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Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
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Spread the Word

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Easter shows us the Christian community after the Pentecost experience. This is an idealised picture of the primitive church. There we see: the authoritative apostolic teaching, which formed the basis of what ultimately became the New Testament; the early church's life of communal sharing; the celebration of the Eucharist, which probably took place in the homes of Christians (house-church). Finally, it is clear from this passage that the earliest Christians did not consider themselves separate from the larger Jewish community, for they regularly participated in temple prayer. The signs and wonders that were performed were primarily cures.



The psalm response begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. This is followed by a description of the duress once endured by the psalmist at the hands of others. In the face of such oppression, God stepped in and saved the psalmist from ultimate defeat. The acknowledgment of deliverance is followed by a song of praise often associated with deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The reference to tents could be an allusion to the sojourn in the wilderness. In the third section of the psalm, the one rejected has been saved and exalted by God. Finally, the psalm brings us to our day. *Today* is the day that the Lord has made, *today* is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

This short reading from the 1 Peter is a hymn of praise. It directs our attention to what God has done in the lives of believers. The passage then indicates that Christians will have to suffer while still in this life. However, hope is the basis of the strength required of them when this happens. The entire passage is remarkable for the variety of themes that it weaves together. They include: praise of God, which is patterned after the Jewish hymn of praise; Christology and soteriology, which perceive Jesus as the mediator of the salvation that comes from God; eschatology, which looks to the future for the fulfilment of God's promises.

The gospel consists of two resurrection appearances. Thomas was absent for the first event, but he is the central character of the second. Both events occurred on the first day of the week, the day that will eventually be chosen to commemorate the resurrection. The closed doors not only secure the disciples from danger, but they demonstrate the mysterious character of Jesus' risen body which is not impeded by physical barriers. Jesus' wish of peace was a prayer for eschatological blessings of health, prosperity and all good things. By calling attention to his wounds, Jesus showed that he was really the crucified one now risen. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians. He is not remembered because he doubted, but because, like us, he must believe on the word of others.

Mass from Our Lady of Graces Parish via Live Stream
Mass is live streamed from Our Lady of Graces Parish every day at 7am.
To view, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and find the Facebook news feed on the home page. You do not need Facebook to view the Mass.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Patricia Varney, Mark Blake, Betty Bendel, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Leone Taylor, Carmelo Giuseppe Petrocitti **and the recently deceased** Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby, Ruth Harvey, Patrick Coyne, Colin Grieshaber, Allan Martin, Desley Connolly, Maria Dall'alba.

NEWSFLASH: Work on the Church Roof

We are pleased to advise that the first stage of work on the church roof will commence this Monday, 20 April.

Certain areas of the church grounds will be fenced off as it will be a construction site. If you are on the church grounds, such as visiting the parish office, please observe and adhere to any signage and fencing in place.

Happy Easter from the Dominican Community

All the community and staff of Our Lady of Graces Parish and Dominican Community pray that your families have a happy and holy Easter, and remain safe during these times.

Giving – Dominican Fathers & Parish

Below are ways you can continue to contribute to the Dominican Fathers and Our Lady of Graces Parish.

- Give via Direct Debit. The form for direct debit giving is available at the parish office and on our website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au under -> Our Parish -> Planned Giving. The signed form can be returned via email or hard copy to the parish office.
- Collect your weekly giving and provide it in a lump sum once everything returns to normal.
- Drop off your giving during parish office hours.

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



Our parish website now has a page called 'Stay Connection' You can visit this page by going to the following link www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html

Each week, this page will be updated with resources to help all parishioners nurture their faith. This will include the Sunday Readings, Family Prayer Resources and Activity Sheets. You can also access Spread the Word, The Catholic Leader and other resources from the Archdiocese. Please check it out.

COVID-19 Outreach Initiative to Parishioners

The response we have received so far from our volunteers phoning parishioners has been wonderful. One of our volunteers has said the following "Everyone I spoke to was thrilled I had called.. lovely chatting to the parishioners."



If you know of someone who would like a phone call, let Shelly or Chris know at the parish office and we will add the person to the list.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

The Dominican Fathers are happy to hear the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977.

Contacting a Priest

If you require a priest in an emergency, contact the parish office number 3398 2977 and select option 2.

Are you Receiving Spread the Word via Email?

Each week our distribution list of email addresses to receive Spread the Word via email increases.

Do we have your email address?

It is not too late to have your email address added or updated. Email us at carina@bne.catholic.net.au to be included.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip

HE BREATHED ON THEM?
IS THAT EVEN SAFE?



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IT IS... IF IT'S
THE BREATH OF GOD!



JOHN 20:19-31

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 2:42-47

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.

Response - Psalm 118:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

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 Peter 1:3-9

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 has 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 a 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.

Gospel Acclamation - John 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 - John 20:19-31

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.



Have you thought?

Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!

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