

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Over the next 8 weeks the readings reflect on the Mystery of Easter. Take a moment to reflect on your experience of Easter. What do you remember? What did you hear? See? Feel? What personal message do you think God wishes you to store and treasure in your spirit? On this Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, can you see God's love and forgiveness at Easter?
- ❖ Luke, in writing the Acts of the Apostles, is trying to teach the early Christian community how to live and grow. It is the ideal the Christian Community strives to live and witness to. It is the lived expression of conversion. Consider personally (and for your community) what lifestyle change are you invited to:
 - pray daily at home and in the temple;
 - share property, possessions, food and resources with those in need; and
 - celebrate the liturgy (breaking of bread) and learn the teachings of the Apostles.
- ❖ For Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity, the break with family and social bonds caused them to be rejected and persecuted. Jewish converts to Christianity saw their own family conduct a funeral for them, considering them lost and dead! Gentiles faced suspicion of subverting the social order. Peter encourages them not to be surprised. Your inheritance is waiting in heaven. Be certain that the genuineness of your faith will eventually prove to give praise to God. Do you experience being tested by friends ... family ... society ... for your faith? Do you need to let go of some relationships and influences to remain 'faith-full'? Does your faith cost you anything?
- ❖ The resurrection greeting Jesus gives his disciples is important. The Jewish belief was that the reign of the Messiah would bring a time of peace and people living in reciprocal covenant relationship with God and one another. Peace is given by the forgiveness of sins, won on the Cross and given to the Church through the activity of the Holy Spirit. While this text points to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it also has within it a charge for all disciples to actively live the forgiveness they have received from Christ. Do you recognise your call to be a living witness to the peace and forgiveness Covenant of God?
- ❖ Thomas is present within each of us and in our communities. Sometimes with the disciples. Sometimes not. Struggling with questions and doubts. Do you know a 'Thomas'? How could you support them?
- ❖ The Roman Emperor of the time, Domitian, demanded people address him with the title 'Our Lord and God'. What might John be trying to teach us in Thomas' profession of faith?

IT'S REAL!

I recently had a baptism of a young girl, where I wanted to convey two key messages in a simple way. My aim was that an 8-year-old could understand. Not a simple task. Firstly, I told her that baptism is not magic; it is happening because our relationship with God is real. Secondly, I stressed that this was the beginning, not the end, of her new relationship with God.

As I approached the first theme, the words of an adult, whom I am helping prepare for baptism, kept ringing in my head. As I was trying to teach him about Jesus, he told me clearly, more than once, "Father, I get it. He is real." Until today, I wonder if he did get it, as I wonder if any of us truly get it, that Jesus is real in our lives and world.

What is there to get? It is that, through baptism, we enter into a human and wondrous relationship with the divine, where we are assured that Jesus truly is our life-long friend and companion. As I go along in life, I know this to be so more and more. The challenge becomes ... how do I share this? Is it by shouting that Jesus is your friend or by saying, over and over, that this relationship is real? It is by neither, for both speak of our inadequate, human endeavours.

Yet it is in the midst of our human reality that we find God. This is real. This is miracle. This is what God wants and so we bathe in the light of his love. Baptism is but the beginning of our entering fully into this relationship, that is both deeply personal and fully communal. This relationship is life-long and never-ending, taking us into the fullness of new life with our living God.

As I reflect, thinking where I am going with this, I am reminded of St Augustine's definition that "we are an Easter people". Ours is an Easter faith. Easter is the defining moment of who we are in faith, for the Resurrection is "the measure and expression of the love of God for all humanity" – you and I included. It is the Easter faith that assures our relationship with the Father, and so with the Son and the Spirit. The Resurrection thus discloses and is explained by love, for God is love.

The Resurrection is not simply something that happened 2,000 years ago. It is a reality here and now, giving expression to and allowing for us to experience God's love in our lives, in our world, in our here and now. This happens as the Resurrection has defeated death and given the victory to life and love. So "God's love enters the heart of human darkness, speaking words of love to us and offering us deep healing". This is the message of St John, that God is love – a love that serves, that heals and that is faithful, a love that endures all.

— John P. Murray osa



MONDAY

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

**PRAYER SEEKING
THE INTERCESSION OF
THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS
OF THAILAND
AND THEIR CANONISATION**

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (*take a silent moment*). **Amen.**

Leader: The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand

Response: Pray for us

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)**

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

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We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

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Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: O SONS AND DAUGHTERS (No. 532)

FINAL: ALLELUIA NO. 1 (No. 524) PLEASE STAND

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Sunday, 12 April 2026

ENTRANCE: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS (No. 519) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

**Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.**

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er-last - ing.

1. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." (R)
2. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 1:3-9**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Risen Lord, graciously hear your people."**

PLEASE BE SEATED**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

OFFERTORY: WE WALK BY FAITH (No. 680)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND