



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

2nd Sunday of Easter – Year A 18/19 April 2020

Mass online: <http://stbrigid.org.au/>; FBpage: [St Brigid's Marrickville](https://www.facebook.com/StBrigidMarrickville)

Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 2:42-47

The life of the early Disciples

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love is everlasting

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas.

REFLECTION

My Lord and My God.

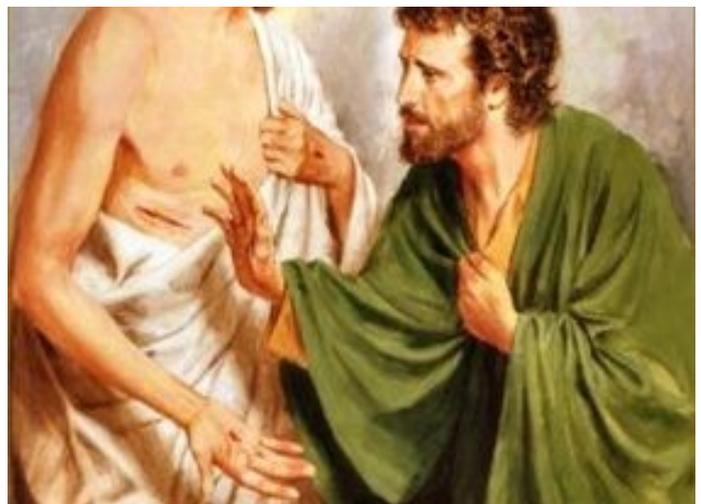
Many of us call Thomas one of our favourite gospel people! He was a man who did not 'mess about' with his faith. He found faith in the risen Lord hard to take and let others know. He had often been a bit doubtful earlier – his solution to the prophecy of Jesus; 'death was that he should to go and die and get it done with!

I like him too because he did not get it right always! While his doubting is understandable, he also messed things up. He thought he could go it alone! He left the group and so missed the appearance of the risen Lord.

A central theme of our faith is community; our faith, while deeply personal, is not private. We worship together and celebrate our Christian feasts together as we have gathered together for the vigil and the Eucharist at Easter. Without the shared faith of family, parish, friends, and others, our Christ remains dry and historic.

He messed it up in another way – he looked for touchable proof. He would not only sense the wounds of Christ but would touch them. Jesus took him at his word and said, 'touch my wounds, Thomas'. Nowhere in the gospel of today does it say Thomas did in fact touch Jesus' wounds. Our faith in Jesus is deeper than touch and all he said on meeting the Lord was, 'my Lord and my God'. Our faith, our doubts and our hopes can be put in perspective by Thomas.

Donal Neary SJ



Recently deceased

- ♦ Peter Guilfoyle

Death Anniversaries

- ♦ Edna Bamford
- ♦ Lotolua Fetu'u
- ♦ Fr John Cummins CP
- ♦ Pedro Fratti
- ♦ Laila Harb
- ♦ Mary Braybrook
- ♦ Fr Philip Brosnan CP
- ♦ Dominic Thao Xuan Pham
- ♦ Dao, Thi Lua
- ♦ (Baby) Jacob Tran
- ♦ Winifred Kean
- ♦ Clare Habermann

Prayer Intentions for this week

For the Sick:

- ♦ Edna Taylor
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ All infected with Corona Virus

Especially for those :

- ♦ who are evicted from their homes and lives on the streets.

FAMILY PRAYER

For Sacred Space:

- ♦ Lighted Candle
- ♦ A Cross with white ribbon

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus, calm our troubled hearts: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, bring peace to those who fear: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, help us to believe: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, as the light of Easter fills our lives let us hear with new ears your word and proclaim your love with new voices. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us listen to God's Word...

Reader:

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, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing 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. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained. Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord,' but he answered, 'Unless I can 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. Do not be unbelieving any more but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

There were many other signs that Jesus worked in the sight of the disciples, 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.

Family Discussions:

- ♦ When can you sense Jesus is with you, even though you do not see him?
- ♦ How can we recognise Jesus in other people?
- ♦ In what situations do you most need to hear Jesus' words, 'Peace be with you'?
- ♦ In what ways can you relate to Thomas' experience?

Intercessions:

on Easter Day Jesus greeted his fearful disciples with peace. Let us take his greeting to heart and pray in peace for the healing of the world.

