

# The Living Word

**Second Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**19 April 2020**

## **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 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 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.'



'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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**\*\* ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR TIME BEING \*\***

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Caravaggio – *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, c. 1601–1602.  
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'BLESSED ARE YOU WHO HAVE NOT SEEN,  
YET STILL BELIEVE.' (John 20:31)

### Anniversaries 19- April to 25- April:

Maisie Weston, Joan Delaney, Janice Manley, Pat Kearney, Frank Walsh, Alex Leitch, Mick Shearer, Adriano Missio, Maureen McCabe, Bernie Cook, Amelia Murray, Anna Norgard.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Don Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Tracey Higgins, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Bill Laurie, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Jayden Pickett, Vera Pollard, Mavourneen Ray, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Hugh Tighe, Alby Trask, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

### COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

All public Masses, celebrations and gatherings are suspended indefinitely. All churches and places of worship are closed at present.

**For updated medical advice and news**, please visit:

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<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

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- Please note: Ministry Rosters do not apply at present.

### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH STREAM ONLINE:**

- <http://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au>
- Facebook page: *Holy Trinity Queenscliff*

### **RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:**

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

### **TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:**

- Channel 10 / 10HD *Mass for You at Home* Every Sunday at 6:00am.
- Foxtel 173, Aurora channel: Sunday Mass at 6:00am, repeated at 8:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:30pm.

### **SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE:**

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- [www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)
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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter

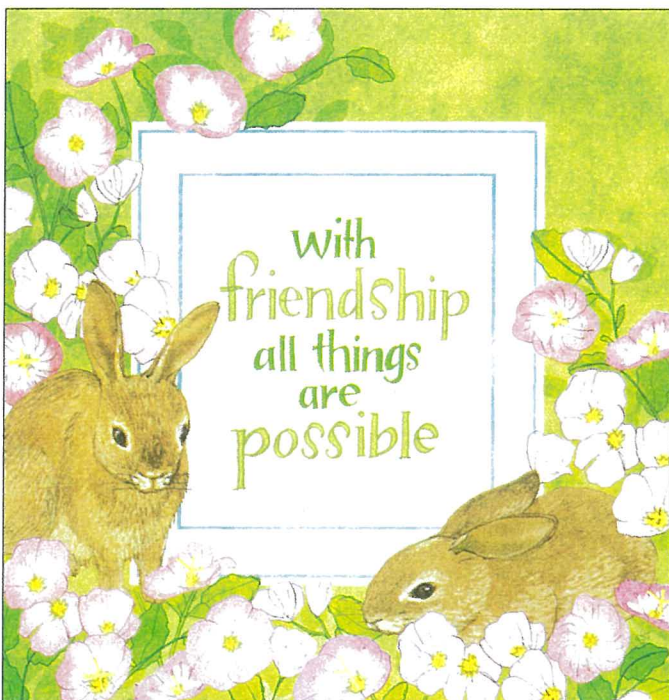
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC DAY

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Thought for the Week:*



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