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All masses and liturgical gatherings are suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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Sunday 19th April 2020 2nd Sunday of Easter– Year A



Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.
MAY GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU SAFE.**

Fr Ian Ranson – Private Mass

I will be running a daily private mass by myself.



If you have any *special intentions* please call or place a note in the parish letterbox anytime or email to BrightonEast@cam.org.au.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori, recited this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



We remember those who have died recently

Aileen Mary Neeson
Eileen (from Vasey)

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Patrick Fardy, Steve Kittle, Lousie Stevens, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Jean Snowden, Rosemary Conti, Fr Cyril Blake, Angela Portelli, Dorothy Shea, Helen Barnard, Fr Lou Heriot, Tony Minahan

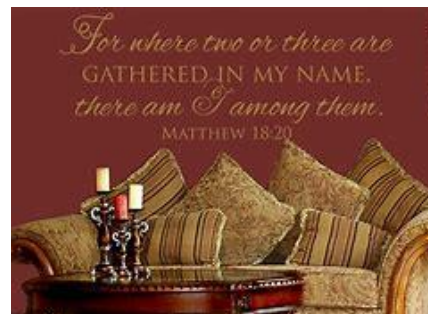
APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

21st St Anselm, Bishop
 23rd St George, Martyr
 24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
 25th St Mark, Evangelist
 28th St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
 29th St Catherine of Siena
 30th St Pius V, Pope



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES, PHARMACY COLLECTIONS ETC....?

Please call the parish 9593 2122 as we have some generous volunteers who are willing to assist.



HOW TO CONTINUE MASS AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Follow this link for weekday & weekend masses

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

OR

Mass For You At Home

Channel 10 – 6am Sunday morning or on demand via

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

"Lets us pray for ourselves and our world at this time." Fr Ian Ranson

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 Where there is sadness, joy;
 O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Historical Context

My Lord and my God

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.



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!



Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

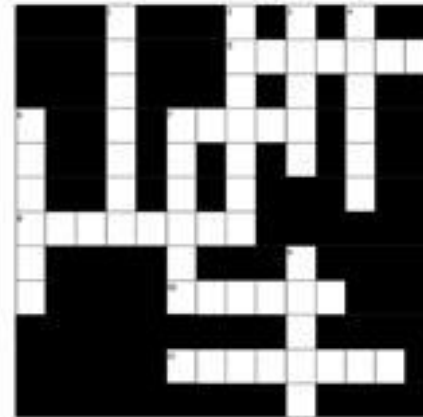
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CROSSWORD

Happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

24/10/19/23



Across

- 5: to take into your possession
- 7: long, pointed weapon
- 8: to have come into sight
- 10: the apostle who doubted that Jesus had risen
- 11: not believing

Down

- 1: to pardon an offence
- 2: welcomed
- 3: marks left by a healed wound
- 4: Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your _____ here and look at my hands!"
- 6: frightened or scared
- 7: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy _____."
- 9: belief