



## Second Sunday of Easter

27th / 28th April 2019

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### Mass Times

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

**No Mass Tuesday**

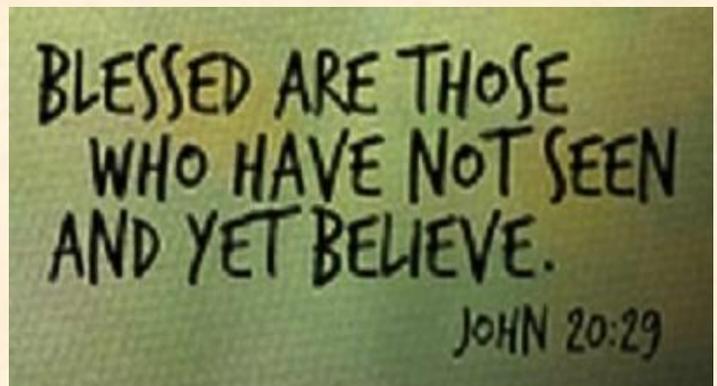
**First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass at Mercy Place.**

### RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**

**Preparation Course: 0411 883 661**



The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

(Dianne Bergant CSA)



# Parish Community



*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Galvin (sister of Mick Maher), Ernesta Di Mizio, Brian Murphy, Lorraine Dick, Charles Borg, Jan Hodge.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shirley Wessen, Merle McCabe, Therese Doherty, Edmund Miles, Bernadette Stevens, Edward Unger, Jessica Lawrence, Zetta Mitchelhill, Barney Zerst, William Lautenbacher, Harold Dexter, Nell Norman, John Piltz, Claude Zallocco, Margaret Roach, Petro Tymczuk, John Browne, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Leslie Trezise Mary Everston, Myra Whitehead.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Prayer for the Sick

*We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.*

*May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.*

*We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen*

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Kellie Gordes	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
<b>Lector 2</b>	Anthony Foley	Michael Stephenson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Jeneice Harding	Pauline Willis Fran Kernaghan Volunteer
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John Van Lint	Simon Goss Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Michael Byrnes</b>		

Sat /Sun: 4th / 5th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Virginia Mitsch	Jane Murtagh
<b>Lector 1</b>	Barbara Godde	Gavin Dykes
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lyn Hamilton Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Hayhoe Richard & Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters: Nardia Scarvell &amp; Liz Simon</b>		

## Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle

Ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection:

Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight.

Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Open our hearts to your love.

Help us to be true to you and to each other.

Give us the courage to be your disciples in all we do and say.

Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

'As Christians, we are called to be sentinels of the morning, who know how to see the signs of the Risen one, like the disciples at the tomb on Easter morning.'

# Parish News

## THANK YOU

Gratitude is extended to all involved in the organisation and preparation for the celebration of our holy week and Easter liturgies.

To Sr Anne Hagan for her tireless efforts.

To those who helped cater for morning tea following our ecumenical Stations of the Cross.

To our wonderful choir and musician's for the generous sharing of their gifts and talents.

To all for your prayerful and active participation, your contribution is much appreciated.

*May the hope and joy of the Easter season remind each of us of God's guiding presence in our world and in our lives. May the Risen Christ renew our faith and give us the courage and strength to be his disciples in our world.*

## Project Compassion

Your generous support for Project Compassion helps end poverty, promote justice and upholds dignity. Please return outstanding boxes / envelopes and additional contributions as soon as possible so that our final parish contribution can be forwarded to Caritas Aust.

## A Day of Prayer & Reflection

**Theme: *Encountering St Hildegard of Bingen, Woman of Vision & Hope***

Presented by *Breath of Life* team Margaret Walsh pbvm and Katherine Klappdor.

Date: Saturday 18 May 2019

Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish Hall Mate St, North Albury

RSVP: 13 May to Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791 or Cheryl Ryan 0402 147 340 or Parish Office 6025 1516.

Cost: Donation - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee provided

A time to reflect on the life & teaching, music and art of Hildegard of Bingen a 12th century abbess, visionary, musician, artist, author, lover of creation. We will look at the relevance of Hildegard's life for our world today.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 2 May at 6.00pm in the hall.

