



'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 readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

24 April 2022

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

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.

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.*

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 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.)
- 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.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

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.'

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.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Ellen Burnside

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ivan Mance, Gaspare Aquino

ANNIVERSARIES

Elila Bianchi, Cesidio Danese, Michele Cornacchia, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Vincenzo D'Agostino

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 24th April 2022

Lincoln Nguyen

Alyssia Nguyen

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you very much to those who donated towards our Easter flowers. The Altar looked so lovely over the weekend.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the Parish Office.

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, counters, flower arrangers, RCLA team, and all who volunteered in any way. It was very much appreciated.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION – Sunday 24th 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). **“ALL WELCOME”**

ANZAC DAY - 25TH APRIL

Monday, 25th April is Anzac Day. We will have Mass at 9.15am and especially welcome all ex-servicemen and women to join with us in praying for all the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us. *Let us Forget.*

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Morning Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday resumes this week, with 7.00pm Mass on Wednesday, 27th April. Sunday 5.00pm Mass resumes on 1st May.

CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S

Next Friday, 29th April at 5.30pm & 7.30pm, Candidates from St Peter's Parish Primary School will be Confirmed by Bishop Terry Curtin. We congratulate and pray for all Candidates together with their sponsors, teachers and families.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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

HOLY PLACES

The annual Holy Places collection on Good Friday raised \$1,243.80. Many thanks.

Congratulations

Pam & Max Symington

on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
24/04/22

MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10.00am until approximately 1.30pm. **New members are welcome.** Come for a friendly cuppa and chat, bingo and occasional outings. BYO lunch. Please call Tess Zarb on 040 0777 368 for further information.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

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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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!

We welcome back all students, teachers and School staff.

Term 2 commences Tuesday, 26th 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.