

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Second Sunday of Easter Year C**  
**First Reading**     *Acts 5:12-16*  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thank be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1*  
**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
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.’  
2. 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.  
3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light.  
**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**Second Reading**     *Rv 1:9-13, 17-19*  
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*  
My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me,

and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thank be to God**

**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*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*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.  
*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
The disciples did not purge their group of ‘doubting Thomas’. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story. Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: ‘Peace be with you.’ What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress. We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C**

**FEAR, ANXIETY & LOCKING THE DOOR!**

**Today's Gospel [John 20: 19-31] begins in an atmosphere of fear.** It is Easter Sunday, two days after the death of Jesus, the disciples are inside the house, with the doors firmly locked, because they are terrified, that as companions of Jesus they too will be liable to arrest and punishment. Suddenly **Jesus is standing in their midst, despite the locked doors** – he is not the same as before; he is present in a new way. They had abandoned him in his time of need and yet his first words to these frightened people are **‘Peace be with you!’** ... showing them his wounded hands and side. **The disciples’ fears are gradually transformed into an unspeakable joy.**



David Whyte, a gifted poet, suggests **that doors ‘both frighten and invite’.** Having fear like the disciples is understandable. I imagine Thomas, in today's Gospel, is an ordinary person knotted up with his own fears and doubts. He seems to have his own locked doors. Whatever his reason for locking the door, eventually the door must be opened in order to learn and accept what brings continued growth.

**UNLOCKING THE DOOR.**

Joyce Rupp states: ‘No matter how doubtful, apprehensive, or powerless we feel, we ought to never give up hope of opening what is closed in us....**remembering the Holy One can open even the most heavily defended door as we see with the disciple Thomas** . As the English Mystic, Caryl Houselander, puts it: ‘It is for me that God awaits with open hands, a beggar at the locked gates of my soul.’

St John's Gospel assures us of this today. The secured doors proved no problem for the Risen Christ. Twice he comes through doors locked out of fear. Each time **Love entered the room and freed the Disciples inner barriers...Jesus comes to bring freedom and peace.** This Compassionate Presence urges us to be less anxious, less defensive, less hostile, less glued to protective postures and set ways of thinking. Solitude, taking time and space allows us to begin unlocking our inner doors. Thomas discover this as he finds space and hears the Holy One with fresh insight ... invited to touch Jesus' wounds he is gifted to proclaim: **‘My Lord and My God.’** This week may our locked doors be gradually opened. May we be at peace!

*Marie Weatherall*



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Left We Forget*

**MONDAY APRIL 25TH**

**Upcoming events**

**Church**  
**Cenacle Prayer Tues @ 4.45**

**Saturday Mass will be @ 5pm starting April 23rd and run through winter until October 1st**

**Gathering - Tuesday 26th April @ 9.15am Church**

**Wrap With Love Wednesday 27th April 1.00pm Meeting Room**

**PPC Meeting Wednesday 27th @ 5pm Meeting Room**

**Pastoral Care Commissioning @ 5pm Mass 30th April**

**Craft Group - 10am Thursdays**

**“Enjoy the Good News” Wednesdays after 9.00am Mass**

**Adoration Friday @ 5.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove All Welcome COFFEE N CHAT**



Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions  
**MAY**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service

**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**  
**Mon 25th:** Anzac Day  
Mass 9:00 am  
**Tues 26th:** 5.30 pm Mass  
**Wed 27th:** 9:00 am Mass  
**Thurs 28th:** 9:00 am Mass  
**Fri 29th:** 9.15 am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 30th:** 9.00 am Mass,  
9.30 am Reconciliation,  
5.00 pm Mass  
**Sun 1st:** 9:00am Mass  
5:00pm Family & Youth  
Mass

**ROSTERS**  
**23/24 APRIL**  
**Cleaning**  
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**5.00PM MASS Note**  
**earlier time**  
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Weatherall  
Reader P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers A Rogers  
Computer Screen K  
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Computer Screen D  
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Reader: S Ebejer  
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O'Sullivan  
  
