

'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 / B (DIVINE MERCY)

11 APRIL 2021

EXPERIENCING THE RISEN LORD

The picture of the early church which Luke paints for us is a striking one. Everything is shared in common and it seems that Luke is at pains to highlight the radical difference the encounter with Jesus Risen made in their lives. What must other people have thought about this new group in Jerusalem? One minute they were a rabble, a rudderless ship after their leader Jesus was killed. Now they were found united sharing their faith and their goods. They were now respected, and their leaders were fearlessly giving witness that Jesus was not dead but alive.

At times people look at the difference between the early church's experience and our experience and wonder why things seem to have gone off the boil. What keeps us from letting the new life of Easter change our lives? Part of the answer lies in our own hearts. We can be afraid of allowing Jesus to enter into our lives and change us so radically. As John knows all too well, it's not the world that is the biggest obstacle for the person of faith, it's our own heart and the defences we have established there! There is a journey that must be made that no one else can make for us. The witness of the other disciples cannot substitute for Thomas his own experience of Jesus as the Risen One. When Jesus stands before him there is no more need for defences, no need to test what he knows to be true. Now, he too, can begin to live.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.'

11 April 2021
Divine Mercy

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: *No Mass Tues: *No Mass
Wed: 12 noon Thurs: 9am
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

Commencing at 3-4 pm for Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction; Blessing of the Image and Veneration; Confession; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Prayers for Plenary Indulgence

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation. Alleluia.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Bernie Camden, Patrick Valentine McNicholas (Ireland), Mavis Hazelwood, Steven Walton, Stephanie Cayley, Ronald Dietrich, Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Fay Sims.

Anniversaries: William Grima (3/3), Sofia Laulualo (5/3), Terry Smith (25/3), Vivian Betts (25/3), Sean Killen (26/3), Macario Cabasag (31/3), Stan Hobbs, Visitacion Cabasag (5/4).

Deceased: Thomas Brown, Giuseppe Pomponio, Bishop Luc Matthys, Leonie Baker, Fay Bradbery, Hugh O'Brien.

Sick: Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Erin Hansen, Mimmie Bennett, Judy Cummins, Bob Worthington, Rachel MacPherson, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Kim Myers, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Bill Press, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.



CRACKERS MEMOIRS RIP

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened. Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But, you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty." The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked, but your client didn't."



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WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: We welcome into our faith community Lucinda May Tallar. May God bless Lucinda and her family and godparents.

COVID-19 RULES: From Monday 29th March, singing is now allowed at Mass and there is no attendee limit for funerals and weddings. All cautions still apply with check in and 2m distancing.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Novena began on Good Friday 2 April with Divine Mercy Celebrations being held this Sunday 11 April from 3 - 4 pm including Adoration and Benediction, Blessing and Veneration, Confession, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayers for Plenary Indulgence. Please take the brochures on the seats and continue to pray the Novena.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 6771 8705 or email tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please return your boxes/envelopes in the next two weeks.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: Thank you for your generosity to this important cause. \$790.40 was raised.

COMING EVENTS: 23 May Pentecost Sunday

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 11/4/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman

9am Sun: R R Paull M Donaldson

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden

Sat Cleaning 17/4 J Hutt and J Moran

24/4 M Vella and R Pace

Altar Linen E Jackson

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 18/4/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer

9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team P Sheils A Bowden

Sat Cleaning 24/4 M Vella and R Pace

1/5 K O'Brien and J Cunningham

Altar Linen B Flood

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