

16 April, 2nd Easter, Year A

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For our Deceased: John Stewart, Ray Fairman, Tania Gillett, Pam Woods, Marie Golden, James (Kelly) Griffin, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, (anniversaries)

April 22—23

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Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Mass

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

I am sending you. When we gather for Eucharist the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

Sowing

As the season of sowing is in progress let us entrust the sowing of crops to our Provident and Creator God.

Let us pray; Creator God, bless the seeds that we sow, strengthen them in the gentle movement of soft winds, warm sunshine and refresh them with the dew of heaven. Let them grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. Amen.

If we only see the harvest as a time to be grateful, we miss the opportunity to be grateful for rest, planting, and caring *Mike Martin*

Who is Jesus for me?

“Who is Jesus for me? Is he simply a name? an idea? A person from history? Or is he really someone who loves me, Who gave his life for me, and walks with me?” ... “All that we have in this world will not satisfy our hunger for the infinite. We need Jesus; we need to remain with him, to nourish ourselves at his table, on his words of eternal life. When we are attached to Jesus, in a true relationship of faith and love, we are not bound, but rather, are profoundly free as we journey with him through life.”

Pope Francis

Reflection

“The gospel story about doubting Thomas has to be one of the most misunderstood episodes in the New Testament.

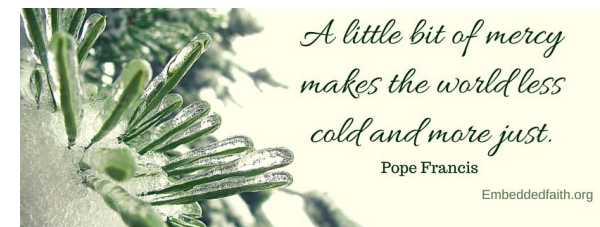
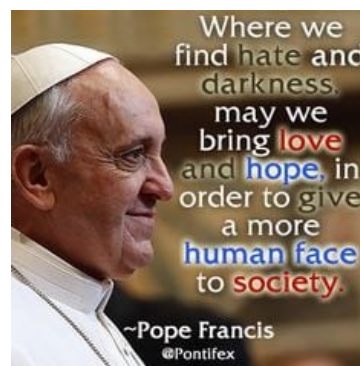
If you're like me, for years we have been consoled by Thomas doubting that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas' doubts were in Jesus, we have been led to believe. But let's read the story very carefully. It's not Jesus Thomas doubts, it's the disciples. In fact when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and like the others he immediately confesses Easter faith.

This story was written for people like us who do not have access to the historical Jesus. The birth of the Church is an ongoing act of God's creation in every generation. It takes time, and people will be at different stages at different moments. Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is only surpassed by our Crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt.” *Fr Richard Leonard sj*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope Francis shares with us his thoughts as we celebrate the Mercy of God on the second Sunday of Easter, “*The joy brought by Jesus,*” added the Pope, cuts through our own failings and helps us embrace God’s mercy and the joy of being forgiven.

Jesus offers us “*a joy that raises us up without humiliating us.*” ... At the same time, said the Pope, our experience of God’s mercy helps us to see the wounds of our brothers and sisters. “*We think that we are experiencing unbearable pain and situations of suffering, and we suddenly discover that others around us are silently enduring even worse things,*” he said. “*If we care for the wounds of our neighbour and pour upon them the balm of mercy, we find being reborn within us a hope that comforts us in our weariness.*” In conclusion, Pope Francis urged all Christians to make Divine Mercy Sunday their own by lending a helping hand or listening ear to those around us who may be suffering.



“*The message of Jesus is Mercy. It is the Lord’s greatest message for me, and I say this with humility.*”
Pope Francis

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