

with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'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 (DIVINE MERCY) / C

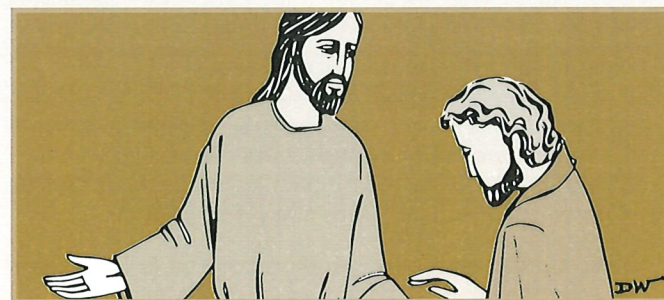
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THE BREATH OF LIFE

Fear surrounds Jesus' disciples in this story from John's Gospel set on the night of his resurrection. They are closed in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. The Risen One comes into their midst, into the centre of their fears, and proclaims, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus offers his frightened disciples peace at a time when they feel a sense of potential annihilation by the very ones who had manufactured Jesus' execution.

His 'peace' is more than an encouragement not to worry; it is a prayer, his gift, for their wholeness and holiness. The prayer is accompanied by his breathing upon them—an echo of an earlier 'breathing' when Jesus 'breathes down' his spirit on to his mother and the Beloved Disciple at the moment of death. This is John's Pentecost scene. For John's audience, 'breathe' was a sign of life. Here, in the room's enclosure, Jesus' breathes onto his disciples his life which offers forgiveness.

The story concludes with Thomas and it is not about his 'doubting'. It is rather about his connection with the other disciples. Disconnected from them, he does not believe. When he reconnects with them a week later and Jesus reappears, Thomas comes to faith in the Risen Jesus. Two points emerge from this powerful story: Jesus' presence dispels fear; Easter faith is restored and deepened through belonging to a community of believers.



Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, 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 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.**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / the Lord God is our light. **R.**

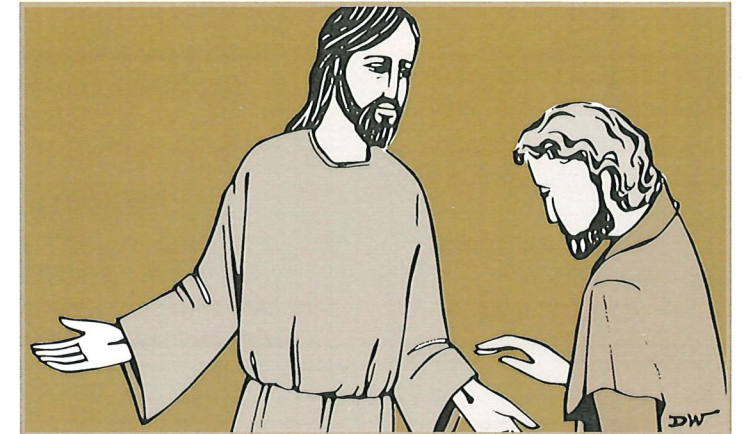
SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus;



it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

■ 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



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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

2nd Week of Easter YR C

27 Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter
28 Mon: No Mass
29 Tues: St Catherine of Siena
30 Wed: 2nd week of Easter
01 May Thu: 2nd week of Easter
02 Fri: St Athanasius bishop
03 Sat: Sts Philip & James/ 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 6.00pm
- *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.

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 St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) – YEAR C

MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

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	
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	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 3rd May 6.00pm	Joy Intervencion		I lwansantoso M Carino	I lwansantoso L Blake	A McPherson F & B Kareng
Sunday 4th May 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S D'Castro	K Nguyen D Rodrigues	S D'Castro D P Sekulla	N King
Sunday 4th May 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	R Ratnayake	T Gomes J Srdarev	T Seputro J Branchi	L Carson R Vadakkal
Sunday 4th May 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	J Mai A Pravin Leo

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

We are now in the autumn months 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. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

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. **26th April 2025**
M Sann 282 Daly St, Belmont & 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 at 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 2025

It is now time to return your Project Compassion box or boxes or envelopes for 2025. A box has been placed at Wright St entrance of the church for your donation boxes to be placed in. If you require a Tax receipt, please mark the box clearly. Receipts will be issued towards the end of May. **Together, we can UNITE AGAINST POVERTY and help transform lives this Lent.**

Altar Server Training 12th/19th/26th May 2025

Will commence on Monday 12th May for 3 weeks @ 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the Church for those children in Year 4 and upwards who have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. If your child would like to take part in the training, please fill in details on the Sign-Up Sheet at either entrance of the Church.

Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion

Will be held next weekend 3/4th May at the 6pm Vigil & 10am Mass for those children from both our schools and after school classes. Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish weekend 21/22nd June.

Good Friday Collection

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the collections for Good Friday. **\$2,477.00** was collected. This will be sent to 'The Holy Land Commissariat'.

Passing of a Respected Parishioner

It was on Wednesday that we heard of the sudden passing of one of our Catechists & Special Ministers – **Carmen Bonavia**, she passed away Monday 21st April. She will be sadly missed by her fellow Catechists and the children she instructed. May she Rest in Peace.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

Next Sunday 4th May after the 8am & 10am Masses.

Around the Archdiocese

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 training provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction.

Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or
<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

St Charles Seminary Open Day – Sunday May 18th

Are you wondering about your calling in life? Have you ever thought about the priesthood? Want to know more about seminary life? Take part in the 'Open Day' at St Charles Seminary Guildford, 9.30am – 2.30pm. Mass with Don Sproxton followed by Brunch, Tours, Holy Hour & Benediction. Scan QR Code on the noticeboard for more information.

Notre Dame Community

Easter Raffle Results

A big thankyou to all that purchased raffle tickets or donated prizes towards the raffle. A fantastic outcome. **\$1,100** through ticket sales & donations. Congratulations to Henry, Pam, Catherine Moran, Veronica Dawson, George Sekulla & Tina. Thankyou to the members of the Fundraising Committee for organising the raffle & putting the prizes together.

Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025 Round 6

41Pts: P McLean **36pts:** K McLean (3 & 4), E O'Meara & R L Poole **35pts:** 11 Entrants. Prize Money: **1st:** \$400 **2nd:** \$250 & **3rd:** \$100. Please see noticeboard for Top Tippers list. If you have any queries, please contact Katie via E: ndfootytipping@outlook.com

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: *Peter Butcher, Wilton Ottaway, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, deceased members of the Jokovich & Mirosevich Families, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Pope Francis, Carmen Bonavia, Robert (Bob) Sullivan and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Rob Petty & Hannah Guilfoyle.

