

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

11 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

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.

Responsorial 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

(R.) 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 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.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you
have seen me;**

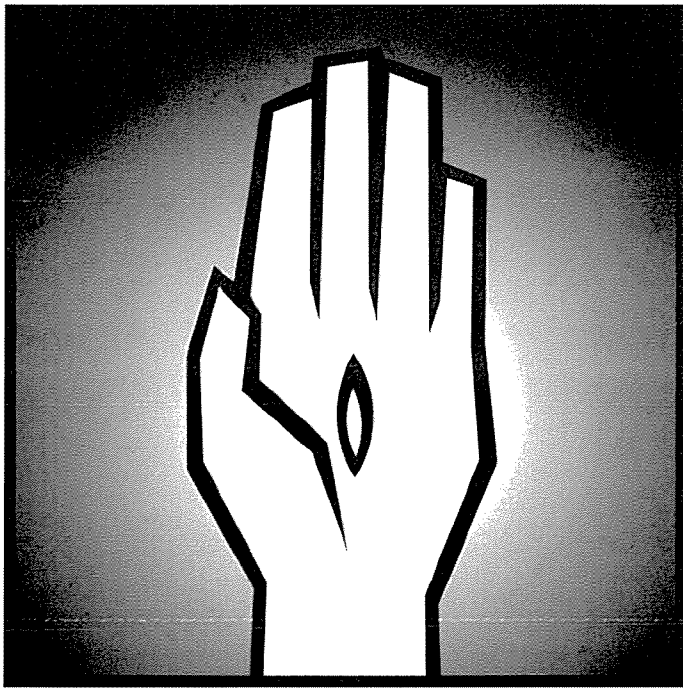
**happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

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.'



'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 by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR B

Recently Deceased: George Hallal.

Anniversaries 11th April to 17th April:

Peter McDonald, Marlene Eather, Les Allen, Anthony Trevean, John Guthrie, Claudio Dalla-Maria, Jean Ryan, Eileen Boyce, Rita van der Nouwelant, Caroline Hodgkinson and Banda Hallal.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraiseux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Johanna Strzelcyck, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations with Welcoming, Reading, Music, Flowers, Gardening, Sacristy, Cleaning and in many other ways including visiting the sick and keeping our people safe. My special thanks to Daniella, our Parish Secretary, for her tremendous hard work in helping me prepare all the extra bulletins and slides on top of all her regular duties, and to Father Geoff Baron for helping me with the extra Masses. Blessings of peace to all for this Easter Season. – Fr Darien.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Project Compassion 2021: thank you for your support, kindness and generosity during Lent. It is now time to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. Please place boxes/envelopes within the weekend collections or deliver to the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC is a representative body of the parishioners, working with the Parish Priest, to enable the parish to express itself as a community of faith. Expressions of interest are now called from parishioners willing to volunteer their time and talents, or from those seeking to nominate others, as parish representatives for the 2-year term commencing in July 2021. The willingness of anyone who is nominated by another person will be verified prior to proceeding to the discernment process. Please contact Father Darien during the next three weeks to convey your interest in membership or in nominating another person. Phone the parish office or email queenscliff@cam.org.au.

Thank you to all who contributed to Trinity Aid for Refugees Lenten collection. Together we were able to pass on 22 bags of groceries, \$605 worth of vouchers and \$1125 in cash (which was converted to food vouchers). A wonderful effort! - Shirley Hurley.

Geelong Catholic Diners' Club: Come join us for a two course evening meal, an interesting guest speaker and the opportunity to meet new friends. This month our guest speaker will be Peter Carr with his talk entitled "Up the Khyber Pass". We are open to members of all faiths. **Appetisers begin at 6:15pm on Tuesday, 13 April, followed by a delicious meal and dessert for only \$33 per person at 6:45pm.** We meet at Capri Receptions (258 Pakington Street, Geelong West). For more information and reservations, please phone or text Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584 by Friday, 9 April, the deadline for catering purposes.

Parishioners are invited to check the Melbourne Catholic website for Positions Vacant: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>. There are a number of jobs being advertised that may be of interest to some of you.

St Joseph's College – Geelong: enrolments for 2022 and tour dates. Information is on our website.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13th April – St Martin I (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 14th April – WEDNESDAY of the 2nd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 15th April – THURSDAY of the 2nd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 16th April – FRIDAY of the 2nd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 17th April – SATURDAY of the 2nd week of Easter

Sunday 18th April – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Thought for the Week:

It is the sweet, simple things in life
which are the real ones after all.

- Laura Ingalls Wilder.

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