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This weekend we celebrate the second of eight Sundays of the Easter Season which culminates in the Feast of Pentecost. In other words, we recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements 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. Again, it is the first day of the week, evoking the first day of creation. 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 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 our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing for all concerned. To refuse forgiveness or to “retain” the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and so unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. Those who refuse to forgive others have often failed to forgive themselves for their own shortcomings. The second and third scenes in today’s gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas 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 already knows. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. We all need time to grasp what it means to say that Christ has been raised. Biblical scholar, Margaret Daly-Denton notes that, in the Jewish tradition, “the eighth day symbolized the aeon to come”. Like John’s community we live in “the eighth day”, in resurrection time, the time of the new creation. *An excerpt by Veronica Lawson*



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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

**Saturday: 6pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

**Talbingo: 8am Communion Liturgy 1st & 3rd 8am Mass 2nd & 4th**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: Adoration 5.30pm Mass 6pm in Chapel**

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

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday: Mass & Exposition 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**Sunday: 9.40am**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

**Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’ (Rosary & Divine Mercy) Still in recess**

 **‘CONTACTS’**

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 ***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.**

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

**2nd Sunday of Easter Year C April 28th 2019**

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 27th & 28th April   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  School Mass  |  Howard Young  |
| Commentator |  School Mass  |  Trish Matthews  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School Holidays |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Seth McMahon & Aidan Turnbull | James Halloran & Zachary Brown |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th May  |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Trish Matthews |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Anita Mason  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Commentator |  Lana Turner |  Howard Young |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Jude & Franz Moreno | Georgie Austin & Alana McInerney |
| Church Care | --------------------------------------- |

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**Feast Days 29th April: Saint Catherine of Siena 2nd May: Saint Athanasius 3rd May: Saints Philip & James**

**Collection amounts for March 2019 1st: $1719.95 2nd: $1615.65 D/D: $2055.00 Church Restoration to date: $1470.00**

**~PARISH NEWS~**

**49th CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL Saturday 4th May 2019.** Special guest is Mr Ray Piper and Matron of Honour is Mrs Leah Ferguson – 24 debutantes and their partners will be presented on the evening. We extend our congratulations to all involved. **THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**  will be held at St. Clement’s Monastery Galong this Sunday 28th April at 2pm starting with Exposition, Confession, Veneration and Mass at 3pm. Please read flyer on notice board for more information. **MOTHERS DAY PARISH RAFFLE** before and after weekend Masses, prize will be draw on Mothers Day after 10am Mass. Proceeds will go towards church restoration. **CATHOLIC VOICE** April edition is now available for your collection.  **LOW** **GLUTEN HOSTS** are available upon request. Please speak to Acolyte or Priest before Mass service.  **SPECIAL THANKS** Fr. George and Fr. Namora would like to generously thank everyone involved that helped make our Easter ceremonies joyous and gracefilled celebrations.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Frances Nugent**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott,John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Tom Sturt, Stan Kenny, Jim & Marie McInerney, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Wallace, Ron, Agnes, William and Michael Blundell, David Bullock, Phillip, Jean and Steven Crampton, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Chris Kelleher, John Furze, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Jim, Mona & Michael Clifford, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Scott Payne, Jamie Nixon, deceased members of the McDonnell Family, Gerard Norman, Mary & Reg Madigan, Sr. Pat Barton RSM, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Brian Rosetta, Andrew Quarmby, Andrew Sturt, Clint Pendergast, Claffey & Wilson families, Brian Ballard, Sharon Cathro, Tim & Amy Twomey, Molly Fuller, Kevin Cowan, Con & Ennis Twomey, Sr. Brenda Twomey, Sr. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. Celine McCormack, Sr. Mary Smyth, Connors, Sturt & Day families, Delores Hamilton, Sam Sturt, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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