



'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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RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

As we bask in the light of resurrection, today we see two witnesses to the resurrection, and the transformation of lives.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume attributed to Luke, and it presents to us a changed way of living. Firstly, the whole group of believers are described as 'of one heart and soul' (v. 32). The apostles appear as testifying with great power to the resurrection and 'great grace was upon them all' (v. 33). The remarkable addition here is that they shared everything in common, sold property and distributed funds so no-one was in need (v. 34-35). This radical transformation of their way of life is not a defining feature of our communities today, even though adopted by many religious congregations throughout the Church's history. While not diminishing the great charitable works operating today, this way of life remains a challenge to us in a world where rich become richer and poor increase in number and poverty.

In juxtaposition to the Acts account, the Gospel outlines the appearance of Jesus among the apostles and the repetition of 'Peace be with you' (vv.19, 21). In this gathering behind closed doors, Jesus tells the apostles that he is sending them out. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, commissioning them. Eight days later in the same room Jesus arrives saying once again 'Peace be with you' (v. 26) and here is the experience of the doubting Thomas, forever recorded for anyone who might doubt that the resurrection happened and is real.

How will our lives be transformed by the resurrection?

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.**

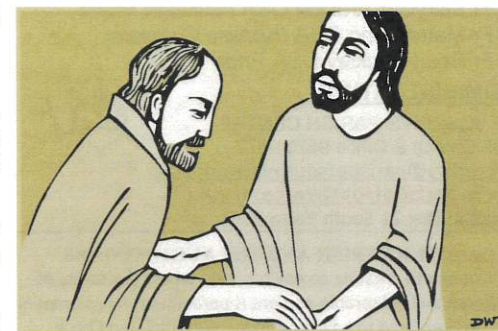
SECOND READING

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.'

2nd Sunday of Easter (7th April 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stefphy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stefphy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 7th April 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 6th April	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 8th April Annunciation of the Lord		
Tuesday 9th April 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 10th April 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 11th April St Stanislaus	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 12th April 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 13th April 2 nd Week of Easter	9.00am Mass	



VISIT OF FR PETER JONES OSA

This week the Provincial of the Augustinians in Australia Fr Peter Jones is visiting the South Yarra community and will address the new parish council on Wednesday April 10th.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Finance Committee: Tues 9 April 4pm
- ▶ Baptism Preparation: Tues 9 April 7pm
- ▶ Parish Council: Wednesday 10 April 7pm
- ▶ RCIA gathering 7pm Thursday April 4th.

AUGUSTINE ON EASTER FAITH



"When the disciples saw the Lord they were joyful, yet their hesitation remained. For something had taken place which was incredible; yet it had taken place. Is it incredible now that the body of Christ has risen from the tomb? The whole healed world believes it. The disciples were brought to believe not alone through their eyes, but through their hands, so that faith might enter their heart by way of their senses, so that the faith thus entering their heart might be preached throughout the world." (from an Easter Sermon)



Please return boxes and envelopes as soon as possible.

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NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



Congratulations to our new Parish Council members, *Averyl Menezes, Ione Almeida and Benedict See* (pictured with Fr Luca Park)

BAPTISM PREPARATION

We invite families of infants to be presented for baptism to an online ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm. Contact the parish office.

MASS COLLECTIONS 31/03/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)
 1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits. \$ 1116.55

Church (Parish Ministries)

2 nd Collection	\$ 625.90
Envelopes.....	\$ 250.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards \$	150.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 630.00

Thank you for your generosity



IN LOVING MEMORY
Recently Deceased
 ✦ Katia Marques
Anniversaries



- ✦ Joan Carey
- ✦ Giuseppe Muratore
- ✦ Patricia Trenchard
- ✦ Chris Bainbridge
- ✦ Adam Graham
- ✦ Loretta Pereira
- ✦ Frank Balcerzak



EASTER ENVELOPES
 Envelopes at church doors for offerings to the clergy at Easter.

CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION



Preparation classes for children making their First Reconciliation will begin in May, Please contact Stefphy at the parish office for more information.

VISIT OF BISHOP TONY IRELAND

Thank you to Tony Ireland, Bishop of the Melbourne Southern Region, who presided and preached at the Good Friday Ceremonies at St Joseph's 3pm



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.