



EXPERIENCING THE RISEN LORD

The picture of the early church which Luke paints for us is a striking one. Everything is shared in common and it seems that Luke is at pains to highlight the radical difference the encounter with Jesus Risen made in their lives. What must other people have thought about this new group in Jerusalem? One minute they were a rabble, a rudderless ship after their leader Jesus was killed. Now they were found united sharing their faith and their goods. They were now respected, and their leaders were fearlessly giving witness that Jesus was not dead but alive.

At times people look at the difference between the early church's experience and our experience and wonder why things seem to have gone off the boil. What keeps us from letting the new life of Easter change our lives? Part of the answer lies in our own hearts. We can be afraid of allowing Jesus to enter into our lives and change us so radically. As John knows all too well, it's not the world that is the biggest obstacle for the person of faith, it's our own heart and the defences we have established there! There is a journey that must be made that no one else can make for us. The witness of the other disciples cannot substitute for Thomas his own experience of Jesus as the Risen One. When Jesus stands before him there is no more need for defences, no need to test what he knows to be true. Now, he too, can begin to live.

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'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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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.**

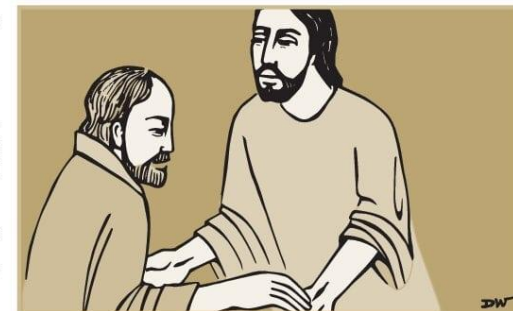
SECOND READING

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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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20th Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) – 11th April 2021

Recently Deceased: Kath Dwyer, Ivy Streatfeild, Maria Teresa Tong Thi Bich Thuy

Our Deceased: Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill, Eileen & John Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani; Samuel Laguzza, Nicola & Sapienza Tedesco, Nunzia & Salvatore Fallico, Jack McElhone, Joseph & Mary Maher; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart and Casey families; Inger Urban; Nunziato Laguzza, Francesco & Caterina Mireni



Our Sick: Donald Mees, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th Apr, Saint Martin I, 13th April

PARISH NEWS:

- **Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.** Pope St. John Paul II named the Sunday after Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday at the canonization of St. Faustina on 30th Apr 2000.
- **We extend our condolences to the family & friends of Kath Dwyer**, long-time parishioner at St Kevin's. A Requiem Mass will be held in our parish on Mon, 12th Apr at 2pm.
- **Midweek Men's Prayer Hour:** Next gathering will be on Wed, 21st April at 7pm.
- The next **Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast** in the Haseler Centre will be on Sat, April 17th. 7:00am Breakfast followed by Gospel reflection at 7:30am.
- **Men's Choir.** Are you interested in joining? Please call 0400 303 733.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation Program dates now available on the parish website.**
- **HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COVID-SAFE.** Attendance at all Masses are on a first come, first served basis. We can have up to 260 people at any one time subject to the 2sqm rule. Congregational singing is now permitted. Passing of bulletins & collection plates remains suspended. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Foster Carers Needed:** Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children & young people of all ages. To find out more, join the online info session: Wed 28th Apr 12.30–1.30pm. Call **13 18 19** E: connect@familyspirit.org to book.
- **Position vacant: Full-time Administration Manager for the Catholic Community of City South (Rosebery, Redfern and Waterloo).** For details and position description, call 9353 6300. Email application and resume by 17 Apr 2021 to pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au.

OTHER NEWS:

The SYDNEY CS LEWIS SOCIETY invites you to their inaugural meeting on Sat, 1st May, 10:30am at Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney. Cost: \$10 to cover room

hire, tea & coffee, and introductory membership. Guest Speaker: Kel Richards - author, radio broadcaster and political commentator. To register contact: Christopher Cooper 0403077473 or E: christopherdonaldcooper@gmail.com. See poster on noticeboard for more details.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

RENEWAL -some insights!

One of the greatest ever humanitarians was Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) he lived most of his life within India. Gandhi did study law while in England for 5 years and while there he became familiar with Christianity and many Christian people. One of his most poignant comments was "I came to love Jesus Christ, but I don't like many Christians as so few of them really try to be Christ like."

Renewal could be described as simply the decision for people to return to their faith sources. Experience has shown me that it's so much more than just changing worship rituals or the replacing of old administration structures with new ones. And it's definitely not realized in having endless meetings and seminars that produce manifestos that so often just get stored away! A metaphor that I have found helpful regarding *renewal* is to compare it to an anemic person who is restored to good health by the transfer of healthy blood. Religious renewal needs to begin within a person beginning with them accepting the truth of God's word and for a Christian especially those of a Catholic tradition is in embracing the vitality that they can gain from the sacraments and their faith community.

Jesus of Nazareth sums up this reality in these words; "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them is like a foolish man who has built his house on sand." (Matthew Ch. 7 verse 20)

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 18th Apr 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – J Chung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	K Woo	A Condoleon	V Chapman	C Jonas
Junior Servers	K David W Darmadi		T Elder L Garcia	J Mercurio E Maina
Readers	R: P David C: M Wilkinson	R: L Scully C: P Parker	R: V Aloisi C: W Aloisi	R: A Jonas C: C Small
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Mazzei R Elliott	L Bergfield J Gwynne	J Raad A Wahbe	K Jonas L Adams