



'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.

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

12 April 2026

## First Reading Acts 2:42-47

*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.

## 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.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

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.' (R.)
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. (R.)
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.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

*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 spoiled 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 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.

## 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

*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.'



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**SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER, Year A 12 April 2026**

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**WEEKEND MASS & LW&HC TIMES**  
**Adaminaby**  
No Mass until further notice  
**Berridale**  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm  
All other Sundays  
LW&HC 10am Sunday  
**Cooma**  
Mass Sunday 10am  
Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am  
**Except 3rd Friday of month**  
Mass Yallabee Lodge 9.30am  
Mass Hudson House Respect 11am  
**Jindabyne**  
Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm  
Except 5th Sunday  
LW&HC 5pm Saturday  
**Nimmitabel**  
1st Sunday  
Vigil Mass Saturday 3pm  
All other Sundays  
LW&HC at 5pm Saturday  
**Numeralla**  
2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

**Pope Leo XIV – Prayer intention**

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for April focuses on priests in crisis, encouraging the faithful to support them through prayer, understanding, and community care. The Pope highlights the challenges priests face, such as loneliness, doubt, and exhaustion, and emphasizes that they are not mere functionaries or isolated heroes, but beloved sons and humble disciples sustained by the prayers of their communities.



**Sacramental Program – Key Dates for 2026**

Families are invited to note the following dates for this year's Sacramental Program:

- ❖ **Confirmation:** 14 June
- ❖ **First Reconciliation:** 2 July
- ❖ **First Holy Communion:** 13 September

For a detailed information letter, please contact our Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Belinda Wilkins via email:

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**READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/ Year A**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24: 32

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Mass Services your support and commitment is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by a large crowd at Easter.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Week- 13 April 2026**

MON -  
TUE 10am Mass  
WED Mass Bombala Parish  
THU 10am Mass  
FRI 10am Mass  
SAT 3rd Sunday of the month  
5pm Jindabyne Vigil Mass  
SUN 10am Cooma

**REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE**

**We pray for those who have recently departed this life.**

**“We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death.”**  
Fr Dermot Clinton, Norma Love

**Anniversaries & Intentions** for those whom we pray and remember, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace.

We pray to the Lord.

**For the sick within our families, friends and parish community** and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing.  
Patrick Umback -grandnephew of Roslyn Rudd. We pray to the Lord.



Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'  
Jn 20:29



**Prayer of the Faithful**

*Response: (R)*

“Lord Hear our prayer”

**PRIEST:** Strengthened by the message of God's Word, broken for us, we turn to our God for our needs and the needs of all people.

**COMMENTATOR:**

\* For the gift of generosity. (pause).

The first Christians were generous towards one another, sharing what they owned for the love of God. May we too be people of kindness known for our concern for the poor and the helpless and generous in sharing what we have.

We pray to the Lord.

\* For the gift of faith: (pause)

Like Thomas, we long to see the risen Christ. May we grow in faith, recognising Christ in the broken bread and the wine shared – an everlasting sign of God's presence with the people.

We pray to the Lord.

\* For the gift of peace in our time (pause) We pray especially for the Middle East, the holy lands where Jesus lived and taught God's message of universal acceptance. May these intensely religious people find through their holy books, the Bible and the Koran, that their God is a God of peace not war.

We pray to the Lord.

\* For the children of our parish who are soon to begin preparation for the reception of the next step in their sacramental journey that they will be supported by all those close to them. We pray to the Lord.

\* For all who have died during this past week, May they now share to the full the glory of the risen Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

For an urgent commitment to peace negotiations in Ukraine and Iran, let us pray with Mary:

Hail Mary.....

**PRIEST:** God of life and love, your Spirit fills us with confidence. Listen to the prayers we make and grant what we need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Archbishop's Easter Message 2026**  
**The Silences of Easter**

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/the-silences-of-easter-archbishops-easter-message-2026/>

A copy is available at the entrance

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Cooma \$1,199.50 also Jindabyne/Berridale \$446.70

**Caritas Donations to date = \$225 + \$1153.**



**THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



**Please donate today.**

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**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**Sacrament of Baptism -**

Request Forms are available on the Parish website at

[www.cg.org.au/cooma](http://www.cg.org.au/cooma) or can be collected from the Parish Office.

**COLLECTIONS**

THERE ARE 2 COLLECTIONS DURING MASS,  
**1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION IS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA GOULBURN FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRIESTS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION IS OUR PARISH COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH FOR UPKEEP AND RUNNING COSTS**