

St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

Acts 2.42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING:

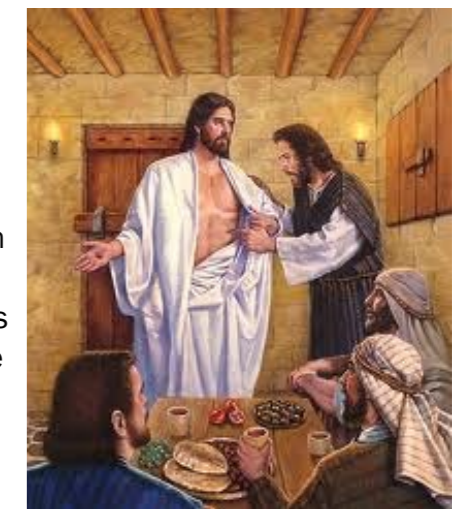
First letter of Peter 1.3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

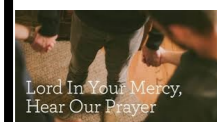
GOSPEL: JOHN 20.19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Stefania Drandi, Eugene Buckley, Agnes Schobben, Gary Vaessen, Fred Goldsmith, Angelina Pace, Ljubo Lisica, Valerie Short, Franceso Sujevic, Maria Sujevic, (Fr.) Lou Heriot, Marga Mardesic, Ljubica and Ive Vuksevic, Benarda Milin, Mara Peros, Petar Mardesic Snr, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin, Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Carmela Pisano, Ersilia Portelli, Joan Spiteri, Arthur Jones, Christine House and Alberto Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.



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Monday, Tuesday

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Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm

Thursday 8:30am - 4pm

Friday 8:30am - 4pm

Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner

8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal

Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.

Saturday at 6:30pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly

7.00pm at Parish Centre.

Baptism must be booked

prior to attending

Preparation Night.

Dear Parishioners

Below is a sermon from me for this second Sunday of Easter. Otherwise there are other suggestions on my new extra website which will also give another sermon on a different aspect of Easter for reflection. Please ensure that you **type fathergreg.online into your address bar (very top of page) and not through google or any other search engine.** Hope this all helps at this rather extraordinary Easter time.

Fr. Greg 16 /4 /2020



EASTER SERMON: (not in person but with you in spirit – FG)

At primary or secondary school some of us would be classified as slow learners. This is how I **saw myself, as a slow learner in many aspects of life, not only at school!** Yet some of the slowest learners that were with me, particularly in secondary school, have performed well above average in their managing of a family or in their work/life balance.



It is both common sense and experience that we need in life rather than just raw intelligence, as some people, although they appear slow at first, finally as we say “get it.” **Doubting Thomas may have been in that category.** Often he does not seem to know what Jesus is really talking about – “Lord we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way!!”

Not only does Thomas not seem to know what Jesus is talking about, he seems at times to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. That is why he has become such an important figure for us –**sometimes we don’t get it either, and our faith might not have matured as much as others who have come from a greater faith family.** However, in reality we may be focusing too much on our weaknesses or Thomas’ weaknesses. Yet when the bold and sometimes stubborn Thomas gets it, he really gets it. Legend has it that after Jesus had ascended to the father that Thomas went as far as India to preach the “Good News.”

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

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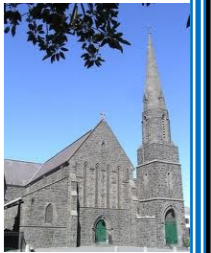
Many in India testify to that ‘Thomas tradition’ and their thankfulness to him for the passing on of the faith, especially in southern India.

Another prime example of Thomas ‘getting it’ is when Domitian was the Roman emperor, which was at the time John’s gospel was written. When a Roman citizen greeted his emperor, Domitian personally he would have said in **Latin: “Dominus et Deus” – “My Lord and my God!”** Yet in the end when Jesus appears to Thomas after his resurrection from the dead, Thomas finally wakes up to himself and he gives to Jesus the same title: “My Lord and my God.” Of course you and I can’t place our hand in the side of Jesus, as Thomas did, and experience first-hand Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. But **we can place our trust in the testimony of the scripture.** We can do even more. We can use God’s gift of reason to confirm what the Scriptures tell us. We too, can then fall to our knees, as Thomas did, and say to Jesus: “My Lord and my God.” Jesus in turn will say to us as he said to Thomas: “Have you believed because you have seen me? **Happy are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

Fr. Greg

CDFpay for Parishes – Online Payment Portal

During this time, when visits to our Church are suspended, we are striving to ensure that our parishioners remain connected through new and creative pastoral programmes. While we continue to help those in our community the parish continues to incur ongoing overhead costs and we need your help.



The good news is that Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, ***CDFpay for Parishes.***

This site enables you to make quick and easy online stewardship payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven’t done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering.

The St. Mary’s Williamstown site is live and can be found via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&teamID=116653>

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

