

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) / B

7 APRIL 2024

'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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RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

As we bask in the light of resurrection, today we see two witnesses to the resurrection, and the transformation of lives.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume attributed to Luke, and it presents to us a changed way of living. Firstly, the whole group of believers are described as 'of one heart and soul' (v. 32). The apostles appear as testifying with great power to the resurrection and 'great grace was upon them all' (v. 33). The remarkable addition here is that they shared everything in common, sold property and distributed funds so no-one was in need (v. 34-35). This radical transformation of their way of life is not a defining feature of our communities today, even though adopted by many religious congregations throughout the Church's history. While not diminishing the great charitable works operating today, this way of life remains a challenge to us in a world where rich become richer and poor increase in number and poverty.

In juxtaposition to the Acts account, the Gospel outlines the appearance of Jesus among the apostles and the repetition of 'Peace be with you' (vv.19, 21). In this gathering behind closed doors, Jesus tells the apostles that he is sending them out. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, commissioning them. Eight days later in the same room Jesus arrives saying once again 'Peace be with you' (v. 26) and here is the experience of the doubting Thomas, forever recorded for anyone who might doubt that the resurrection happened and is real.

How will our lives be transformed by the resurrection?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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.**

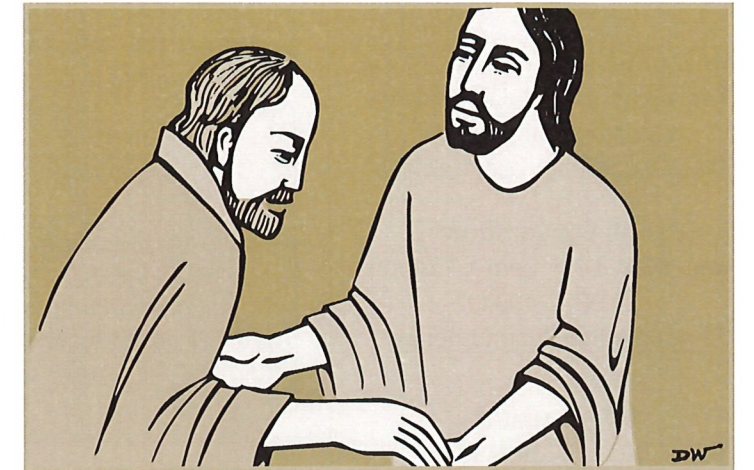
SECOND READING

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.'



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

Second Week of Easter YR B
07 Sun: Easter Sunday
08 Mon: No Mass
09 Tues: 2nd week of Easter
10 Wed: 2nd week of Easter
11 Thu: St Stanislaus
12 Fri: 2nd week of Easter
13 Sat: 2nd week of Easter/Vigil 3rd Sunday of Easter


SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS


- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
 - Rosary: Sat 8am
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
 - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings*
Please call the Parish Office*

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

 Notre Dame Catholic Primary
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 St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY– YEAR B

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE. Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus prompts us to be a part of the Christian community. In turn, our experience of Christian community strengthens our faith. It was only when Thomas was with the other disciples that he met the risen Christ and came to believe in him. It is simple truth that faith builds community and community builds faith.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery	A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish
	BSB: 086 006	BSB: 086 006
	Account #: 140 608 771	Account #: 667 172 433
	Reference: Name	Reference: Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 13th Apr 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		A Correya P Timms	C Lopera G Ottaway	A McPherson D Patrick J Nofal A Khoo
Sunday 14th Apr 8.00am	Andy Nguyen	L Blake	M Smith D Rodrigues	L Blake D Panzich Sekulla	N King N Nolan
Sunday 14th Apr 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	Joy Intervencion	In-In Intervencion N Barker	J Branchi M Bijoux	R Vadakkal S Barker A Megee
Sunday 14th Apr 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		M Ward S Irene	V Borja B Ryan	M Lanarolle J Mai

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **6th April 2024:**
K P Nguyen 11 Connaughton St Kewdale & C Cocking 104 Gardiner St Belmont.

Holy Water - Now Available

Holy Water will be available from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

Easter Envelopes

Are still available both entrances of the church and in the pews. The offerings given go to the Renumeration Fund for the Priests and distributed to those Priests in remote areas, retired Priests or where the parish has a low income.

Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes

A container has been placed Wright St side of the church for your donations to Project Compassion 2024 "For all Future Generations". If you wish for a receipt for Taxation purposes, please mark box clearly. Receipts will be issued end of April.

Good Friday Collection

Thank you to all that donated to the Good Friday collection for People in the Holy Land. Our collection total from the day was **\$2489.10**.

Easter Raffle 2024

Thank you to all that supported the Easter Raffle and to those that donated chocolates and other items to help make up the baskets. Congratulations to Judy, Tommy, Bernie, Josephine, Katie & John. **\$836.50** was raised towards the PBF.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 3

22pts: N Blake & V Conier **21pts:** 8 entrants, **20pts:** 11 entrants. See notice board for Top tipsters List.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

This Sunday 7th April in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for Morning Tea along with tea & coffee. Variety of delicious food items for sale. Cash Sale only. All proceeds to the PBF

Working with Children Card

Again just a reminder for all those that hold a WWC Card, please check the expiry date. All those involved in church ministries must have a valid card. You can renew online or the parish office has forms available.

Easter Thankyou

Once again many thanks to everyone that assisted in any way at our our Easter Celebrations. All our Masses & Services were well attended.

Around the Archdiocese

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for April

For the role of Women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for and end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762
E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.
Next online Sessions for 'April': Thursday 18th @ 10am, Tuesday 23rd @7pm & Tuesday 30th @ 2pm.

The Record Magazine – April Edition

This edition includes Easter Messages from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe & Bishop Don Sproxtton, story's on Fr Peter Whitely, new Vicar General announced and many more topics. Please take a copy – Free to all good homes.

'Australian Catholics' Magazine Autumn Edition

Now available at both sides of the church for you to take a copy. Articles include: A travellers guide to the Stations of the Cross, Saints for all Seasons & more.

Notre Dame Community

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Raymond Joseph Kessler, Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Joe & Pam Rocca, Rosa & Americo Ratto, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Anne Redmond and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.

Baptism:

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community;
Zola Baonga & Zeke Matteo Tolentino.