BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

24 April 2022



Manning Parish

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



The Easter Gospel last Sunday finished with the disciples realising that Jesus was not in the tomb, that he was no longer among the dead. But where was he? The second location of the Johannine Easter story answers this question. Jesus is not in the tomb for he is now to be found in the midst of his disciples. If you wish to locate Jesus this is where you must look. Seek him with you now, risen in the midst of your community. Jesus' Easter gift to his disciples and to disciples of all times is 'Peace'.

Unlike the Synoptic Gospels which have a scene of Jesus missioning disciples within his own ministry in Galilee, in John's Gospel disciples are only now sent on mission. With the gift of the Spirit breathed onto them they are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (20:21)

There are two aspects of this mission. First, they are sent to forgive sin (20:23), and second, they are to take hold of people, in the sense of keeping people firm in their faith. This phrase (20:23) is often read in the light of the Synoptic expression that speaks of binding and loosing, in relation to Peter's authority

(Matt 16:19). While the first part of the phrase clearly states, 'if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven,' the second part does not mention the word sin and is better understood to mean holding firm to one another in the community. The Greek word that is often translated as 'retain' means more accurately to hold firm. Here is a definition from a dictionary: 'krateo': to cause a state to continue, on the basis of some authority or power — 'to hold, to keep, to cause to continue.'

In Jesus' prayer on the eve of his 'hour' he had prayed, 'While I was with them I kept them in your name...; I have guarded them and none of them is lost.' (17:12) Now the task of 'keeping' and 'guarding' is passed onto his disciples.

The problem for Thomas is the problem that all later Christians face. Can we believe the Easter Gospel when we do not see the body of the Risen One? There is a Thomas within all of us, wanting to believe but sometimes finding faith difficult. Thomas' response is not to reach out to touch Jesus, but rather to recognise now the fullness of Jesus' divinity; 'My Lord and my God.' Only in John's Gospel do we find such an absolute statement of Jesus' divinity.

The final words of Jesus in this Gospel reach past Thomas to us, as Jesus pronounces a blessing for those who do not see and yet believe. The evangelist also reaches across time to us when he writes, 'These things are written that you may believe.'

The presence of Jesus, his words, and the words of this Gospel writer live on in the Christian communities of our time. Whenever Christians gather, Jesus rises in our midst. Not even our fears and doubts are sufficient barriers, for Jesus comes to frightened and disbelieving disciples. The Easter gifts of peace and the Spirit are now available to all and blessed indeed are those who believe.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am
No Baptism during Lent
Other Time
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Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Patrick At least 6 Months before wedding Marriage Preparation Course Enrolment Website: www.cmfs.org.au Email: enquiries@cmfs.org.au



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Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
Counters		M Prentice, H & F Tay	Mark & Erica Lazarus

Parish Calendar				
Apr Mon 25	8.00am	Communion Service (Anzac Day) Church		
Tue 26	8.00am	Mass (St Mark) Church		
Wed 27	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter) Church		
Thu 28	8.00am	Mass (St Peter Chanel) Church		
Fri 29	8.00am	Mass (St Catherine of Siena) Church		
Sat 30	10.30am	Funeral Mass for George Page (No morning Mass) Church		
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Easter Year C) Church		
May Sun 1	7.30am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter Year C) Church		
	9.00am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter Year C) Church		
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Easter Year C) Church		



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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This is a community building initiative to
keep you fit and active with the help of
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Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm All parishioners are most welcome

For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224



Charismatic Healing Service

CCR Perth with the HSCaSM Choir will be conducting a **Healing Service** after the 5:00pm Mass at St Peter the Apostle Church, Bedford, on **Sunday, May 1st**. Come one and all who seek the healing touch of Jesus, whether the need be physical, psychological or spiritual. Why not invite family and friends to experience the healing touch of our loving Lord and Saviour?

Queries to Dan on 0409849049

George Page RIP

The Requiem Mass for George will be held on Saturday 30th April at 10-30am at St Pius X Manning. Please keep Maureen and the family in your prayers at this time.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers – Online

We invite ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) to attend an online safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary.

The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

To register please visit: www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9221 7762

Available dates are:



Friday, 06 May 2022 at 10.00am Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 1.00pm Friday, 03 June 2022 at 10.00am Tuesday, 14 June 2022 at 7.00pm Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 1.00pm







2022 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/ sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation
6.30pm Friday, 10 June 2022
Commitment Mass 6pm 30 April 2022

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 11 September 2022

Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

First Reconciliation 10.30am-12pm Saturday, 29 October 2022

Commitment Mass 6pm 15 Oct 2022

Divine Mercy Hour



On Sunday 24 April is Divine Mercy Sunday: Jesus said (to St Faustina): "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of my Mercy.

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

A Divine Mercy Sunday Mass will be held at the Cathedral 3 pm, prayers starting at 2.30pm.

Next Sunday Readings 1 May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C
First Reading: Acts: 5:27-32, 40-41
Second Reading: Revelation: 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

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.

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.

- 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.)
- 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.)

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

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.'

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

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.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever written in a journal or diary? Was it a hobby or an assignment from school? Was it something you kept in secret or something you shared? Did you like it? Why or why not?

If you could write a book, what kind of book would you write – a romance novel, a science fiction book, a historical document, a how-to manual? What would be your hope for people who read your book?

The Bible is like our faith family scrapbook. It has letters, stories, poetry, songs and information about events that have happened to the people of God ever since they became the people of God.

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Manning Parish Youth

Quest Youth Ministry

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