

St. Agatha's Parish Cranbourne 19th April 2020

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2nd Sunday of Easter

**Due to COVID19 The Parish Office will be closed to visitors:
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm**

**ST. AGATHA'S PARISH WEEKEND AND
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED**

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9moZmnAUIrOw-c9jn03Cg>

**For Mass offerings, Recently Deceased
or Anniversaries please phone or email
the parish office**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Recently Deceased: Jason David

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Neville Adolphus, Yolanda Barroso, Jeremy Crompton, Maria Bastian, Anthony Bastian, For the deceased members of the Rochford, Jolley & Seumanutafa Families, Sybil Phillips, George Thomas, Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne.

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, Once again I would like to thank everyone from our parish, all over Australia and the world for joining us to watch our Live Streaming Masses and Liturgies. We have received many emails and comments with positive feedback, which we are very grateful to God.

God works in mysterious ways, at our Easter ceremonies last year we consecrated over 6,500 hosts for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We used 3 venues the Church, parish hall and school hall, with extra seating for Parishioners. This year under these unusual circumstances we have had the opportunity to touch many more lives and enter into family homes and lives through live streaming and social media. We have close to 23,000 views for our Easter liturgies and Masses alone.

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has set up a link as a quick and convenient way of giving for all the parishes in the Diocese. If you would like to give to St Agatha's through this link please go to our website or alternatively follow this link <https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5636093>

I would like to thank all of you who continue to so generously support our parish financially, under these economic conditions. We will continue to pray and to do our best to support you in any way we can.

Please continue to pray for all the children whose Baptisms and other sacraments have been postponed because of this pandemic, especially the children and families who were to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

God bless you, Fr Joseph.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19TH APRIL 2020

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.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.**

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.**

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

1Pt 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.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

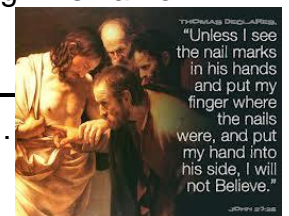
Jn 20:19-31

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 I am 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread... ..



MASS OFFERINGS: Although the Church is closed Fr. Stanly and I continue to celebrate Mass online and privately every day. At your request, a Mass can be offered for your intention. This can only be arranged through telephoning the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

The Parish Office is closed and staff will be working remotely from home, all calls and emails will be answered. Mon, Tue & Thurs Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm.

SIX DAY AT HOME RETREAT: 3-9 MAY 2020: Many of you might find that unexpectedly you have time on your hands. Perhaps you have six days to give to a retreat? Kardia is offering you an invitation to join us in forming a community of prayer during a six-day retreat while you are at home.

The retreat will be drawn from the book *Grace upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts* by Marlene Marburg. You can make this a silent retreat or a retreat in daily life. You can choose to pray with one or more readings from the daily suggested readings. The retreat will begin with a large group session on Sunday morning 3rd May. Each day during the week we will meet for group sharing on Zoom (no more than five people) with a spiritual director, and a closing large group session on Saturday 9th May. Upon registration we will give you some simple instructions on how to access and use Zoom. The cost of the retreat including book (PDF for overseas participants) is \$50 – \$180. Please decide according to your financial circumstances. We will send more details when you inquire at enquiries@kardia.com.au



HAVE YOU BEEN LONGING TO PRAY THE FULL SPIRITUAL EXERCISES? Kardia Formation is offering a unique opportunity to pray the Full Spiritual Exercises in 90 days. During this on line - at home retreat you will journey with a small group and receive individual spiritual direction. We will pray the Exercises with *Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts*, in two one-hour prayer periods each day.

Interested in joining us? [Contact Kardia for more information.](#)

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It is free for parishioners to use. If you have not already registered, please use our parish code Our Parish Code **2QKKNB**

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The Victorian Commission for Gambling has advised the raffle

organisers that this raffle will still take place as scheduled.

If you purchased a book and are still holding raffle tickets **please return to the parish office and with any outstanding monies ASAP.** Please drop off at the parish office into the slot next to the front door. Thank you; please contact the parish office on 5996 1985 if you have any questions.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020 APPEAL:

Caritas understand that many in our community will have financial concerns, worries about health, and worries about their future due to the COVID19 crisis. We do appreciate that many generous people who would normally give may no longer be in a position to do so. However if you are able, you consider continuing to support Project Compassion as best you can. Thank you for your generosity in the past, and for whatever you feel able to give now.

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> or telephone 1800 024 413 or email help@caritas.org.au

CATHOLIC PRAYER RESOURCES:

Welcome to the Catholic Church in Australia:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome#Prayers>

Catholic Diocese of Sale:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need>

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Catholic-Faith/Prayers>

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

Liturgy Brisbane:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

Something to Think About:

Closed doors and locked-in fears are no barriers for Jesus.

He enters our homes and hearts to bring us peace.

Just as he did for the disciples, Jesus sends us out to build communities of love and forgiveness.

The Story

It was evening on the first day of the week and the disciples were together in a locked room – they were scared of what the leaders would do to them.

Then Jesus appeared among them, but Thomas was missing. When the other disciples told Thomas that Jesus has been with them, he did not believe them and became known as ‘doubting Thomas’. Thomas refused to believe unless he saw Jesus for himself.

A week later when the disciples, including Thomas, were together, Jesus appeared among them.

Thomas saw Jesus and believed that he had risen.

Family Discussion

What are some things you believe because you have seen them?

What are some things you believe without having seen them?

Faith asks us to believe things we cannot see for ourselves.

Take turns to talk about the people who have helped build your faith in Jesus.



Sacred Space

Your daily prayer online

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The Risen Jesus meets his closest friends for the first time after they had all abandoned him in his hour of need. It must have been a moment they were all dreading. Yet his first words, twice over, were, ‘Peace be with you’. No rebuke, no reproach, just ‘Peace!’ And then he showed them his wounds, the unmistakable signs.

‘As the Father sent me, I also send you’. While they were feeling they had failed abysmally as his disciples, he entrusted them with the same mission he had received from the Father: now they knew it was not they who had chosen him, but he had chosen them. Their mission, a mission of bringing forgiveness of sins, was to be carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit. I stand in awe in the presence of the Risen Jesus, sharing his great joy and that of his best friends at this meeting.

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>