

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

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.

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. 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.

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

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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 a 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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks 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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Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds. Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith. We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

Sending Forth... to be the Light of Christ



**Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.*
St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132*

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Resumes after Easter

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 26th April 1pm Meeting Room
All are welcome

Craft Group
Thursdays 10am—
Resumes after school holidays

ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

During this Octave of Easter as we continue to reflect upon and celebrate the Risen Lord we are encouraged to be the light of Christ. We are called to respond to the graces of Easter – the feast that gives meaning to life – to be Eucharist with and for each other. To live our lives transformed by the miracle of the Risen Lord.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the nature of the early Christian community – the fidelity to Jesus' teaching, living life together as a community, the centrality of the Eucharist and prayer. This reading emphasises the impact that this **witness** of a living community had on the broader community – contributing to the common good as taught in Catholic Social Teaching, inspired by the Scriptures.

The emphasis on **community** is central to how we understand ourselves as Christians. As scholars state 'the key actor in the growth and spread of the Gospel is the community of faith – Christ present in the Spirit in the body of the faithful' (Draper,2023).

When the celebrant proclaims at the end of Mass – 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life' – we are impelled by our Baptism and by the way we live our lives in our families, in our workplaces, in our communities and in broader society to serve the common god of all humanity.

This is challenging and sometimes we feel unworthy or doubtful just as Thomas was when Jesus appeared after the Resurrection as recounted in this weekend's Gospel from John. In the Gospel it refers to many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw – where do we see those signs today? Thomas believed because he could see and touch Jesus to which Jesus replied – 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

The gift of **faith** is indeed a gift – it is God's gift to each of us and is strengthened by our commitment and witness to each other – our willingness to 'walk together' and to remember always that 'God is on the journey too'.

*In this season of Easter let us be Alleluia people – the Easter light of Christ shining through us in our everyday – brought to courage in the words of the Psalm
'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting'*

Alleluia!

Phil Billington



MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 17th April- Sunday 23rd April

Monday 17th: No Mass
Tuesday 18th: Mass 9am
Adoration: 8.00am
Wednesday 19th: Mass 9am
Thursday 20th: Mass 9am
Friday 21st: Mass 9am
Saturday 22nd: Mass 6pm
Sunday 23rd: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

15/16 APRIL
Cleaning
17-21 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
Y Oerder, L Rodwell
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer
J McClelland
Commentator
B Basevi
Reader: A Brown
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens C Schor
Computer Screen
T Priest

MORNING TEA:
N Beatty/M deSmet

22/23 APRIL
Cleaning
24-28 D & L May
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: J Anderson
Commentator:
M Bridges
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine, K Lovering
Computer Screen M O'Neill
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L Foran
Commentator .
N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
A Skinner, S Beashel
Computer Screen
T Priest....

MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic & Zdenka

Garden Working Bee at the Convent



Help is needed to weed, prune and tidy up. Bring own implements and gloves.

Date: Sat April 22 from 9-30 am -11-30am.
Enquiries:
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FASHION PARADE And MORNING TEA

A Fundraiser for Maranatha Lodge,
MONDAY 8th
MAY
At



CWA HALL
10..30 am
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DIVINE MERCY MASS & DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY 16TH April
3pm @ Sacred Heart Church,
Moruya

Pamphlets available in the church
foyer

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SATURDAY MASS time
will change to 5pm
beginning first
Saturday of May—6th
May

WELCOME to Fr Renoir
who arrives at our Parish
on Friday 21st April.
Fr Renoir will be looking
after the Parish until
Friday 2nd June while Fr
Loi is away.



BBECET lunch TO BE HELD on Saturday May 6th at 12 noon to raise funds for scripture teachers for our high school children.
Cost = \$25 pp

For further information
contact Angela on 44721099

May Retreat:
' Search and you will find ...called to be everyday mystics'
at St Joseph's Convent Chapel on Tuesday May 16th,
9-45am to begin at 10am - 2pm.
Facilitators:
Carolyn Evenden & Marie Weatherall.
Morning tea Provided.
BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch.
Gold coin donation to cover venue cost.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
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Thank you to everyone who assisted with Holy Week. Fr Loi is very grateful for everyone who organized the ceremonies and those who helped to make them meaningful and prayerful.



Remembering the Sick:
Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

APRIL

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. .

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