

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

In the dramatic encounter between Jesus and the disciple Thomas after Jesus's resurrection, Jesus invites Thomas - who is stricken with doubt - to put his hand into Jesus' side. It provides a vivid example of how God draws close to us, despite our fears and doubts, when we struggle to find a way forward.

As a child, I used to watch my father develop photographs in a dark room illuminated only by a dim red light. As the photographic paper was dipped successively in different trays of chemicals, the latent photographic image emerged. At first, only a vague outline of the image would be visible. Increasingly, the image improved in clarity. The final product was always a sharp, focused and vivid black and white image. Our journey of faith is something like this, our understanding and insight slowly developing.

Thomas the disciple has often been portrayed in a negative light for voicing his doubts. Like Thomas, we desire God, yet are filled with doubt because we are unsure how to proceed. However, these moments of doubt, in both Thomas's and our experience, rather than being viewed as falling short of the mark, should be regarded as opportunities where we are invited to take a step forward in faith. We need to remember that in life, as in this Gospel account, Jesus takes the initiative by coming amongst us, blessing us with his peace and breathing upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is also worth noting that the opposite of doubt is not the elimination of all uncertainty but an invitation to faith. Faith holds a candle to the path forward: yet the path is not necessarily one that is easy or carefree. The path forward, even when taken in faith, can still be filled with pain and uncertainty.

Nevertheless, Jesus accompanies us in this journey of faith. He lovingly invites Thomas to see his hands, to put his hand in his side. He says to Thomas and to all of us, "Feel my wounds." This is no rebuke but an intimate, loving, bodily embrace of our flesh-and-blood humanity.

Jesus takes his place in our lives not just in the joyful certainties of our life but amidst those doubt-filled gaps. He faced those moments himself: in Gethsemane on the eve of his death and in those final moments on the cross. In his loving embrace of our humanity, he transforms those dark nights of the soul. "Reach out your hand and put it into my side," he says encouragingly.

As children of the Resurrection, our awe-filled response, "My Lord and my God", allows the flooding in of his remarkable grace and peace and redemption. It embeds his presence in our midst. Let us remember, as Thomas Merton observed, "There is no such thing as a prayer in which 'nothing is done' or 'nothing happens,' although there may well be a prayer in which nothing is perceived or felt or thought."

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16th April, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year A

White

Today's Readings

Acts 2:42-47

1 St Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

23rd April, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

White

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

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Sunday Bulletin

| Parish Liturgies | |
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| Weekend Mass | Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am |
| Weekday Mass | Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass |
| Reconciliation | Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment |
| Buckley Caring Centre | 10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month |
| Juniper Aged Care | 11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month |
| Rosary | After weekday Masses |
| Exposition | Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Charismatic Prayer | Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm. |
| Baptism | Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement |
| Marriage | By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc |

| Parish Meetings | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Parish Pastoral Council | Tuesday, 9th May in Parish Centre at 6.45pm |
| Vinnies | Wednesday, 10th May in Parish Centre at 7.30pm |



Just a reminder of the 8 km speed limit throughout school and church grounds. Carparks are never a place for speeding or inattention as it risks somebody, especially children, being severely injured—something we never want to happen in our school or church grounds.

All members of our community are responsible for the safety and welfare of others. Be patient, observant and tolerant.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Julius Cork, Winefride Blackshaw

Death Anniversary

Rosa Squillace, Tony Squillace, J.How,
R Bumagat, Dolly Manasseh, J Miguel

Deceased

Jerrfrey Cama, Dolly Casas, Albert Gyi, Lionel Harding, Madge Harding, Arsenio Romero, Sheila Marie Romero, Remedios Villareal

Our Sick

Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Feast Days this Week

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| Apr 17 | Mon | St Donan |
| 18 | Tues | St Laserian |
| 19 | Wed | St Alphege |
| 20 | Thu | Sts Marcellinus, Vincent & Dominus, Bueno, Agnes of Montepulciano |
| 21 | Fri | St Anselm of Canterbury, St Maelrubha |

Rosters for 15/16 April, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---|--|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer | Mary Ann Bombita | Kaye Cox | Martin Loh | Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan | Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan |
| Sunday 7.30am | Dion Robson Shania Tido | Jack Roach | Ronan Roach | Geoff Mills | Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera | Diobett Bangayan, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw |
| Sunday 9.30am | Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni | Ciara Jacob | Paige Jacob | Lenny Dcruz | Cigi Dcruz Carolina Hayward | Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar Juan Carlos Borlongan, Able Biju |
| Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak | | | | Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin | | |

