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Member of Knox Deanery
8th April, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter



**EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 6.30pm,
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm**
Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday - Saturday 9.00am

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Longinus Onyechesi 9763 7302
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SERVICES & CONTACTS:

BAPTISM: 9763 7302
By Appointment 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at 10.30am Parish Mass.

BIBLE STUDIES: 9763 0712
Xavier David (AH)

BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION:
8.30am, Wednesday - Saturday

CENACLE OF PRAYER:
First Saturday of the month 9.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9752 9829
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For all information on our Parish, please check our website pol.org.au/scoresby

Today's Readings
First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading: John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings
First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

ROSTERS

ALTAR SOCIETY 14th April, 2018
Filomena Uberti

BINGO: "Eyes Down" 8.00pm
Cora Lijnders & John Raskas

CLEANING ROSTER: 14th April, 2018
Lynette Grace & Emma Raymond

COUNTERS TODAY:
Doris Teh & Margaret Addicoat

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK 15th April, 2018
Rosary Pereira & Cora Lijnders

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Returning in Term Two

READERS NEXT WEEK
6.30pm Carmen Leitao, Alan Horwood
8.30am Millicent Miranda, Alfia Harrop
10.30am Matthew Fidow, Marg Miller
6.30pm Rhea Torres, Bianca Woger

MUSICIANS & COMPUTER SUPPORT

Next Week:
6.30pm Margaret, Jadyen & Dane
8.30am Therese & Darryl Hodges
10.30pm Sr Mary, Sydney & Audrey Raj
6.30pm Bronwyn Dean

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN:

Apr 09 Monday Anita D'Mello
Apr 12 Thursday Carmen & Monika
Apr 16 Monday Filomena Uberti
Apr 19 Thursday Terri McKay, Vicki Clarke
Apr 23 Monday Rita Amato
Apr 26 Thursday Josie Camilleri

Thank you to all those who continually "Serve the Lord with joy" by participating on these rosters.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES 2018

Apr 16 Start of Term 2
Apr 17 St Vincent de Paul Mtg
Apr 18 3rd Wednesday "Cuppa & Chat"
Apr 26 Mass - Villa Maria
Apr 29 Parish Sacramental program

Have you Thought?

Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us!

Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising.

The Gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more.

Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!

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Holy Trinity Acting Principal Mr John Downie 9801 8296
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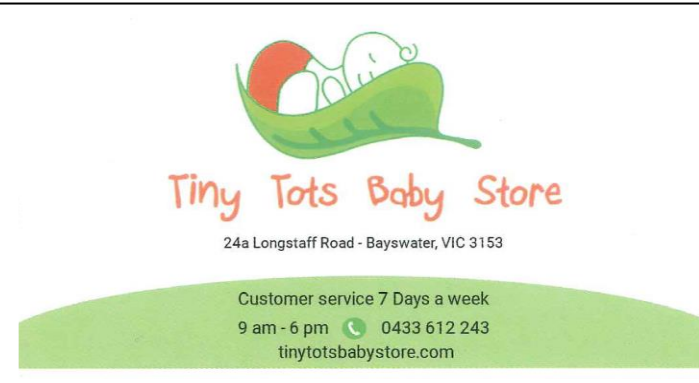
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<p>1st Reading –A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p>The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.</p> <p>The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Thoughts on the Gospel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">My Lord and my God</p> <p>This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.</p>
<p>2nd Reading a reading from John</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Exploring the Word</p> <p>This Gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation comes responsibility, however. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."</p> <p>When Thomas is told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation of Thomas. The following week, Thomas is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.</p>
<p>Gospel – A reading from the Gospel according to John</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Did you know?</p> <p>The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.</p> <p>There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India.</p> <p>In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means 'twin'.</p> <p>Sharing the Tradition</p> <p>"Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. "Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through Baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of Reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.</p> <p>Symbols and Images</p> <p>It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of compassion or support. This Gospel passage is directed to the many believers who never knew the human Jesus and yet had faith in him as the Christ.</p>

