

**FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2020**

*Friday of the 2nd week of Easter*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 5:34-42

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 26:1-4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 6:1-15

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

**SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020**

*ANZAC Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours, For their good deeds go with them.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 3:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 71:1-4, 7-8

*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

O God give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. *R*

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people and the hills, justice. May he defend the poor of the people and save the children of the needy. *R*

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. *R*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 12:23-28

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.



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# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

**20 – 25 APRIL 2020  
2ND WEEK OF EASTER  
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*The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

*Dear friends,*

Good old Thomas takes centre-stage today, as he does every Second Sunday of Easter. Thomas is known as the “doubter” but that is unfair because he is, in reality, a true believer. In truth, most of us long for this experience of the verification of our faith.

There is a difference between scepticism and cynicism, even though the two tend to be confused these days. Scepticism is the inclination to examine with suspicion what is put before us, especially in regard to things that appear to be too good to be true. Cynicism is an attitude of distrust in any form of goodness or beauty or truth. Cynicism blocks off opportunities for growth or change or transformation. Too often in the modern world, faith is cynically dismissed as infantile and that it holds no place in the life of a modern rational person. But faith is not about naivety and blind-trust; nor is doubt an enemy of faith. Doubt is really a stepping-stone to becoming a “true believer”.

The true enemy of faith is despair, a

despair born of habitual cynicism. These are unsettling times and even people of the deepest faith can feel uneasy. Those who think otherwise, that our faith should be rock-solid in all circumstances, have never read, or understood the psalms.

One scripture scholar described the psalms as “the laboratory in which the people of Israel worked out their relationship with God”. They are often raw and honest, and express every emotion under the sun from desolation to exultation. The psalms are the poetry of true faith. The psalms are the community standing before God and saying, “This is what is happening and this is what we are feeling.” Sometimes the feeling is joy. At other times, it is longing and other times, sorrow. The psalms are always addressed to a “someone”, to God, not an empty void. In these days, we can take the lead from Thomas and the psalmists and say, “This is what is happening and this is what I am are feeling.” Then we can wait for God’s response. *Fr. Anthony*

*At our Masses on Friday we have a collection to allow weekday parishioners to support the Cathedral.  
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**MONDAY 20 APRIL 2020***Monday of the 2nd week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:23-31**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 2:1-9

Why this tumult among nations, among peoples this useless murmuring? They arise, the kings of the earth, princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed. 'Come, let us break their fetters, come, let us cast off their yoke.'

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord is laughing them to scorn. Then he will speak in his anger, his rage will strike them with terror. 'It is I who have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain.'

I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me 'You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession. With a rod of iron you will break them, shatter them like a potter's jar.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 3:1-8**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them:  
Peace be with you, alleluia.

**TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020***Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-37**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 91:1-2, 5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 3:7-15**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

**WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020***Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 5:17-26**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 33:2-9

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 3:16-21**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020***Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 5:27-33**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 33:2, 9, 17-20

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

**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 3:31-36**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.