

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / A (OF DIVINE MERCY)

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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.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## FAITH: A PROMISE OF LIFE

How many times have you heard people relate stories and then say, aware that the story does not do justice to the experience, 'You had to be there'? When we read of those early days of the Church, when the community was so united in faith, love and prayer, we can find ourselves wishing to have been there. Imagine the disappointment of second-generation Christians who had missed out by only a few years! The story of Thomas' doubt, disbelief and disappointment would have been partly preserved to encourage such Christians. Decades later, they were invited to see that while they were not part of the original experience, their faith was all the more precious because it was not based on being an eyewitness. It also served as a reminder not to be too quick to idealise the early life of the Church; even then the road to mature faith was not an easy one.

Late in the first century, the first letter of Peter set out to build up the faith of a community that felt caught between the resurrection and Jesus' final return. Like us, they may have felt that they had missed out on something precious, but Peter reminds them that their faith is a tremendous gift and promise of the life that lies ahead. The road to a mature faith is not easy and there are problems to be encountered from both within and outside ourselves. These very struggles purify our hearts and prepare us for what is to come.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

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.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

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 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

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 spoiled 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 had 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 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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

Welcome to  
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**2nd Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Reflection:**

Our ability to forgive is from Jesus himself, who offered forgiveness even from the cross to his executioners. When he breathed on the disciples he gave us his very Spirit, which is now the reason we can offer forgiveness, even to our enemies – just as he did.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- What person or institution do I need to forgive?
- Jesus is giving his Spirit today so we can do just that: shall I attempt reconciliation?

**Message from Father**

My sincere thanks to all the dedicated helpers who assisted in making our Easter celebrations come together in such a wonderful and meaningful way. Thank you to the Liturgy Committee, Musicians, Choir, Sacristans and parents from the schools. A personal thanks to parishioners for their well wishes and generosity with their Easter offerings.

**MASS THIS WEEKEND**

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes  
before weekend Masses*

Sat 15 April 6pm                      **Joe Holub**                      St Dom  
Sun 16 April 8am                    **Deborah Schurmann**                      OLGC  
Sun 16 April 9.30am                **Fr Francisco Mascarenhas**                      St Dom

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

Tues 18 April 7pm                      St Dom  
Wed 19 April 9am                      St Dom  
Thurs 20 April 9am                      OLGC  
Fri 21 April 9am                      St Dom  
Fri 21 April 1.30pm                      Shawford Lodge  
Sat 22 April 9am                      St Dom

**MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Sat 22 April 6pm                      St Dom  
Sun 23 April am                      OLGC  
Sun 23 April 9.30am                      St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning  
Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard  
9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive  
Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

**Parish Vision Statement**

Inspired by Christ, we continue to be a welcoming and inclusive community.

**Parish Mission Statement**

The Innaloo/Karrinyup Catholic Community, centered on the teachings of Christ, strives to build a strong sense of belonging. Celebrating and sharing the love of Christ, we reach out to bring compassion and hope to others.

**Project Compassion**

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future.  
Please return your boxes and envelopes.

**Baptism**

We welcome Elsie Jane Hawkins, daughter of Patrick and Georgia into our parish community. Elsie will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Hawkins family.

**Upcoming Events**

PPC—26 April, 6.30pm, Karrinyup  
Youth Group—13 May 4pm, St Dom parish centre

<b>Rosters this weekend</b>	<b>15 April 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>16 April 8am OLGC</b>	<b>16 April 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers	K Italiano	K Creasy	J Jones
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		D Ee
Offertory Procession		E Gomm D D'Souza	
Altar Society		M Farmer	
Morning Tea		B Gascoigne M Tester	

<b>Rosters next weekend</b>	<b>22 April 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>23 April 8am OLGC</b>	<b>23 April 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers	P Truda	B Webb	C Nevin
Acolyte	P Wall		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	Morning tea after Mass

**Parish Golf**

This Sunday 16 April: Tee off 4pm at Hamersley Golf Course.

**Safeguarding Officers**

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