



'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.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2024. No 2031. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

As we bask in the light of resurrection, today we see two witnesses to the resurrection, and the transformation of lives.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume attributed to Luke, and it presents to us a changed way of living. Firstly, the whole group of believers are described as 'of one heart and soul' (v. 32). The apostles appear as testifying with great power to the resurrection and 'great grace was upon them all' (v. 33). The remarkable addition here is that they shared everything in common, sold property and distributed funds so no-one was in need (v. 34-35). This radical transformation of their way of life is not a defining feature of our communities today, even though adopted by many religious congregations throughout the Church's history. While not diminishing the great charitable works operating today, this way of life remains a challenge to us in a world where rich become richer and poor increase in number and poverty.

In juxtaposition to the Acts account, the Gospel outlines the appearance of Jesus among the apostles and the repetition of 'Peace be with you' (vv.19, 21). In this gathering behind closed doors, Jesus tells the apostles that he is sending them out. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, commissioning them. Eight days later in the same room Jesus arrives saying once again 'Peace be with you' (v. 26) and here is the experience of the doubting Thomas, forever recorded for anyone who might doubt that the resurrection happened and is real.

How will our lives be transformed by the resurrection?

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia)

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 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.**
3. 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.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5: 1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

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

Jn 20: 29

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.'



Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood

Parish Administrator: Fr Pawel Kopczynski CSMA

Email: pawel.kopczynski@sydneycatholic.org

Assistant Priest: Fr Tomasz Lepek CSMA

Email: tomasz.lepek@sydneycatholic.org

Deacon: Eddie Ho

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

36 Hillview Rd Eastwood NSW 2122

PO Box 437 West Ryde NSW 1685

Ph: (02) 9874 2533

Email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au

Website: www.stkevinseastwood.org.au

www.youtube.com/c/StKevinsParishEastwood

www.facebook.com/EastwoodCatholic

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days); Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

SCAN OUR PARISH QR CODE TO DONATE ONLINE



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)/Year B

7 Apr 2024

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently Deceased: Brittany Abraham, Lorraine Ring

Death Anniversary: Irotido Martinez, Yessmin Saba, Joe Younis, Chai Seng, Ben Isaacs

Deceased: Augustin Choi, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Burkhardt Foertsch, Mehzen Moujalli, Tony and Rose Isaac, Nicola Tedesco, Sapienza Tedesco, Samuel Laguzza, Nunziato Laguzza, Nangy Salvatore Fallico, Coral Whalan, Patrick Whalan, Wayne Whalan, Peter McNamara; Selwyn Jackson; Milly Farrell; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayan

Sick: Metta Ie, Myunghye Jung, Rita Baird, Marian Arendarczyk, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 8TH APR, Parish Mass- 7:30am, St Kevin's School Mass- 9:30am

ALPHA @ ST KEVIN'S EASTWOOD:



AT ALPHA, YOU CAN ASK ANYTHING! ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING. AND THE GREAT NEWS IS, ALPHA RUNS HERE! RIGHT NOW, A SEAT AT THE TABLE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME!



St Kevin's Catholic Parish: 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood, 2122 Monday nights, 7pm to 9pm from May 6th - July 22nd. For more info email: alpha@stkevinseastwood.org.au

PARISH NEWS:

• **Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.** Pope St. John Paul II named the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday at the canonization of St. Faustina on 30th April 2000. To celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we will have a Holy Hour at 3pm, Sun 7th Apr. Includes adoration, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc. All welcome.



- *Thank you for your generosity, we raised \$4,877.65 towards Good Friday Holy Land Appeal.*
- **To view photos from Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil celebrations visit:** <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/photo-gallery/>
- For families living within the parish boundaries and/or with children attending St Kevin's school or our local public schools, ***we will be running a BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN PROGRAM in May.*** If you would like your child (7-12yo) to receive the sacrament of Baptism, please send us an email to express your interest. Email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM INFO EVENING FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS** will be held on Wed, 1st May at 7pm in the church. Child must be in Year 6 or above and have received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For more info visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/confirmation/>.
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's)** will serve morning tea after the Sunday 9:30am Mass. Pls join us.
- **Kevinwood Sunday Afternoon Concer** - 7th April at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Featuring Easter music, jazzy bells, Danube waltzes and Bizet's Carmen. For more info pick up handbill in the church foyer or visit: www.kevinwood.org.
- **Next Didasko Adult Faith Formation course will be on Mon, Apr 15, 22 & 29, 7:30pm in the Haseler Centre.** TOPIC: 'Christ Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfect Way, an Introduction to Christology,' presented by Br Benjamin Johnson. To register contact the parish office.
- **VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** If you like taking photos in your spare time and would like to share your skills to the parish, please speak to Fr Pawel or contact the parish office. Thank you!
- If you wish to join any ministry in the Church: Children's Liturgy, Altar Server, Reader, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, Altar Society, etc. contact the parish office.
- **Donation of NEW SOCKS for the homeless needed at St Patrick's Church Hill.** If you wish to donate please place them in the collection box in the foyer. Thank you so much for your help!
- **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (QMHR) Jamaican Appeal:** Please consider donating household items to the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. See poster in the foyer for details.

NEW DONATION POINT TAP DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER. These two new donation points have user-friendly touchscreen interface that offers multiple preset donation amounts. The old 3G tap devices will be phased out soon. Thank you.

OTHER NEWS:

- **DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD:** An initiative of Family Life International, Sun, 14th April, there will be a street procession following 10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous. All welcome.
- **April 22-24: Sydney Catholic Youth PURPOSE CAMP, for Years 9-12.** Sydney Catholic Schools is offering a discount of \$150 to first 70 SCS student to register! Ser poster for info.

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, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office E:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.