



Second Sunday of Easter, Year B (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

7 April 2024

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognise him until he spoke to her.



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, Painting by Paolo Veronese (1485-1522)
Source: <https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/john-20-19-31-2024/>

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Source: Loyola Press

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia.

Readings for Next Week - Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19 - Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 5, 9 - A prayer seeking God's favour

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 - Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48 - Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

MASSES & MEETINGS

Weekday Mass:

Tue, Wed & Fri - 9.00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Thu - 9.00am at Holy Family Church

Weekend Mass:

Sat - 6.00pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Sun - 8.00am at The Holy Family Church
Sun - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Reconciliation: Sat 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett Church

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9.00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Welcoming Mass: 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month during the 9.30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches - Every Wednesday after 9.00am Mass at the Parish Hall

COMING UP:

08 APR - MON: 6.15pm - St Vincent de Paul Meeting

14 APR - SUN: Third Sunday of Easter, Baptisms

17 APR - WED: 7.00pm Parents' Preparation Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation

18 APR - THU: 6.00pm - Connect Dinner

21 APR - SUN: Fourth Sunday of Easter, First Preparation Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates

05 MAY - SUN: Second Preparation Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conf.
Fortnightly at 6.15pm
Next meeting: 8th April 2024.
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUES: Parish Leadership Team
Fortnightly at 6.30pm
Next Meeting: 9th April 2024

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting
Monthly at 4.30pm
Next Meeting: TBC April 2024

THUR: Parish Finance Council Meeting
Bi-monthly at 4.30pm
Next Meeting: 16th May 2024

GOSPEL READING FOR 7 APRIL 2024 - JOHN 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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

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

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7 April at 3pm

A day to receive God's extraordinary mercy as a church community, as the Body of Christ, as his followers. "It is a time when we are blessed with Divine Mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified".

Join us at 3pm today at Cannon Hill as we pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*.

For more about *The Message* go to www.thedivinemercy.org/message

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 7 April 2024 - 9 am

Tuesday: Chaplaincies

Wednesday: Eagle Vale

Thursday: The Sick and Elderly OMI's

Friday: Sorrento

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

PRIVACY: The privacy of all individuals with whom the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information. As part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we must abide by and adhere to the requirements in accordance with the *Australian Privacy Principles* in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act)* and *The Australian Privacy Principles 7*. The Policy is available at www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy, or on request.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McNally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy.

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Kenna, Nicholas Cranston

Rosary Prayer Group

Commencing 13th April, we will be praying *The Rosary* before all weekend masses.

Please join us at Cannon Hill:
5.30pm Saturday evenings and
9am Sunday mornings.

All welcome!

For more information, please call the Parish office.



Sunday Morning Tea!



Tea leaves whisper secrets, and our cups overflow with joy. Come sip, chat, and bask in the warmth of fellowship today after Mass.

All welcome!



Join us for Morning Tea

Every Wednesday

Cannon Hill - After 9am mass

First Sunday of the Month

Tingalpa - After 8am Mass

Cannon Hill - After 9.30am Mass

All Welcome!

Thank You!

A special thank you to all our wonderful and dedicated Volunteers who work tirelessly to make our community what it is. You are all truly amazing!!



Connect Dinner

All previous Alpha participants, partners and their families are warmly invited to Connect every second Thursday, 6pm - 8pm. The next dinner will be on **18th April** in the Parish hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Catholic Quiz

According to John's Gospel, in which of the following languages was the inscription 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews', posted on Christ's Cross, NOT written?

a. Greek b. Hebrew c. Arabic. d. Latin

Answer = c. Arabic

Donations of White Clothing for Children

Children are encouraged to wear white clothing when they celebrate their Sacraments; however, we know some families are struggling at the moment. If you have any suitable white clothing for boys or girls aged 8 and over that you can donate, please drop them off to the Parish office. Thank you!



Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the parish office by Friday 31st May or donate online via the Caritas Australia website at www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Strengthen the Household of Faith

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. *Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

- Matthew 25: 40

A gift in any amount given through your Will strengthens our household of faith. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Cannon Hill Parish, call Catholic Foundation, 3324 3200.

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Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

WORLD RENOWNED CATHOLIC PREACHER AND MINISTER



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**THERE IS MORE
SIGNS AND WONDERS TOUR
APR 18-21**

Damian Stayne is a lay Catholic evangelist with a ministry of prophecy, physical healing and miracles. He has ministered across the globe, equipping the church to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wherever he has set foot, many thousands have been healed from their physical and mental distress. Others have received life impacting prophecy and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into their lives. He is the founder of the Cor et Lumen Christi (The Heart of light of Christ) community in London.

Thursday 18 April: 'Empower' Young Adults Night

7:00 - 9:30pm at Emmanuel City Mission (Doors open at 6.30)
19 Merivale St, South Brisbane. Donation at the Door.

What: A night of encounter and release in the power and gifts of the Spirit.

Who: Young Adults (18+) in greater Brisbane.

Friday 19 April: Maturing in the Prophetic

9:00am - 8:30pm at Twelve Apostles Church
111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee - Cost: \$20

What: Developing the gifts of prophetic words, signs & senses for evangelism and ministry

Who: Those familiar with exercising spiritual gifts and ready to grow more.

Saturday 20 April: Healing, Signs and Wonders

9:00am - 9:30pm at Twelve Apostles Church
111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee - Cost: \$20

What: A full day of prophetic, worship and healing ministry, featuring a powerful Miracle Service in the evening.

Who: Open to all, especially those who are ill or in need of a miracle.

Scan the QR Code to register or go to
www.app.tickets.org.au/ec/damianstayne



There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.

- Pope Francis

A MORNING'S PRAYER | "REMAIN IN ME"

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend our A Morning's Prayer Retreat.

Event Details

Date: Saturday 27 April 2024

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$25

This event is hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team.
www.santateresa.org.au/news-events



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