## Easter Water and Blessing Card

Please collect a container of Easter water and an Easter Blessing Card from the front of the Church near the Paschal Candle.

You are welcome to collect these also for any of our house bound parishioners or family members in hospital or the nursing homes.

## Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group

Would you or someone you know with little ones at home or of school age, be interested in joining a Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group?

If there is enough interest the group will meet monthly to have a chat and a cuppa. Please contact Jane Ward 0419 277 926 for more details.

## Parish Morning Tea

We still need volunteers to co-ordinate and help with the catering for our next month's morning tea on 5 May. Please add your name to the roster at the Mate Street entrance.

## Palms Australia - Reach Beyond

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years.

Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

Come to the Palms Meet & Greet on Saturday 4 May at 11.30am, King O'Malley's Pub, 131 City Walk, Civic, Canberra.

*But if that's quite a drive,* simply call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## Feast Days

Mon 29th April—St Catherine of Siena

Wed 1st May—St Joseph the Worker

Thurs 2nd May—St Athanasius

Fri 3rd May—Sts Philip & James

## Prayer

*God of new life, at the beginning of creation your Spirit hovered over the waters, to sanctify the seas and the land.*

*God of freedom, you called your chosen people to arise from the Red Sea and slavery.*

*God of compassion, your Beloved Son was baptised by John, and as he rose up from the waters, was anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

*Through the Resurrection of Jesus you have filled us with the same light.*

*May we always walk as radiant witnesses to your love, your mercy, your tender care and justice.*

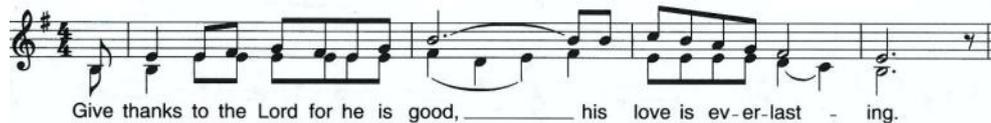
*This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

# Liturgy of the Word

*Second Sunday of Easter—Year C*

*Readings: Acts 5: 12-16; Ap 1: 9-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



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

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia , alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;**

**happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

## Reflection

***Why look upon the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here, he is risen***

The Easter stories are some of the most carefully prepared parts of scripture. Every detail has been mulled over and thought about by the communities who were formed by these events. These stories were their very life-blood. The Easter narratives were written with people like us in mind, those who had not actually been among the relatively small group who met the risen Lord. We are among those Jesus speaks about when he says to Thomas 'blessed are those who have not seen, yet still believe'.

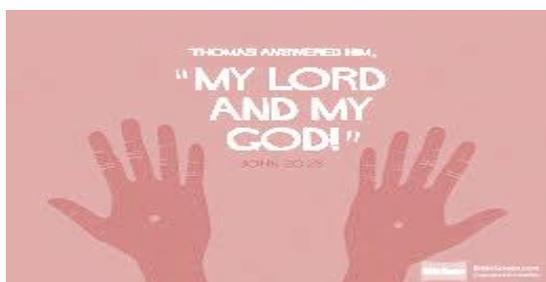
So, it is helpful to ponder a few things:

- ◆ All the Easter stories have an element of confusion. People find Jesus hard to recognise. This happened to the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) and those fishing on Lake Tiberias (John 21)
- ◆ People often experience fear.
- ◆ Every time he appears, Jesus brings a message of peace. The first word of the risen Lord to his disciples in both Luke and John is 'peace'.
- ◆ Jesus still has his wounds. The risen Lord still carries the pain of his death.

In other words, the first Christian community is a lot like ours. We all experience fear and confusion. We find Jesus hard to recognise in our chaotic, demanding and judgmental world. We need to hear the message of Jesus not to be afraid. Matthew's gospel ends with the words, 'know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time'. It is in that promise that we find our true freedom.

***May the light of Christ, rising in our darkness dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts***

**Words for the blessing of the Easter Candle**



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