

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4.

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

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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!

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St. John the Baptist

The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000



St. Monica

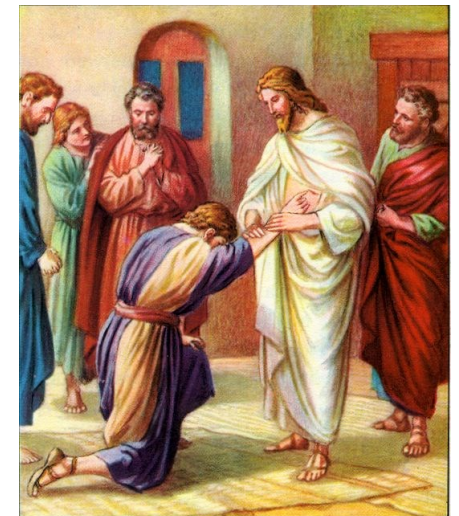
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A - 18 & 19 APRIL, 2020

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.



PARISH DIARY
APRIL 2020

18 SATURDAY within the Octave of Easter

• 9.00am private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners

• 6.00pm private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

• 8.30am private Mass at St. Monica's—Intention: all parishioners

• 10.00am private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

20 Monday of the 2nd week of Easter

• 9.00am private Mass at St John's —Intention: all parishioners

21 Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter

• 9.00am private Mass at St John's —Intention: all parishioners

22 Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter

• 9.00am private Mass at St. John's —Intention: all parishioners

23 Thursday of the 2nd Week of Easter

• 12.00pm private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners

24 Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter

• 9.00am private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners

25 Saturday, Anzac Day

• 9.00am private Mass at St John's —Intention: all parishioners

• 6.00pm private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

26 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

• 8.30am private Mass at St. Monica's—Intention: all parishioners

• 10.00am private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

Prayer to be Merciful

Love one another as I have loved you Jn: 15:12

Help me Jesus, that what I ask of You (Mercy) I will give to others in word and deed.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, So that I may never suspect or judge others, but always look for what is beautiful and good in other people

Help me, that my ears may be merciful. So that I may give heed to others needs, and not be indifferent to their pain.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak wrongly of others, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds so that I may do only good to others and always try to take upon myself the more difficult tasks.

Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist others, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness, contemplating Your love and mercy.

Help me, O Lord, to forgive and forget. This is Your greatest gift to me, and should be mine for Your sake, to all who offend me.



(St. Faustina—Based on 1, 78)

A Special Prayer to Mary

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all people of goodwill to pray to God for those who are sick and suffering especially for those affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. A special prayer to Mary is the Sub Tuum. This short prayer to our Lady has been prayed by Christians in troubled times since the third century.



“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our hour of need, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.”

Divine Mercy Chaplet—Live Stream with Archbishop Julian Porteous

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be live-streamed at 3.00 pm from St Mary's Cathedral Hobart. Please pray invoking the mercy of God on the world during this time of a suffering, loss, confusion & isolation. Please visit on Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzten6uVS-Ymf-7KVUEepQ>



Divine Mercy Healing Prayer

Jesus may your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners are requested to donate \$10 or \$15 per family each month if they can afford it. The money may be placed in an envelope marked “parish upkeep” and placed in the letterbox at the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if this could be done by the 10th of each month. This arrangement will only continue as long as the Churches are closed. Or you may wish to pay your weekly offering via Electronic Funds Transfer or Direct Debit (contact the Parish Office on 62726363 for details). Thank you for your ongoing financial support in these challenging times for all. *Fr. Guy*



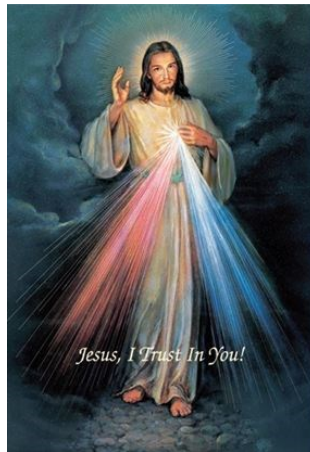
Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, St John, the Gospel writer, offers his own trustworthy testimony and gives his reason for writing the whole Gospel. The reason is so that all who come to know Jesus through his Gospel "may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name." On one hand, St John points out that the risen Lord and Jesus of Nazareth are the same Person. Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross on Good Friday is the same Jesus who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus says to Thomas, "Put your finger here... give me your hand, put it into my side." The Jesus the disciples knew and who lived with them in Palestine is transformed after His death and has absolute power over sin and death. On the other hand, St John points out that the risen Jesus is also different: His resurrected, glorious Body goes through closed doors. He comes in and stands among them and He eats with them. In other words, He is not limited by the laws of nature. And He comes to bring His peace, His joy and the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins and also to send them to the ends of the earth to proclaim that Jesus is alive and will judge everyone at the end of time: those who do good will be with God forever and those who do evil will be far from God forever.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church invites us to celebrate the infinite mercy of God. Catholics are encouraged to sincerely repent of their sins, place all their trust in Jesus, go to Confession, participate in the Mass on TV or the internet, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and practice mercy towards others through their actions, words and prayers.

May the Virgin most merciful, Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all. *Fr. Guy*



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions Entrusted to His Worldwide Prayer Network for the Month of April 2020

Universal Prayer Intention—Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied. To watch 'Liberation from Addictions—Video 4 by Pope Francis April 2020', please visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLTroqZcBkue16MMgzz9LKRp-W1biit5sp&v=SnaRTNsV8ec&feature=emb_title



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Guilford Young College spreads Easter joy

Students at Guilford Young College have spread some joy this Easter by collecting and donating more than 300 Easter eggs for distribution amongst clients of volunteer-based organisation Meals on Wheels. As a direct result of reaching out through the college's newsletter and Facebook page, Guilford Young College – which has campuses in Hobart and Glenorchy – was able to make up 355 bags full of chocolate sweets, which will



be included in Meals on Wheels' home delivery of meals to the individual homes of Hobart's elderly and isolated over the Easter period. The initiative was formed when Year 11 students at the college were trying to find a safe avenue for volunteering despite the current restrictions around safe food handling and social distancing. The eggs were donated by the students themselves, their families and staff. The Director of Ministry at Guilford Young College, Ms Simone McManus, said the students found it an enjoyable and practical expression of giving and reaching out to those who are socially isolated and vulnerable in our community at this time. "Their own experience of not being able to see older family members at this time made this an even more poignant experience," Ms McManus said. The initiative formed part of the practical volunteering component of the college's Year 11 religious education course, Exploring Issues in Society. Students also wrote a personal message of hope to the Meals on Wheels clients. Ms McManus said the initiative responds to the college's vision of being 'Christ our Light' in times of social isolation and darkness. "We aimed to respond within our own circle of control to be outward looking, hope-filled and Christian especially at Easter time," she said.

Parish Volunteers

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible. *Fr. Guy*

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster, Peter Drake, Raelene Di Martino, Ken Young and Frank Hesman. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.