



'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 Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

11 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

- 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.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- 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 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are 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.'

CONGRATULATIONS

Sam & Carmel Montalto

On their 30th Wedding Anniversary
Celebrated on 7th April 2021
GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU BOTH

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Pace, Fred Schembri, Marie Jonas

RECENTLY DECEASED

Evelyn Thy

ANNIVERSARIES

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 18 April 2021 at 12 Noon

Leo Gneski

Charlotte McDermott

Lily Rahill

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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Account Name: St Peter's Church Account
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EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassions boxes or envelopes as soon as possible.

REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 17/18 April, open Monday morning, 12th April at 9.30am and close Saturday 17th April at 3.00pm. The link to book is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOATL>

PARISH NEWS

EASTER 'THANK YOU'

Again, I thank all who participated in the Easter ceremonies and helped make them meaningful for our Parish community and visitors. My thanks to our liturgical ministers, musicians, singers, altar decorators, altar servers, audio visual presenters, collectors, greeters, mass attendance markers, counters, flower arrangers, and all who volunteered in any way. It was very much appreciated.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

ST PETER'S PARISH & PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS - SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021 FROM 10.30AM

We will recognise our 50 Year Anniversary jointly on Sunday, 2nd May, when Archbishop Peter Comensoli will come to celebrate our Jubilee Mass at 10.30am. Following the Mass, we will gather for refreshments and be entertained by St Peter's school children who will be performing a Harmony Dance. You will need to Register your place for the Mass and if you are staying for refreshments afterwards (see clipboard in narthex). Please invite your families and other former parishioners who have moved away over the years. They are most welcome to join us. There will no other Masses celebrated in the Parish that weekend (no 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 8.30am or 5.00pm Sunday) so we are hoping everyone will make an effort to attend this wonderful occasion.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 11TH APRIL

Concluding 9 day Novena with Confessions commencing at 1.30pm followed by Adoration, Rosary, Litany and Holy Mass at 3.00pm. (No 5pm Mass on this day). *No online bookings, however you must leave your name and contact details, prior to entering the Church.* "ALL WELCOME"

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Morning Mass at 9.15am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, resumes this week. Wednesday 7.00pm Mass resumes Wednesday 14th April. Sunday 5.00pm Mass resumes on 18th April.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

According to the tradition of the Catholic Church, all the houses of the believers are sprinkled with the blood of the lamb (the newly Blessed Holy water) as a sign that we are resurrected with Christ. This is done from Easter to the Feast of Pentecost. If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the parish office.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH CONCLUSION

The final meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 13th April** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Please stay for a cuppa after the meeting.

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Recommences Mondays from 12th April from 10.00am until 11.30am, in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. **New members are welcome.** Please contact Margaret Walsh on 0401399577 for further details.

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Has recommenced for friendly cuppa and chat, bingo and occasional outings. BYO lunch. Meets Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10.00am until approximately 1.30pm. **New members are welcome.** Please call Theresa Zarb on 0400777368 for further information.

SURVEY FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We have been requested by the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to complete a Survey which will help them to better understand the needs of volunteers and how best to support those engaged in ministries and how best to encourage others to volunteer. Instructions on how to complete the survey will be available on the table in the narthex and you can take a copy with you, or you can complete the survey by selecting the link or by scanning the QR code on your mobile device. If you do not have a computer or mobile phone, please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange for you to come into the office next Tuesday or Wednesday, to complete the survey on a computer here. Responses need to be submitted by close of business on 16 April, and is not compulsory.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday, 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 commences Monday, 19th April

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.