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## LEARNING FROM THOMAS 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2018.

*We tend to think that believing was easier for those who saw Jesus than it is for us. This is a mistake. The Gospels show there are many people who saw Jesus and yet didn't believe in him. Seeing is not necessarily believing. The act of faith involves a decision to believe.*

*In fact, the Gospels show that even the apostles had problems believing. Thomas wasn't the only apostle to doubt the resurrection. All of them did. St Mark tells us that when Jesus appeared on Easter evening, 'he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.' (16:14).*

*We tend to feel guilty about having doubts. Doubt is often looked on as a sign of weakness. But doubt is not necessarily a bad thing. The poet Tennyson, says: The person of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a person of faith.'*

*The example of Thomas is both enlightening and encouraging for us. Thomas showed a refreshing honesty. He made no attempt to hide his doubts. He was not with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them. When they said to him, 'We have seen the Lord', he said, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my fingers into those holes, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'*

*What was it that reawakened the faith of the apostles and of Thomas in particular? It was the appearance of the risen Lord. And having reawakened their faith. Jesus gave them a mission – to continue the work of salvation through forgiveness of sins. And paradoxically, from the lips of this 'doubting Thomas' came the highest profession of faith in all of the Gospels: 'My Lord and my God.'*

*Thomas must not be defined by that period of doubt. That was only one moment in his life. Having come through his crisis of faith, he went on to become one of the greatest missionaries of the early Church. According to tradition, he brought the Gospels to Persia, Syria and India, where he was martyred. Thomas was the first of the Apostles to die for the faith.*

*The story of Thomas shows that doubt can be a growing point, a stepping stone to a deeper understanding. Here on earth, there is no such thing as absolute certainty. Here on earth, there is no such thing as absolute certainty about spiritual things. If there were, faith would not be necessary.*

*Jesus invites us to draw close to him in faith and to look at his wounds. Even though we cannot touch them physically, we can draw close to him spiritually. And we too are called to bear witness to others. Our task is to make Christ 'visible' in the world. The world today is full of doubters and unbelievers. The only way they will be converted to belief is if they can 'see' Jesus and 'touch' him in his followers.*

*To be a believer in today's world can be a very lonely business. This is where the community comes in. From earliest times, Christians came together in community, to witness to Jesus' resurrection, and to live by his teachings. They supported one another by praying and worshipping together, and by a loving service to one another.*

*Our personal prayer may well be - Lord I Believe – Help my unbelief  
Peace Joy in the Risen Lord to one and all*

*Dean Peter*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Masses after Monday (9 April) next week as the Priests are away. Normal Mass services resume from **Saturday 14 April**.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on **Wednesday 11 April** as Mark is on leave.

**THE CATHEDRAL** will not be available for most of the coming week due to the repair to the Hearing Loop.

**EASTER CEREMONIES** A Big thank you to the Choir and Julie Peavey, for all their work in their many practices before the ceremonies and for their wonderful leadership and singing at each ceremony. **More Choir members needed – without the current leadership of Pam Whelan and members we would be lost in this most special of areas.** Our Choir is a valuable tradition here in our Cathedral Parish. We are in urgent need for parishioners to step up and join the Choir. Please consider prayerfully and generously your call to join our choir.

**THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERS**

Special thanks and gratitude to our Liturgy Committee: Bro Bryan, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Veronica Barnes, Brenda Burditt, Anne Neville, Sue Harvey, Brenda Bowden and Fr Solomon for their tireless energy in organising the readers, ministers of the Eucharist, offertory processions and, with Myriam, the beautiful decoration of the Cathedral for each ceremony. Not forgetting the behind the scene works of our parish secretary Clare O'Brien - drawing on the valued experience of Kath Bird who too, generously helped with the Mass of Oils and other Easter ceremonies. We thank also our Seminarians, and Altar servers from St Mary's Primary School too for the power of support they each contributed to a wonderful time in prayer.

**SERRA CLUB** wish to thank all participants in their annual sports day. Full lists of winners and sponsors are in the Cathedral this weekend. **31 CLUB REMINDER** 11 - 17 April.

