciated. **~ANOINTING MASS~ Wednesday 11th April 10am**

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh,Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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