

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) / B

7 APRIL 2024

‘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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

As we bask in the light of resurrection, today we see two witnesses to the resurrection, and the transformation of lives.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume attributed to Luke, and it presents to us a changed way of living. Firstly, the whole group of believers are described as ‘of one heart and soul’ (v. 32). The apostles appear as testifying with great power to the resurrection and ‘great grace was upon them all’ (v. 33). The remarkable addition here is that they shared everything in common, sold property and distributed funds so no-one was in need (v. 34-35). This radical transformation of their way of life is not a defining feature of our communities today, even though adopted by many religious congregations throughout the Church’s history. While not diminishing the great charitable works operating today, this way of life remains a challenge to us in a world where rich become richer and poor increase in number and poverty.

In juxtaposition to the Acts account, the Gospel outlines the appearance of Jesus among the apostles and the repetition of ‘Peace be with you’ (vv.19, 21). In this gathering behind closed doors, Jesus tells the apostles that he is sending them out. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, commissioning them. Eight days later in the same room Jesus arrives saying once again ‘Peace be with you’ (v. 26) and here is the experience of the doubting Thomas, forever recorded for anyone who might doubt that the resurrection happened and is real.

How will our lives be transformed by the resurrection?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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 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. 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.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / 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

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.’



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MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>6/7 Apr</u>	<u>13/14 Apr</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	6 Apr	13 Apr
Reader	Peter Kelly	Chris Stokes
Eucharist Minister	Cath O'Dwyer	Brian O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	6 Apr	13 Apr
Reader	Rianne Emmanuel	Assumption College
Eucharist Minister	Clare Clancy	Marg Fleischmann
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Ben Boyd
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	7 Apr	14 Apr
Reader	Lucas Carroll	John Dixon
Eucharist Minister	Kate Archer	Marg Chatfield
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	7 Apr	14 Apr
Reader	Fetu Thompson	Tanya Sullivan
Eucharist Minister	Tracey Brincat	Terry Cooney
PowerPoint	Selina Buckley	Annette Moore
	Fetu Thompson	Rosebelle Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	7 Apr	14 Apr
Reader	Kath Pirie	Anita Mathew
Eucharist Minister	Chandy Mathew	Ian Pirie
PowerPoint	Nadeesha Mendis	Sandra McCaughey
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Pauline Duff	Carry Eid
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Leonie Dunlop	Arthur Donovan
	Rose Rich	
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Messer, Patricia Stagno Navara, Houston Scully, Hector Navarro, Gordon Howells, Irene Murphy, Aileen O'Dwyer, John (Jack) Sheehan, Anne Zwarts, Antonio Rodriguez, Annette Delaney, Joseph John Zanelli, Peter Carter Snr, Eric Barro, Aileen Mona Shea, Lillian Archer and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Br. Ronald Campbell

Wed 10th Apr: Pray for Susan Foster and her loved ones.

Making time for God: Back to Basics (Women's Retreat)

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga is offering a **free**, one-day retreat for women at St Mary's Church in Castlemaine. The day includes Mass, adoration, Confession, two spiritual reflections by Fr Dean Mathieson and a Q&A session, and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Lunch and refreshments provided. Bookings are free, but please register for catering purposes. Sat 20th April 2024, 10am–3.15pm. St Mary's Catholic Church, 76 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine.

OUR LADY OF THE WAY SCHOOL 2024

Well already we are a quarter of the way through the year, and what an eventful term we have had at Our Lady of the Way. We have welcomed 104 Foundation Students as well as 30 plus new students into Year 1 to 6. This means that our total enrolment at the time of census (29th February) is 678 students, coming from 464 families.

Throughout the term we have celebrated our Opening School Mass, participated in a Family Maths Night, sent our Year 6 students off to Camp, prepared a number of students to celebrate their First Reconciliation, organised and implemented NAPLAN for our Year 3 and Year 5 Students, enjoyed our Wellbeing Day focussing on our Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, reflected on The Way of the Cross Liturgy and After the Cross Liturgy and of course got very colourful during our Parents and Friends organised Colour Run Fundraiser. All of this was intertwined with our normal day to day learning experiences for our children and added to the exciting time that is life at School for our children.

I have no doubt that these exciting times will continue into Term 2 and throughout the year. Term 2 sees our Year 5 students off to Camp and our Year 6 Children participating in inter school sports as well as a number of students preparing for and receiving their First Eucharist. Our Student Leaders will participate in the annual GRIP Leadership Conference just to mention a few things. There is always something happening and believe it or not the children even have time occasionally to do school work.

Finally, I would like to make mention of a special group of students in Year 6 at Our Lady of the Way this year. Even though every child that is part of our School Community is special in our eyes, there are 25 current Year 6 students are that little bit more special. These students began in Foundation in 2018 and will conclude at the end of 2024. This is the first year that any students have had their whole Primary Education experience at Our Lady of the Way. This marks a significant milestone in the short history of Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School. As a school community we have had the privilege of watching these students develop and grow into the wonderful young people they are today.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of Our Lady of the Way Primary School, it is greatly appreciated

Best Wishes

Terry Cooney (Principal, Our Lady of the Way Primary School)



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services and Masses.

ROSARY—The next Rosary will be held at Kate Archer's house, 12 Andrew Street, Kilmore at 1pm on Wednesday 10th April. All are welcome!



Please Note: The 10th edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.



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