**MORNING TEA:** J  
Barroman & helper

**One Day Retreat**  
with Sr Catherine McCahill sgs at St Bernard's on Monday May 23rd,  
9.15 am registration for 9.30 am start  
- 3.30 pm  
**Theme: "The Hospitality of Gratitude and Kindness"** Cost=free  
**BYO** Pot Lunch to share.  
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Weatherall on 0405 028 057 or  
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**SAINTS of the WEEK**  
**Tuesday 26th-** St Mark  
**Wednesday 27th -** St Louis Grignion de  
Montfort  
**Thursday 28th -** St Peter Chanel  
**Friday 29th -** St Catherine of Siena  
**Saturday 30th -** St Pius V

**30 APRIL/1 MAY**  
**Cleaning**  
2-6 May Favetta/  
O'Neill/Nugent  
**5.00PM MASS note**  
**earlier time**  
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Reader P O'Kelly  
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Computer Screen T  
Priest.  
**5.00PM MASS:**  
Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator S  
Ebejer  
Reader: J O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers A Horsfall  
Computer Screen M  
O'Neill  
  
**MORNING TEA:** M  
Vidovic & Zdenka

**FAREWELL TO FR REX**  
The Parish extends a very  
heartfelt thank you to Fr  
Rex for his support in the  
Parish over the last few  
months. Please join us at  
morning tea on Sunday  
24th after Mass to say  
thank you and farewell.  
  
**FAREWELL MORNING TEA**  
You are INVITED to attend a  
Farewell for Sr Marie on  
Sunday 1st May after Mass.  
A Bacon & Egg Roll  
breakfast will be  
served.  
**All are welcome**

**Remembering the Sick:**  
Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**"ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS"**  
will be resuming Wednesdays after 9.00  
am Mass in the church meeting room.  
**Facilitator: Joe Quigley**  
**Phone 0404 357 744 for further enquiries**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
Sunday 24th April we celebrate  
Divine Mercy Sunday. Please  
join us for a Holy Hour from  
3-4pm in the church

**Help Urgently Needed:**  
Our PC Team Member at Opal will be on Sick  
Leave **from May 4.** We need  
people to visit and take HC to 8 Catholics for  
**two months.** Need current Police Check  
and/or WWCC.  
Phone: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**  
Elderly couple in Sunshine Bay need  
visitation/HC for two months from May  
to July during the week.  
If you can help please phone  
Marie Weatherall  
0405 028 057

**ANZAC DAY MASS**  
A special Mass for ANZAC day  
will be celebrated on  
Monday 25th April @ 9.00am  
**All are welcome**

**MARIAN PROCESSION**  
will be held at Cobargo on  
Sunday 1st May at 2.00pm  
**All are welcome**  
If you can provide  
transport or you require  
transport please put your  
name on the list in the  
church foyer

**Death Anniversaries:**  
Leovigeldo Durano Solamo, Sidney Grant  
Sampson, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson,  
Franciscus Timmer, Leon Pallamountagne,  
Anica Hrstic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons,  
Robyn Albert, Eli Chatfield, Leonard O'Hara,  
  
**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:**  
Michael McNamara, Steven Smith and Petronila Aballe,

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



EASTERTIDE BLESSINGS

During this time of Eastertide let us draw on a reflection of John O'Donohue, an Irish mystic and theologian who died too soon (53) but whose wisdom continues to enrich our lives.

'In the time of Eastertide, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry – old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling – and let us have courage to begin again. Life is very short...let us use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realise fully all the good that we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through the dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.

May the spirit and light of this Easter season bless us all, watch over us and protect us on our journey, open us from the darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration.'



As we gather this weekend we remember and pray for the ANZACs and the spirit of all those who have defended our nation over decades.

...LEST WE FORGET...

**BAPTISMS**  
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May-Elise  
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**THANK YOU**  
A special thanks to all the Liturgy Team who worked tirelessly before and during the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies - Terry Jackson (PowerPoints), Anne Jackson (Ceremonies & Rosters), Anne Scicluna (Sacristan, Altar & Holy Thursday), Elizabeth Barrington & the Choir, the Sacristans & Acolytes and of course our Celebrant Fr Rex and Deacon Eden.  
Let us Rejoice & Be Glad!  
Blessings all - Phil (Liturgy Team Convenor)

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everyone who  
celebrated a  
Birthday this April. May  
your year be full of God's  
love and blessings.

**"Come to the Fair"**  
for Maranatha Aged Care.  
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