



'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

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

7 April 2024

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.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonia Attard, Ivan Mance, Francesco Maurici, Colomba Maurici, Giuseppe Maurici, Antonio & Rosa Maurici, Giovanni Luca, Giuseppe & Angela Sidari, Angela & Luigi Sudano

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 contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st April 2024

Sophia Usai

Lily Azzato

Sebastian Kalabrezos

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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EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you very much your kind donations towards our Easter flowers.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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

PARISH NEWS



DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION – Sunday 7th 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”

Prayer to Divine Mercy

God's love is the flower – Mercy is the fruit!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible,

look kindly upon us

and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair

nor become despondent,

but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Jesus, the Risen Lord,

Divine Mercy, I trust in You!

Amen.



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 sincere thanks to our Liturgical Ministers: Commentators, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Sacristans, Greeters, Singers, Musicians & Altar Servers. Our Powerpoint Presenters, Collectors, Flower Arrangers, RCIA team, Parish Groups, Counters, Cleaners, Maintenance team and all who help in any way. It is always very much appreciated.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

MASS TIMES AT ST PETER'S

The 9.15am Morning Mass resumes Tuesday, 9th April and 5.00pm Sunday Mass resumes Sunday, 14th April.

HOLY PLACES

The annual Holy Places collection on Good Friday raised \$1,266.15. Thank you for your generosity. Please return any envelopes by next weekend.

CONFIRMATION FOR ST PETER'S YEAR 6 STUDENTS – 19TH APRIL 2024

Please pray for children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19th April. It is lovely to see the children attending the Mass. Thank you to the parents for bringing them and allowing them to continue to grow in their faith journey and to their teachers for preparing them.

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT presented by St Monica's Prayer Group, is your opportunity to deepen your Baptismal Graces and increase the Gifts of the Holy Spirit conferred on you at your Confirmation. This eight-week seminar began Thursday 4th April, 7-9pm, Symons Centre, Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. Contact Gerald 0415275446, Frank 0415144916, Adrian 0403512936.

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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)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 commences Monday, 15th April.

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