

DOUBTING THE EASTER MESSAGE

Although Thomas is called the 'twin', he might be better named Thomas the 'realist'. Unlike the other disciples, Thomas is not about to believe in something as improbable as Jesus rising from the dead unless he has hard evidence. We might even call him Thomas the 'sceptic' who believes only in things he can see and touch.

In John's Gospel, Thomas is presented as someone who does the right thing even in the face of adversity. This is shown when Jesus visits the ill and dying Lazarus. Thomas urges the disciples to accompany Jesus on this difficult mission — even if they might face death: "Let us go that we may die with him" (11:16). Thomas is a person of action who is true to his word. Peter, however, commits himself to follow Jesus to the point of death, but then denies him three times!

Nor is Thomas afraid to express his ignorance and ask the hard questions. At the Last Supper, when Jesus tells the disciples they know where he is going, Thomas bluntly expresses his confusion: "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5). Finally, from today's gospel, we are presented with both a "doubting Thomas" who is slow to believe, and yet someone who remains open-minded and continues to search for the truth. Once the resurrected Christ appears to him, his response is full-hearted: "My Lord and my God".

Like Thomas, we are people with doubts and questions. Unlike Thomas, we do not have the luxury of walking beside Jesus for three years in his public ministry. Nor do we have the privilege of touching the wounds in the risen body of Jesus, as Thomas did. Yet, in a strange twist of events, Jesus says that you and I are even more blessed than Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Yet, our faith is not blind belief in things that others tell us. Easter faith is a genuine experience of the risen Lord who always walks with us on the journey of life. This is especially the case when we experience "crucifixion moments" in our own lives, or when our doubts threaten to overwhelm us. As Thomas' own experience teaches, doubt is not the opposite of faith, but its pre-condition, leading us to search for the 'hidden God' who is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

Pope Francis says by living our faith in loving service of others "many doubts vanish because we feel the presence of God and the truth of the Gospel". In other words, Easter faith is less about a set of beliefs than a way of life leading us to ever deepening discipleship.



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19th April, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year A

Today's Readings

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

26th April, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-23

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

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Sunday Bulletin

Temporary Church Closure

The Federal Government has ordered the closure of all churches to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus. All private prayer, all prayer groups in the Church and all Masses are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Baptisms and confirmations are postponed except in the case of emergencies. Weddings and funerals are allowed under strict conditions, as is Anointing of the Sick. Individual confession is still available by appointment, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Our parish office remains open from 9am-1.30pm Tuesday-Friday for now, and can be reached by phone on 9398 2331 or by email at secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

The Archdiocese will be offering various suggestions and resources via their webpage www.perthcatholic.org.au or visit <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au> directly for a series of prayer and worship resources for individuals and families to use.

Fr Philip is inviting you to the following scheduled ZOOM meeting where Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9.30am. This will be a recurring meeting at 9.30am each Sunday. You may first need to get the Zoom App which is free to download. Click the 'Join Zoom Meeting' link about 5 minutes before the scheduled start. Please remember to mute your microphone before Mass.

Our Lady Of The Most Blessed Sacrament Sunday Mass 9.30am - Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7067419507>

Meeting ID: 706 741 9507

For those familiar with 'One tap mobile':

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Mass will also be available on our Facebook page at Catholic Parish of Gosnells.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB will be live-streaming Mass every Sunday morning from 11.00am via the following links:

- Archdiocesan Website: www.perthcatholic.org.au
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/perthcatholic

Sunday Mass is also available through 'Mass on Demand' at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ and 'Mass for You at Home' at 6.00am every Sunday morning on Channel 10.

Contributions To The Parish

A few people in the parish have asked how to continue their planned giving. If you are able to continue, you can either bring your planned giving offering to the office, Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 1.30pm or deposit it to the following bank account:

Account Name: Parish of Gosnells

BSB Number: 086006

Account Number: 773984777

Reference: PG - *** (your envelope number eg PG-157)

If you would like to make any other donation through the bank, please quote the number LC-750 in the reference line.

Please visit our website for more information and your latest copy of the bulletin at www.gosnellsparish.org.au

If you know of anyone that does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, there will be copies available in the parish center foyer for collection during office hours.

Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Regina Arul, Raffaele Farano,
Gwenneth Pauline Mountain,
Daniel Murray

Our Sick

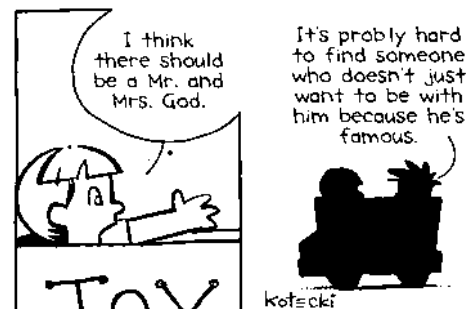
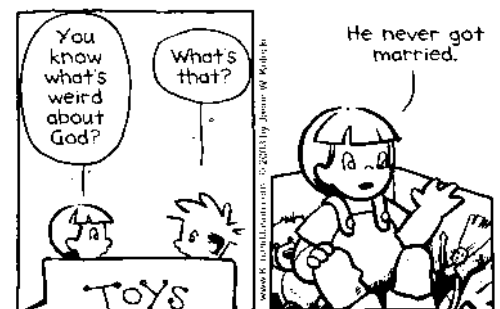
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Feast Days this Week

Apr 20	Mon	Sts Marcellinus, Vincent and Dominus
21	Tue	St Anselm, St Maelrubha
23	Thu	St George, St Adalbert of Prague
24	Fri	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, St Erkenwald, St Egbert
25	Sat	ANZAC Day

Mr. and Mrs. God



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When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.

You can still donate through Parish boxes and envelopes. Please see the list below as to how else you may be able to donate during Covid-19 restrictions.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

**Project Compassion 2020 Archdiocese Of Perth
Parish Donations During COVID-19 Restrictions**

DONATION METHOD	ACTION REQUIRED
Weekly Project Compassion envelope or donation box	If by cash, either deliver to your parish office or deposit at an NAB branch (see Caritas Australia's banking details below) If by credit card or cheque, either deliver to your parish office or mail to Caritas' Highgate office (see address below)
Project Compassion website	If by credit card: https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank
EFT	Caritas' banking details: BSB - 086 006, Account No. - 826 198 877 Account name - Caritas Australia WA Project Compassion Reference is Parish Name - Gosnells Parish
Cheque	Either deliver to your parish office or mail to Caritas' Highgate office (see address below)
Cash	Deliver to your parish office or deposit at an NAB branch (see Caritas' banking details above)
Phone	Caritas' Highgate office, Monday to Friday - (08) 9422 7925 Caritas' National Office - 1800 024 413
Mail	If by cheque or credit card: Caritas Australia, 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE, WA, 6003
In person	If by cash, credit card or cheque: Leave at reception, Catholic Pastoral Centre (CPC), 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE WA, Monday to Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm, subject to CPC remaining open during COVID-19 emergency.

"My heartfelt thanks to all in your parish community for your continuing help with Project Compassion. Your help for those who most need our help in these difficult times is greatly appreciated. May we all keep safe, and may the love of God in Jesus Christ enfold us." Deacon Paul Reid, Diocesan Director – Archdiocese of Perth, Community Participation Leader – Western Region/ WA & NT

Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.
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St Fabian (d 250) Pope and Martyr and St Sebastian (d 288) Martyr

Feast Day: January 20

St Fabian, according to tradition, was elected Pope in 236 by the Roman Church even though he was a stranger in the city. He condemned Bishop Privatus of Africa for heresy and governed the Church wisely for fourteen years. In 250, he died a martyr during the persecution of Decius. His grave in the cemetery of St Callistus in Rome still exists, marked by the words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr."

According to tradition, St Sebastian was born at Narbonne, Gaul, and entered the Roman army as a soldier about 283. A devout Christian, he rose to command the emperor's own guards and used the influence of that position to support Christians being persecuted in the city. Emperor Diocletian, discovering his allegiance, had Sebastian tied to a stake and shot by archers. Though left for dead he recovered from his wounds and went into the imperial palace to denounce the emperor's cruelty to Christians. Diocletian then ordered him beaten to death in 288. His body is buried on the Appian Way near the present Basilica of Sebastian in Rome.

Sebastian was venerated as a martyr in Milan as early as the fourth century by St Ambrose.

St Sebastian is the patron saint of soldiers, athletes and those who desire a saintly death. The belief that St Sebastian was a defence against the plague was a medieval addition to his reputation, which largely accounts for the enormous increase in his importance in the late Middle Ages.

Lord, hear the prayers of the martyrs and give us courage to witness to you.

Taken from 'The Book of Saints'



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Dear friends of the Centre for Faith Enrichment, Christ is Risen! Eastertide is upon us and as promised the Centre for Faith Enrichment remains operational albeit in an online teaching capacity. Visit www.cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/ for a variety of courses and events that explore the wonderful richness of our Catholic tradition. All courses are live and interactive, which requires you to be in front of your computer (or dial in via a toll-free number) at the established time. Click on your preferred option, register for the course/event and we will send you information on how to connect. In Christ, Marco, Tracy and the CFE presenters.

COVID-19 Information And Updates In Your Language

For those of you whose first language is not English or who have family members who can't speak English very well, please share the link below. Reading or listening to information about the Corona virus and COVID-19 disease in your preferred language is always more educational. Please follow the link below and choose your language: <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/coronavirus>

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