

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

*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 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.

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

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Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.



Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of EASTER, Year C

26/27 April 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women
who came to believe in the Lord
increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:4, 22-27

Response:
*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. The stone which the builders
rejected has become the
cornerstone.

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**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is
he who comes.

We bless you from the house of
the Lord;

The Lord God is our light. **R**

MY LORD AND MY GOD

St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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ROSTERS— 3/4 May 2025
3rd Sunday of EASTER

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Alan Tyson Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	19/20 Apr 2025
Open Plate	\$1,051.25
Planned Giving	\$273.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,324.25

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$1,113.70



Death of Pope Francis and Invitation to attend a Memorial Mass

With profound sorrow, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide joins the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility, Pope Francis dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalised and the dignity of all human life.

A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 11.00am.

Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Sevenhill
Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or scan the QR code. Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Priscilla Bernadette Rees

Death Anniversary:
Kathleen Quinn

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Priscilla Bernadette Rees

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

11:00am, Wed, 30th April, 2025
St Joseph's Church Tranmere Parish
484 Magill Road,
Kensington Gardens, SA 5068

Dear Parish Family,

Peace and blessings to each one of you!

As I begin my ministry here at Tranmere Parish, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Roy Elavunkal SMM, your former parish priest, for his faithful and generous service to this community.

I know that transitions are never easy, especially when saying goodbye to a priest. Please know that I come not to replace him, but to continue the beautiful work he has begun, building upon the foundation he laid with such dedication. To Fr. Roy, thank you for your witness, your pastoral heart, and your years of service to this parish family. May God bless you abundantly in your next chapter of ministry and life. You will always be remembered here with deep appreciation and affection.

I write to you today with deep gratitude and great joy as I begin my ministry as your new parish priest. I had served the Tranmere community for 10 years and now His Grace Patrick O'Regan has assigned me as the Parish Priest of Tranmere in addition to Newton Parish. It is truly an honour and a privilege to be sent to serve you, to walk alongside you in faith, and to grow with you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

While transitions can be challenging, they are also moments of grace. I am filled with hope and anticipation for the journey that lies ahead of us. We are called to be a people of communion, of service, of prayer, and of welcome—and I am eager to join you in continuing that mission here.

Know that I am praying for each of you, and I ask for your prayers as well. May we always be guided by the love of Christ, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and the tender care of our Blessed Mother and the intercession of St. Joseph, our heavenly patron.

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM

Parish Priest

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Marian Procession

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18, 2025, beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 17 (10am - 12pm) and Sunday May 18 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

Silent Retreat Day -The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia (SA) --WCCMA (SA)

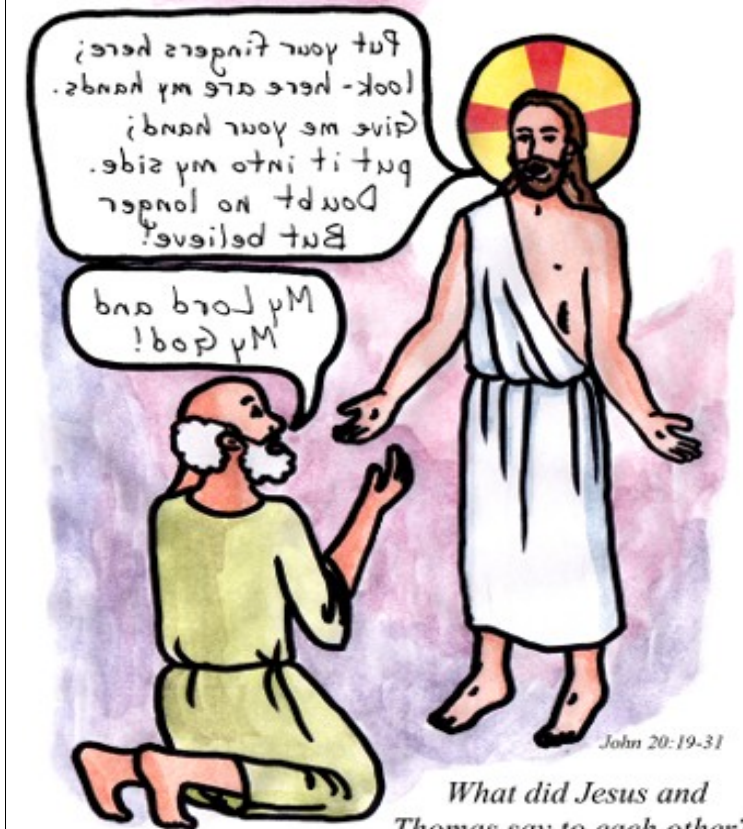
Peace be with you: Bonnevaux, Beauty and Community

At St Luke's Anglican Church, 25 Smart Rd, Modbury on Saturday May 17, 2025, 11am - 4pm

With Sandy Andrews, Meditator and Group Leader of 4 Groups. Sandy will talk about her time at Bonnevaux and give us a tasting of this experience. Bring your own lunch, your own cup and water bottle. Suggested donation \$15. Please email chr.med.southaust@gmail.com to register, or to find out more information. Bonnevaux is WCCM's international Meditation and Retreat Centre for Peace near Poitiers in France. More information about the retreat centre can be found at <https://bonnevauxwccm.org/>.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27th, 2025



John 20:19-31
What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other? Look in the mirror to find out!



Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False: 1 true 2 false 3 false 4 true 5 true 6 false 7 true
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