



'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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Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

16 April 2023

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.

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maryanne Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco & Celeste Albano, Orazio Cesile

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, 12TH MAY

Mother's Day Dinner – details to come.

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 \$786.95. Thank you for your generosity. Please return any envelopes by next weekend.

PARISH NEWS



DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION – Sunday 16th 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”

‘GOODBYE & THANK YOU’ FR. ANANDA

We have been fortunate to have Fr. Ananda with us for the past 2 months. We thank him for sharing the Word of God during his short time at St Peter's and wish him well at his new Parish in Greensborough.

May God bless you Father Ananda

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, RCIA team, and all who volunteered in any way. It was very much appreciated.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

MASS TIMES AT ST PETER'S

The 9.15am Morning Mass resumes Tuesday, 18th April and 5.00pm Sunday Mass resumes Sunday, 23rd April.

Congratulations

Father Arockia Sebastian

17 years ordained a Priest
Sunday 16th April 2023

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FR. SEBASTIAN

MOONEE VALLEY ALPHA for Young Adults is launching at St Monica's Church (Symons Centre) on Sunday nights from the 23rd of April 2023! So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>. For enquiries, please contact Adam 0469583228 or mooneevalleyalpha@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY - 25TH APRIL

Tuesday, 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. *Lest we Forget.*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - “Live Your Best Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details. 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 commences Monday, 24th April.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 25th 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.