**CATHEDRAL WEDDINGS** Congratulations go out to the two couples being married in the Cathedral on Saturday 7 April. Connie Padula to Dylan Rowley at 2pm and Lloyd Pendergast to Michelle Pritchard at 3.15pm. We wish both couples life long happiness.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** and **PROJECT COMPASSION** envelopes or boxes can be placed on the collection plates at any Mass. Please return all Project Compassion monies as soon as possible.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS** will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 22 April at 2pm**. Bishop Patrick O'Regan will be the Celebrant. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. All newly baptized and those received into full communion in the Church are invited to attend, with their sponsors, families and Team Members. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share for the afternoon tea after Mass.

Rita Elswyk, Diocesan RCIA Coordinator  
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**PROCLAIM 2018** will focus on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in Evangelisation and Renewal. 12-14 July at Edmund Rice Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. For more information visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) or refer to the brochure at the entrance to the Cathedral.

**PARISH FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES**

A games evening,  
Lunch at The Greyhounds,  
Afternoon Tea.  
Come and meet members of your parish family. All welcome. Enquiries Veronica 0455121949 or Keith0429911139.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MCKILLOP 2018 National Pilgrimage.**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

**Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.**

**Cost Ex Melbourne:** \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

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For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. If you would like more information please refer to the brochure on the notice board of the Cathedral.

**COUNTERS: 8 April: Team 8:** Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra  
**15 April: Team 1:** Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**

**Planned Giving:** \$2,917.50  
**House:** \$3,403.20  
**Credit Cards:** \$3,103.33  
**Direct Debits:** \$4,354.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**SACRISTY: 12 April: Team 4:** Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper  
**19 April: Team 5:** Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.  
**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Second Sunday of Easter, Year B - Divine Mercy Sunday  
7 - 8 April 2018**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 7 April</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 8 April</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<b>Monday 9 April</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Tuesday 10 April</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>Priests are away</i>
<b>Wednesday 11 April</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>Priests are away</i>
<b>Thursday 12 April</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>Priests are away</i>
<b>Friday 13 April</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>Priests are away</i>
<b>Saturday 14 April</b> <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 15 April</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

**PARISH PRAYER.**

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation.*

*Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.*

*Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.*

*Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.*

*Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together.*

*May we be a welcoming and serving community, always discerning and doing your will for one another.*

*We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Easter in which St John Paul 11 said we receive the Easter Gift - a special gift of forgiveness of all sins which the church offers in the form of plenary indulgence today. Take a look at the Divine Mercy Image - by Jesus' own words, the rays indicate the Blood and Water that flowed from his Heart when pierced with the soldier's lance - In the Divine Image, Jesus is moving towards us - asking us to trust in Him.

Don't ever be afraid to approach Jesus, waiting you in the confessional - If you haven't had a chance to make you yearly Confession in preparation for your Easter Communion why not take up this chance offered today to have your confession and to gain the plenary indulgence also offered today.

**Timetable for Divine Mercy Hour**

2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Confession - two Priests available)

Silent Adoration

Rosary

Celebrant: Matthew 25:31-47

**SILENT REFLECTION AND ADORATION**

HYMN Be Merciful O Lord

Silent Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Silent Adoration

3.00pm Closing with **Benediction** and **Blessing of Divine Mercy Images**

We remember those who have died **Kathleen Luscombe, Angela Shkodrani, Fr Ernie Smith** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Daniel McMahon, Fr Michael Nolan, Fr Wilfred Pooley, Fr Daniel Horan.** We pray for those who are sick Raquel Waite, John Cunningham, Aussie Boyd, Rosie Carroll, Noreen Lytle, Maureen O'Kane and Suzanne Wheeler. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 15/04/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Burditt Damian Hogan		Bryan Leak, Ann Neville, Theo Smolenaars
<b>Sunday 9.30pm</b>	Vince Beer	Ann O'Brien	Joel Brayshaw Clare O'Brien	Bill Smolenaars	Elisabeth Staberhofer, Pam Edgley, John Cooper
<b>Sunday 5.00pm</b>		Colin Coomber	Nelly Coomber		Rosemary Webster, Anna Allen, Sue Harvey,

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**ENENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**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.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (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 :**

A reading from the first letter John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**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:**

A reading from the Gospel of 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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Cathedral:** Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

**Reconciliation:**

**Cathedral: Saturday:**

Following Mass: 9.30am to 10.30am.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Easter, Year B**

First Reading: **Acts 3:13-15**

Second Reading: **1 John 2:1-5**

Gospel: **Luke 24:35-48**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

**Saturday:** Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th )

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am

**Sunday.** Briagolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th)

**Sunday** Stratford -9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)

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