



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(2nd Easter Sunday)

19th April 2020

My friends,

Like the apostles in this Sunday's Gospel story (Jn 20:19-31), many of us are locked up in our homes, isolated from one another, not for fear of the Jews but for fear of contracting the Corona virus.

Into our homes, via the medium of our parish Mass on the Internet, comes the Risen Lord, coming to speak his words of "*Peace be with you*", coming to comfort us with His presence, reassuring us that we are not alone, He is with us.

Like Thomas, some of us might feel cut off in not being able to touch and taste the Eucharistic presence of our Risen Lord, however, we hear his consoling words "*You believe because you can see me. HAPPY ARE THOSE (YOU) WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE!*"

May we continue to pray for one another and especially for all the medical staff, nurses, doctors, etc., who are giving of themselves so unselfishly in helping to bring healing and comfort to those affected by the Corona-virus. And let us not forget to pray for all who have died, may they rest in peace with our Risen Lord.

Fr. Tony and Fr. Andrew

* SUNDAY ONLINE MASSES *

Sunday Masses will be available on our parish Facebook page, "**St. Monica's Catholic Church**" for parishioners to participate in their homes every Sunday by 10.30am.

[Click here to go to our Facebook Masses](#)

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Marius Fenando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salva; John Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love,
let us pray for repose of the souls of*
Reginald D'Cruz

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer

May they rest in peace.

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, Alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 2:42-47)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. — *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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 down, 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)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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 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. — *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE (Victimae Paschali Laudes)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 20:19-31)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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. — *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.