

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Second Sunday of Easter Year C
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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.’
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord;we rejoice and are glad.

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 true God is our light.

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

Revelation 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
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *John 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 *John 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. 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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Pope Francis says that when we feel ‘like Thomas, with the same doubts ... we do not need to be ashamed of this.’ We can all have moments of uncertainty. Importantly, the other Apostles never rejected or harassed Thomas; rather, they accompanied him. The story of Thomas shows us that it is healthy to acknowledge our struggles. As the Pope puts it, ‘Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith’ tend to make him think that ‘something isn’t right.’ As the Pope goes on, ‘the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be?’ Now, generations later, we recall Thomas’ doubt because it has much to teach us. ‘Crises are not sins,’ the Pope explains, ‘they are part of the journey, we should not fear them.’ The Pope encourages us to recognise such moments as opportunities for grace. ‘Crises help us to recognise that we are needy,’ he suggests, because ‘they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord.’ And, as the story of Thomas so clearly shows, Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith; he does not expect us to resolve every doubt on our own before encountering him.

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ARE YOUR LOVED ONES MISSING OUT?
It is harder to get referrals from Aged Care Facilities for those people would would like visitation and HC. At all of the five facilities, we have rostered Pastoral Care and monthly Mass is celebrated if sufficient numbers wish to attend. Families can give us the details of those wishing for a visit. If in hospital please alert the RN to add your loved one to the Catholic Sunday visitation list.



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SECOND SUNDAY
of EASTER
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Resumes Monday May
26 at 1.00pm

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after
Mass**

**Wrap with Love
TUESDAY 13TH
May 10-11am BB
Library**

**Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room**

**ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after
9am Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's tribute to Pope Francis

We mourn the death of our beloved Pope Francis on Easter Monday 21st April 2025. We offer our Masses and our prayers for the repose of his soul.

What a great gift Pope Francis has been as our Pope over these 12 years.

He has been a Pope of many firsts.

He is the first Pope (and there have been 266 Popes) who was a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

He was also the first Pope from the Americas and the Southern Hemisphere. He was the first Pope born and raised outside Europe since the 8th Century.

Finally, he is the first Pope to have chosen the name “Francis” as his Papal name. Since his election as Pope on the 13th March 2013, Pope Francis has given so much hope to the Catholic Church and the world in general. He has been a Pope who has encouraged us to open ourselves more fully to the merciful love of Jesus. This is even reflected in his Papal Motto: “Lowly but chosen.” We can certainly say that God has chosen, for our time and place, Pope Francis.

For me personally, it has been a Pontificate of beautiful humble and merciful images.

So many examples come to mind.

We will never forget the beautiful image of Pope Francis after his election as Pope returning to the hotel he was staying to pay his bill for his accommodation. He then decided to live in a house for priests rather than the Apostolic Palace.

I recall in his early days as Pope Francis stopping the Pope-mobile in St Peter's Square and embracing the deformed face of a man – Vinicio Riva. It was a symbolic image of the love of God embracing those who, in this case physically, are on the periphery of life. Then of course we must not forget that for so much of his Pontificate there were two Popes present. His greeting of the retired Pope Benedict XVI, his predecessor, in retirement soon after Pope Francis's election in 2013 was history in the making.

There is another image that was so constant in his many unexpected travels around the world. His choice of a very humble car rather than some Limousine was always a good image. The other image was him constantly passing people with his hand outside the window blessing and waving to them. This image of his outstretched arm waving to people from his humble white car was a prophetic image of a Church living humbly and modestly. Pope Francis interacted with the crowds in a very personal way. He would continually stop his Pope-mobile to embrace and bless children and the infirm. Quite often there were old friends invited into his vehicle or unexpected people going for a ride!

Another important image of healing was the washing of the feet of prisoners during Holy Week. His annual trip to wash the feet of prisoners was never to be taken for granted and was most unusual in such an annual pattern.

Personally, the Australian Bishops' meeting with Pope Francis over 90 minutes on 24th June 2019 in the Vatican was an unforgettable experience of my life. His nearness, kindness and pastoral wisdom was awe-inspiring.

Another image for us in more recent years was very significant. It was his interaction during the Synods on Synodality in Rome (2023-2024). There was the image of the Pope sitting around a circular table with everybody rather than on some high throne on a stage. His reorganisation of the Roman Curia and his total support for expressing Church life in a “synodal way” will be one of his lasting inheritances.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 28th April:—Sunday 4th May

Monday 28th: NO MASS

Tuesday 29th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 30th: Mass 9am

Thursday 1st: Mass 9am

Friday 2nd: Mass 9am

Saturday 3rd: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 4th: Mass 9am

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G Norris/J O'Sullivan

B Basevi/C Meade

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday 6th May at Mary O'Neill's home 10-11am Ph: 0403 147 242

Ken and Carolyn Evenden

Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanson, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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