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Second Sunday of Easter - Year B - 7th April 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

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.

RESPONSORIAL 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.**

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 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. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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



We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish Family, Every Easter, we always encounter the doubting Thomas in the readings. The Easter story is not complete without stories of the disciples losing faith themselves. The disciples were not excuse to be scandalized by Jesus' crucifixion. And Thomas best exemplifies the feeling of broken heartedness and disappointed disciple. However, the Lord Jesus showed to reveal his open wound so that Thomas and the other disciples will have the concrete proof of his triumph on the cross.

He used not the beautiful words; not the biblical passages. He showed himself with wounds! This is to prove to Thomas that in our relationship with the Lord, there is a mark of His love that did not disappear even he resurrected- His wounds. This powerful gesture of Jesus comes to us as a strong challenge to live out in our relationships. Many times when we realized how failure we are in our relationships, we feel broken-hearted. Why are so many people sad and frustrated about their spouses, their children, their friends and their loved ones?

The answer is that many times we cannot provide concrete proof of love. When say we love, it is easy to make promises, to pronounce romantic and sweet words. Most of the time, people play words by giving the moon and the stars to pretend their faithfulness and commitment simply to show off that they love.

Fr Jessie Banez

Feedback from the Parish Pastoral Council

- Save the Date - On Sunday 16 June we are celebrating with an International Community Day at St Finn Barr's Church. More details will follow over coming weeks.
- Thank you to all our parishioners who joined the Pilgrimage Walk on Palm Sunday and the Outdoor Mass at St Finn Barr's. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this event and the St Finn Barr's school community for hosting us.
- Thank you also to Frs Leonard, Chatty and Jesse and the many volunteers who assisted with the beautiful Easter liturgies within the Parish.

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *This Sunday, 7th April at the Carmelite Monastery.*

You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life is achieved from a conquered tomb. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."

FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!

2ND FAITH SHARING SESSION:

This Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th April

3.30pm -7.00pm, Church of the Apostles

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmelite Monastery
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles	(5.30pm from 7 April—29 Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES 8th -13th April

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	11.30am	Newstead
	Requiem Mass for Teresa McMahon	
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday :	9.30am-10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm -5.45pm	Newstead

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Halli McGlinn** (Rory and Jessica) **and Daisy Clark** (Bradley and Emily) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Rowena Villacampa, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Teresa McMahon, Marie Cousins, Warren Dargush and Joe Hallam who have died recently, Sr Val Burns, Cate Radin, Kathleen Powell, Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Frances O'Sullivan, Johanna Rossi, Maureen Symons, Laurence Geard, Shane Welch, Leslie Broad, Jennifer Bond, Bernice Russell, Heinz Binder, Brian Mooney, Lili Sernaggio, Eugene Thomas, Alwyn Gatherole, Tereza Robson, Julie Corbett, Leon Waiss, Darcy Atkinson, Kristine Illingworth, Sally Nas, Con Kelleher, Stefan Lesniewski, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.