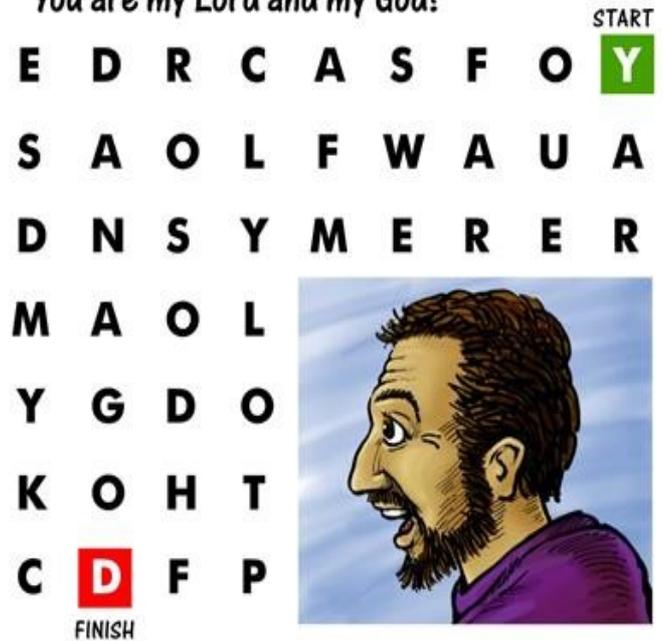
- ♦ We pray for the church. May Christian communities everywhere be faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. Lord hear us.
- ♦ We pray for civic authorities at every level in nations around the world. May they guide their communities through the COVID-19 crisis with wisdom and courage.
- ♦ We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes and in every war-torn land. May this year's Anzac Day observance spur us on to work together for a just and peaceful world.
- ♦ We pray for workers putting themselves at risk by maintaining basic services. May they be valued for their dedication and kept safe.
- ♦ We pray for all most severely affected by the virus pandemic: the homeless, the mentally ill, the unemployed, the poor, detainees, and those without support. May they become the first to have their needs met.
- ♦ We pray for the recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they receive the heavenly inheritance prepared for them.

Individual intentions.....

All: God of peace, by raising your Son to life you have made all things new. Send us out in the power of your Spirit as apostles of mercy and compassion. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"



Closing Prayer:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you—or anyone you know— have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on Safeguarding enquiries @ sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Special Appeal ~ Easter 2020

As you know the Parish relies upon the generosity of Parishoners to support both the operation of the Parish and its ministries.

In 2019 the Parish raised \$23,000 from donations across the Easter weekend through the generous support of both Parishoners and visitors. These donations are critical in supporting the ongoing costs of operating the Parish (2nd collection) and supporting the ministry of the Passionist Fathers (1st collection) across the whole year.

Given that the Church is physically closed for Easter this year we are making a special appeal for direct donations. Donations can be made directly via EFT to the Parish bank account details below. We also hope to have an online donation facility via the Parish website operational shortly. All EFT donations should be referenced "Easter Appeal" and will be allocated 70% to St Brigid's Parish and 30% to the Passionist Fathers.

We once again commend this appeal to your generosity at this very difficult time.

Bank Account Details

For Electronic transfer only

Acc Name: Marrickville Parish
Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 062784
Acc No 6445001
Description: Easter Appeal

Message from Fr. Erick

Dear friends of St Brigid's Marrickville family

Happy Easter once again.

Thank you for all your support throughout holy week. Thank you too for your kind feedback. We were thrilled to hear how the

celebrations were meaningful despite the epidemic situation.

I would like to share two things:

Reflection

The parish ministry team has had a week of reflection.

We have rested our body from all the stress, and enjoy Easter before we could go further.

We have taken time to reflect and give thanks for all that has gone well.

We hope that you have all also taken a step to relax and reflect.

We had our first meeting last Friday 17th, to share our reflections and hopes for the future.

Some of the hopes are to continue the same things because it's working; and to do somethings differently e.g. reach out to younger people by creating a Parish Instagram.

- We won't continue offering Vietnamese spiritual connections due to the fact that the Vietnamese chaplains are offering daily live masses. It is important they stay connected with their community leaders, and give Fr Thomas more time for other parish ministries.

Planning

We plan to have another meeting on Tuesday 21st with the Liturgy committee.

The meeting will continue with sharing hopes for the near future.

So far we are going to continue most things that we have been doing.

This weekend Fr Tom will host a live mass on our facebook at 10am Sunday 19th.

We will continue with the weekday short reflections.

Thank you once again, let us keep praying for each other, until meet in person again.

St Brigid, pray for us.

He is truly risen Alleluia Alleluia !

With Peace
Erick