

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.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## THE GIFT OF PEACE

Today is the extension of Easter Sunday. It is such an important and central feast in our Liturgical calendar that we celebrate it for a whole week, and Easter itself, over six weeks. Today's Gospel from John is the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his frightened disciples. They have locked themselves in a room for fear of the religious authorities, that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. To their surprise, the Risen One stands in their midst.

Three things now take place. First, Jesus speaks. His first words are 'Peace be with you.' These words gifted to John's audience are also gifted to us: the gift of peace, of 'shalom', heals all division. Second, Jesus sends his frightened disciples, now filled with joy, John notes, on mission. Their mission is the same as that of Jesus, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.' And third, he breathes on the disciples. Jesus' breath, the symbolic presence of God's life and Holy Spirit, empowers the disciples to accomplish their Easter mission.

The final part of the Gospel is taken up with Thomas, his incredulity at the presence of the Risen Jesus reported to him by the others. When he is finally reconnected to the community of disciples—and this is the point of the story—Thomas, too, comes to Easter faith, declaring Jesus, 'My Lord and my God'. This beautiful Gospel underscores for us the presence of the Risen One amid our fears, his empowering of us, and our need to be always connected to our discipleship communities.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

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.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song; / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **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 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter  
*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

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 had 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 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.

## ■ 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

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park 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**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)  
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT**

During the Council meeting last Wednesday evening, new council members were welcomed, there was a discussion about sealing the church carpark and sound system, the redesign of our Parish Website, the Melbourne Synod and a forthcoming social night for the parish in the winter months.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ RCIA: Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm.
- ▶ Sacramental Prep: Sat 18 Apr 10.30am

**WITH AUGUSTINE AT EASTERTIDE**

"Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God". He saw and touched the man, and acknowledged the God whom he neither saw nor touched; but by the means of what he saw and touched, he now put far away from him every doubt, and believed the other. He saw and believed. What follows rather commends the faith of those who are like us: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed". For the Lord knew what was then future, as if it had already taken place." (Tractates on John's Gospel)



**THE SCRIBBLE MAGAZINE**



Copies of the Autumn edition of the parish seasonal newsletter are available this week.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

Planned Giving envelopes for the coming year are now in the churches. New subscribers please contact the office at 9826 9677

**EASTER ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for the clergy at the church door.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please return boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity. Donations can also be made at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloude-mans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

- ✦ Danny Geronimo

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Anthony Crivera ✦ Gaston Guzman
- ✦ Zofia Balcerzak ✦ Dolores Hogan
- ✦ Gladwin D'Souza ✦ Johanna Meagher
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng ✦ Ron Ivers
- ✦ Fr Laurie Mooney OSA ✦ Charles Marsicek

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



**PARISH BAPTISMS**

The parish congratulates the family of Daisy Jarvis who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



**WELCOME TO THE NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**



New Parish Pastoral Council Members 2026 Claire Ng, Priscilla Murphy, Netty Broekman & Katherine Cruz with Fr Luca Park OSA.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 5/04/2026**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 1558.45
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 930.55
Envelopes.....	\$ 100.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 1375.00.
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 746.00
Holy Land Collection.....	\$1765.65
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