Rosters for 22/23 April, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Sandra Wren Mercy Burton | Pam Davies | Carina Limengco | Volunteer | Ludette Van der Spil Tracy Van Ingen | Angel Villan, Carl Agus, Maria Donina, Xyris Madrigal, Abigail Raganas |
| Sunday 7.30am | Eric Almen Wendie Almen | Dion Robson | Sr Savarie | Gerard Peters | Pay Tru Sue Frawley | Callie Abogado, Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido, Shania Tido |
| Sunday 9.30am | Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz | Cecilia Jacob | Jomy Jose | Dan Hewitt | Angela Bushby Maureen Byrne | Emily Crestani, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo, Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin |

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May the redemption won for us by Christ, bring reconciliation in our relationships, God's peace in our lives and joy in all that we do.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone involved in making our Easter celebration a most joyous and spiritual experience - acolytes, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, the music ministries, cantors, psalmists, greeters, the sacristans, those who contributed to the cost of the flowers, those who arranged the flowers, the maintenance committee, those who provided the Paschal Candle and the Easter eggs. Many people gave so much time and love to make our celebrations so special for everyone.

Thank you also for bringing your family, neighbours and friends to celebrate with us. We had an extraordinary celebration which I hope has touched us all and lifted our faith. Thank you too for your support, your gifts and well wishes.

May the Easter Message come alive in our daily lives! Sincerely, Fr Philip



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Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour will commence at 3pm on the Second Sunday of Easter, 16th April, which is Divine Mercy Sunday - the Feast of Mercy. All welcome.

Memorial Service

For Winefride (Win) Blackshaw will be celebrated in our Church on Thursday, 20th April at 2.00pm



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2nd Sunday of Easter 16th April

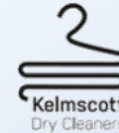


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Golden Age Club - Birthday Celebrations



Come along at 10.00am on Tuesday, 18th April to celebrate another birthday for the Golden Age Club In the Parish Centre. BYO Lunch TO SHARE! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome. The Golden Age Club was formed following a Senior Parishioners' Dinner in March, 1987.

Please note that there will be no Club Day on Anzac Day,

Tuesday, 25th April. Normal Club days will resume in May, every Tuesday.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

The Liturgy of the Word, normally conducted at our 9.30am Mass, for Children 4 years and over will be in recess until 30th April when school term begins.

We pray that the children will enjoy the holidays and continue to join our Sunday Liturgy with their families.

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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Young Adults

Join us in the hall on Saturday 29th April at 7pm for our Young Adults dinner. Please register your attendance via the sign-up sheet in the foyer or by text!

Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment 2023

Spirituality brochures from the ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart are now available in the foyer. *Come....rest a while... Create a sacred space to listen to the Spirit's Whisper within you.* Choose from various retreats, meditation gatherings, days of prayer and other offerings. For updates and new events please visit: www.sosj.org.au and www.marymackillopperth.org.au

Aim to Love Course

A wonderful new course! Based on 1 Corinthians 14:1, this free course will help you find or deepen your relationship with Jesus, allowing the healing power of God's love to truly set you free from unnecessary life burdens. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, this course can help you grow and move in the power and freedom of the Holy Spirit. The course runs for 8 weeks and will be held simultaneously at two locations - Willetton Parish hall on Wednesdays, 11:30am to 1:30pm, (starting 26th April) and at the Gosnells parish church, on Thursday evenings, 7:15pm to 9:00pm, (starting 27th April). Presented at both locations by Mr Dan Hewitt (Chairman of CCR Perth). Queries to Dan 0409849049, daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com

New Rosters for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers - Out Now

Volunteers, please collect your new roster from the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.

Christian Healing Course

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5th - 7th and May 19th - 21st, both weekends are required! Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a PREREQUISITE for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend, not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost for each module is \$65. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further information contact Dan 0409 849 049.

Safeguarding FREE Webinar

The Safeguarding Program Office is pleased to be able to offer a FREE webinar on Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness Tuesday, 2nd May 7pm - 9pm. Please register at safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role - paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish. To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book. **Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.**

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