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<p>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM</p> <p>The Parish Sacramental program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin on the 29th April, at 9.30am in the Community Centre. The Sacrament will be received on the 23rd & 24th May.</p> <p>Please contact the Parish office on 9763 7302, or email scoresby@cam.org.au to enrol.</p>	<p>PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES AND BOXES</p> <p><i>Celebrate that many people's lives will be improved thanks to your generosity. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.</i></p> <p><i>If you still have your Project Compassion Box or envelopes please return a.s.a.p. so these monies can be forwarded to Caritas.</i></p>
<p>ANZAC DAY MASS</p> <p>Our Parish Mass for Anzac Day will be held on Wednesday 25th April, at 9.00am.</p> <p>"To pray, reflect and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those men and women who have served and continue to serve in defence of our values and freedom."</p> <p>There will be a 'cup of tea' following, please bring a small plate of Anzac biscuits to share.</p>	<p>EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from the foyer table today. These Offerings and the Christmas Offerings form the bulk of the Priests' income, not only in our Parish but all priests of the Archdiocese. Thank you</p>
<p>ANZAC EVE MASS FOR VETERANS: St Simon's</p> <p>A Mass to honour and pray for those who have died for our country will be celebrated at St. Simon's Catholic Church, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 24.</p> <p>The Mass will include an Entrance Procession of Veterans and Flags, and the Traditional Requiem, the Ode, a special Blessing for veterans and the Last Post and Rouse will all be important elements.</p> <p>A light supper will be served afterwards. All parishioners of regional parishes (and elsewhere) are most welcome to attend. Enquiries: Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or St. Simon's Parish Office (9764 4058)</p>	<p>WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - COMPULSORY</p> <p>It is a legal a requirement that all parishioners who assist in the Parish in any capacity must have a valid Working with Children Check. E.g. Readers, Special Ministers, Choir members, Fair/Raffle volunteers etc. It would be appreciated if you could organise this check by the 30th May, 2018.</p> <p>Volunteer Working with Children Checks are free, applications can be completed on-line.</p> <p>Please ensure that you have a current WWC check. If you have recently renewed your card please notify the Parish Office. Thank you</p>
<p>2018 St Jude's Parish Fair – Survey</p> <p>We are interested in collecting your feedback on the 2018 St Jude's Parish Fair, to help us improve the Fair in future years.</p> <p>Please use the following link to answer a short survey: https://goo.gl/forms/hkEI9MUMXb3lsIQf2</p> <p>Thank-you. St Jude's Fair Committee</p>	<p>Our parish primary schools are now taking enrolments for 2019– please tell family and friends to contact the schools. See front cover for details</p> <p>Children's Liturgy returns in 2nd Term.</p>
<p>FILM FUNDRAISER – basp (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project "The Other Side of Hope")</p> <p>15th April, 2018 Details on Noticeboard</p>	<p>COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET RACK - Have you seen our pamphlet on..</p> <p>"Children's hospice and family support" Very Special Kids</p>
<p>Attention all Parish Groups</p> <p>Community Centre Bookings for Parish Groups and Committees will be taken before dates will be accepted from the wider community.</p> <p>If your group /committee is planning functions please advise Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 as soon as your plans are confirmed.</p> <p>Please Note: Friday and Saturday Evenings Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm</p>	<p>Opportunity for Awareness Raising and Education</p> <p>HUMAN TRAFFICKING; STORIES OF STRUGGLE, STORIES OF HOPE</p> <p>A three part weekly series focusing on stories of struggle and hope emerging from the work of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans)</p> <p>DATES: Tuesday, 8th 15th, 22nd May at 2.00 – 4.00pm VENUE: Kildara Centre, Rear 39 Stanhope St., Malvern FACILITATOR: Claire Griffin csb</p> <p>Suggested donation : \$10.00 per session</p> <p>Bookings: Catriona – Kildara Centre, 9509 7906 or 9509 6624 Email: kildara@netspace.net.au Website: www.kildaracentre.org</p> <p>If you would like to attend or need more details, please contact Sr Mary on 9753 2170</p>
<p>Stewardship Corner</p> <p><i>"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." Acts 4:32</i></p> <p>All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.</p>	<p>NEW PARISHIONERS</p> <p>If you are new to the Parish please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302, or put your details in the New Parishioners book so that we can add you to our Census base.</p> <p>STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</p> <p>If you would like to join our Thanksgiving/Stewardship program please phone the Parish Office on 9763 7302.</p>