

### First Reading Acts 2:42-47

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, 13-15, 22-24. R. v. 1**

**(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!

### Gospel Jn 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.'

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St. John the Baptist

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Monica

### 15-16 April 2023, 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A

### Dear Friends,

Many years ago I was doing my practical training for the priesthood as a Salesian in Melbourne. In the parish where I was, there was an old lady who came to Mass practically every morning. She always had a big smile on her face as she walked up the isle of the church. Once when I greeted her she said she always prayed that God would grant her the grace to come to Mass every day. This was the highlight of her day and the source of her strength and joy. I tell this story to encourage us, as we gather each Sunday to show our fidelity and need of God's love and mercy whether our faith is strong or weak.

Faith in the risen Lord is more a matter of seeing Christians live out their faith than of seeing Jesus in Person. This seems to be the message of the Gospel today which concludes with two urgent appeals to believe in Christ.

The first appeal is Jesus' words to Thomas: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." (Jn 20,29)

The second appeal is found at the end of John's Gospel: "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." (Jn 20, 30-31) Therefore, faith comes to us from the Apostles, who were the ones who "saw" for us and who testify by their lives that Jesus is truly Risen!

What ruins the world is sin, and death through sin (cf Rom 5,12). With the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Lord gives people whom He has saved from the power of sin, a new and permanent way to wholeness. Unfortunately, the struggle between good and evil continues in people's hearts in all generations but now we have the capacity to overcome evil through the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us! (Fr Guy)

### Clergy Plenary

I will be away from Monday 17th-Friday 21st April 2023 to attend the Clergy Plenary. Thanks to Fr Abilio Guterres who will be celebrating the Parish Masses.

### Salesians in Australia - 100 years

The Salesian family is celebrating 100 years in Australia and the Pacific. We will gather in Melbourne together with our Rector Major Fr Angel Fernandez Arttime.

Fr Abilio and myself will be participating in the Salesian festivities and in a Retreat Day with Fr Angel Arttime. While we are away (25-28 April) Fr Bernie will celebrate the Parish Masses. Thanks to Fr Bernie.

### 116 days to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon

There are 35 pilgrims attending the WYD in Lisbon. Please pray for all those preparing to take part in the pilgrimage. I will also accompany 15 teachers from our Catholic Schools as a chaplain. Please pray for all those from Australia who are preparing to take part in WYD23.

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**PARISH DIARY**

**April 2023**

**15 Saturday**

- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 16 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 17 Monday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 18 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 19 Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 20 Thursday**
- 12noon at St John's
- 21 Friday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 22 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 23 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) recently farewelled long serving members and welcomed new members.

We acknowledged and prayed for Don Ambler, who recently passed away, for his contributions to the PPC. His wisdom and presence will be missed by PPC Members. Susan, Don's wife is also a member of the PPC.

We farewelled Sr Pamela Davis, Agnes Matthew, Anne Loring and Virginia Zito, thanking them for their significant commitment and contribution to the life of our Parish through their membership of the PPC.

Our new members, Esperance Habonimana, Tien Ho, Harry Nermut and Caroline Ting, were welcomed and thanked for their willingness to contribute to the Parish through the PPC.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council  
Fr Guy Riolo SDB (Parish Priest), Fr Bernie Graham SDB (Rector, Dominic College), Elaine Doran (Chair), Paul Becker, Mary-Anne Johnson, Esperance Habonimana, Caroline Ting, Harry Nermut, Tien Ho and Marie Aitken (Secretary).  
On leave: Susan Ambler

College Principals  
Jo Legosz (Acting Principal, Guilford Young College), Steve Casni (Principal, Dominic College).

Parish Pastoral Council Members will be formally commissioned by Fr Guy at an upcoming Mass.  
Elaine Doran (PPC Chair)

**Mass for the unborn**

Archbishop Julian Porteous will celebrate a Mass for the Unborn at 11:00am on Saturday, 29th April, at St Mary's Cathedral for families who are currently expecting a baby. There will be a special blessing for the unborn child and both parents. All are welcome to attend. For further details please contact Dr Rachel Bradley, Director of the Office for Life, Marriage and Family, rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

**Grieving Your Way Workshop**

Grieving Your Way is a workshop for Christian women who would like some strategies to find and navigate their way through loss. Facilitated by Karen Mace, this workshop will help you to acknowledge, open to, and begin to work through grief associated with loss. You will learn how to integrate your faith, how to see God in even the darkest experiences, and how to recognise Our Lord as He not only walks with you, but often carries you on this part of your life journey. Wednesday, May 24th at The Emmanuel Centre 9:30am-12:30pm. For Enquiries & Registration please contact Karen: kammace@me.com or info@karenmace.com

**Project Compassion**

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

**Parish Easter Raffle Winners**

1st prize- M. Finn, 2nd prize - C. Gadd, 3rd Prize - Adriana Taylor, 4th prize - J. Grainger, 5th prize - Margaret Huxley. Money Raised for the parish \$660. Thank you to all who participated and donated prizes. Especial thanks to Kay Grainger and her team for their time and efforts facilitating the raffle.

**International Outreach**

We received an email from Fr Pulickal Augusty in Nepal this week expressing their thanks and gratitude for our regular financial support of students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar. He sent his wishes to us all for a Joyous Easter and its Blessings and wrote: *'The beneficiaries for the help that you sent last time were those who were studying in grades XI and XII and also those who were learning basic computer. They could make use of the facilities available, especially the boarders of the centre. They could use the computers even during their leisure hours for learning.'*

**Footy Points Margin**

Round 3, Collingwood v. Richmond (14 points) has not been claimed yet nor has round 4, North Melbourne v. Carlton (23 points). Who has the winning tickets? Reminder - the nominated game for round 5 is Freemantle v. Gold Coast Suns, the first game played.

**Parish 50/50 Club**

**What is it?** A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds.

**How does it work?** We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50.

We have 24 person who have joined. We need 26 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish Office 62726363 or by envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put in the basket.

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Angelo Pasutto, Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler

*Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Parish Volunteers**

To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely **a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.** We are reviewing 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 the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

**WEEKEND MASSES  
St John's, Glenorchy**

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday
- St. Monica's, Chigwell**
- 8.30am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES  
St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

**ROSARY**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday

**RECONCILIATION**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday  
● 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday

**LEGION OF MARY**

**at St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP**

**at St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

**at St. John's, Glenorchy**  
● Every Friday at 3.00pm

**COUNTERS' ROSTERS**

**This Week:** 17 April

Roberta Puckett's Team

**Next Week :** 24 April

Chris Foale Team

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$454.85

Quest Tap & Go: \$80.00

Loose Plate \$1,139.40

Direct Deposit: \$625.00

TOTAL: \$2,299.25

Weekly Budget: \$2500.00

Difference: -\$200.75