



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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Reminder - Divine Mercy Chaplet from 3 to 4pm on Sunday 24.04.2022.

Media release from the Bishops conference ( 'Election Statement 2022 -Towards a Better Kind of Politics' ) can be found on the The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website.

Up coming raffle and sausage sizzle for Mother's day fundraiser. Tickets available 23rd and 24th of April 2022. Further information to follow. Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize - 32in Smart TV, 2nd Prize - Bamboo Hall Table, 3rd Prize - Winged Clothes Airer, 4th Prize - 2 x \$25 vouchers at the Glengala Hotel, 5th Prize - Picnic Table, Tickets 5 for \$4 or \$1 each. Please support our parish.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – East Melbourne** <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies> **Property Administrator** – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract/**Senior Content Producer** – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)/**Creatives Officer /Digital Communications Officer** – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)/**Retail Shop Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral** – (East Melbourne/Part time)/**Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral** – (East Melbourne/Part time) **Parish Positions Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor/Parish Administration Coordinator, St Albans/Personal Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava/Funeral Coordinator, St Paul's Church – Bentleigh/ Administration Assistant, St Ignatius & St James, Richmond** Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**WE PRAY FOR:** For Healing: *Martin Reynolds, Matthew Hurt, Margaret Reynolds, Pat Reynolds, Josephine Bezzina, Joan Bennett, Recently Deceased: Steven Tot, Trinidad Napoles, Rita Buhagiar, Angelo Raffaele, Nazzareno Calleja, Joseph Aquilina, Anniversaries: Nixon & Borg families, Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Ciku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Casar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micklef, Patricia Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.*



## Church Diary (Week beginning 24th Apr 2022)

**Saturday 23rd /24th Apr** Baptism: *Heath Amuso*

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass + *Charlie Cauchi, + Joe Zahra*

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + *Joan & Carmelo Micallef*

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy - Chaplet (3 to 4pm)

**Monday 25th Apr** 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday 26th Apr** 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

**Wednesday 27th Apr** 8.00am English Mass + *Luis & Augustine Macarenhas*

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

**Thursday 28th Apr** 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

**Friday 29th Apr** 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

**Saturday 30th/1st May** Baptism: *Angela Sardez*

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

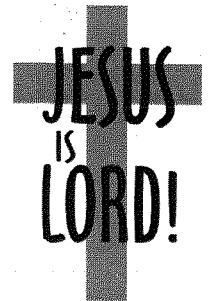
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with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'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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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / C

24 APRIL 2022

## FAITH BRINGS PEACE

The journey of faith is one that has many moments and stages. At times all goes well, as in Acts, and we can rejoice in the fruitful results of our efforts. There can be other times when, like Thomas, we wrestle with doubt and unbelief. In the face of difficulties, we can run the risk of losing heart, like the Christians of Ephesus, and sorely need encouragement. Today's readings are particularly consoling because they show us that the life of faith has always been a journey with many such moments. Many people of faith feel that it would have been different in the early Church, that somehow they had more faith, vision, courage, and understanding. We can often be unduly hard on ourselves and perhaps overly idealistic about life in the early days of the Church.

It is always worth asking why the earliest Christians wrote as they did. If John's community had not had its moments of questioning, the episode of Thomas the apostle would probably not have been written down. If the Christian communities around Ephesus had not been discouraged and fearful in the face of persecution and opposition, it would not have been necessary to write the book of the Apocalypse. They needed to be reminded that the Risen One who holds the key to life and death, was walking among them still. Even the bright picture painted in Acts was probably written with a view to encouraging the Christians of Luke's time.

The Risen One walks amongst us still. Mindful of our journey of faith, he calls us to faith and to know his peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

### R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, 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 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.

3. 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 Lord God is our light. R.

## SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*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.'

### ■ 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