



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B – 11th April 2021

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*Thomas replied,
"My Lord and
my God!"*

Readings for today: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (Yr B)

Dear friends,

I remember an Easter Monday TV program a few years ago where the panel was asked: "Do the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which lie at the heart of the Easter season, have any relevance to contemporary society 2,000 years after those events took place?" This is a fair enough question, but there were no supportive, insightful or challenging responses. One panellist, a British journalist responded with this observation: "Well, these ideas still have a great meaning for a lot of people. I don't think we should scoff at them. They mean a great deal to huge numbers of people out there. I am also a very lapsed Catholic. I am an atheist now. But, you know, the Easter story still has a lot of meaning and for me the best part of the Easter story is actually St. Thomas prodding Christ's wounds and not believing them. That reminds me of the importance of scepticism actually. So there is a story for everyone in the Easter story and mine is that you should always be sceptical when you're faced with things that seem too good to be true." But the journalist got the story all wrong.

Thomas actually comes to faith through touching the wounds of the Risen Christ. It is a mistake to confuse scepticism with a rejection of faith. I suspect that scepticism looks more like cynicism these days. Scepticism is the inclination to disbelief whatever might be put before us but an openness to believe that it might be true. Cynicism holds that nothing "good" could possibly be "true" or "real". Faith is not naivety, taking everything at face value, and scepticism is not cynicism to the point where we deny the very possibility of any truth or beauty. Doubt is actually a partner of faith; doubt is not a cheap form of cynicism by which we dismiss everything until we have nothing left to believe in.

As Pope Francis says, "Doubts which touch faith, in a positive way, are a sign that we want to know better and more fully God, Jesus, and the mystery of his love for us." So doubt is not a dead end, but an opening, a doorway into deeper truths. This was the threshold that Thomas crossed by touching Christ's wounds. Cynicism can only lead to despair; doubt can lead us further into faith. *Fr. Anthony*



**Cathedral of
St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday – Friday 8:00am (live-streamed); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm
Saturday 11:30am (live-streamed)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Reconciliation: **Monday-Friday:** 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4:30-5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition: Monday – Friday 10:30am – 12:15pm **Benediction:** Monday – Friday 12:15pm

MASS REGISTRATION

Registration for Mass, has returned to pre-Easter registration, ie, social distancing of 1.5sq m which limits us to 264 people in the Cathedral and 180 people at St Patrick's.

The preferred way to register for Mass is on-line via the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>, or you can scan the QR code on your smart phone.



If you do not have access to register on-line, please telephone the Cathedral Office before 12noon on Friday. For administration purposes, **registration closes at lunchtime on Friday.**

The following guidelines remain in place:

- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and participate in Mass on-line via the Cathedral website;
- Physical distancing of 1.5m, whilst standing in the queue to check-in, during Mass and whilst in the Communion procession, is essential;
- Hand hygiene (sanitising your hands before entering the church and when exiting);
- Respiratory hygiene (coughing/sneezing into elbow);
- The number of people in our churches at any one time must be strictly adhered to.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SUPPORT OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Your financial support of the Cathedral Parish is always appreciated. Ways to financially support your parish:

- Direct debit via the online payment system on the Cathedral's website.
- The "Tap & Go" facility at the door of the church;
- Place your donation in the collection bags after Mass;
- The Parish Giving app. Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

ST STEPHEN'S GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

Do you enjoy meeting people and love our Cathedral?

Do you want to learn more about our Cathedral's art and its rich history, and share your knowledge with our visitors?

If this sounds like you, the rewards of joining the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive and interesting training programme is provided. If this ministry appeals to you please contact the Cathedral 3324 3030 or email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by **Monday 12 April 2021** to register for the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers Information Day being held in the Francis Rush Centre in the Cathedral precinct on Thursday 15 April 2021 @ 10:00am.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – THANK YOU

The PPC began the year with a Lenten Retreat for volunteers at St Stephen's Cathedral on Saturday, 27 March, and we would like to acknowledge some people who kindly and generously extended their

support to make the Retreat a huge success. Thank you to: Fr Stanley Orji (Spiritual Director), Logistics: Roger Bishop and the IT department of the Archdiocese in particular AJ, Caterers: Bernice de Montmorency, Peggy Lloyd and Jessica Harrington, Moral Support: Barbara Reynolds-Hutchinson, Patricia McMahon and Denise Childs. Also thank you to Carmel Devery for your valued admin support. Thank you all. *Susan Fajardo*

SUPPORT OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Thank you to all who brought our Easter celebrations to fruition through your skill, generosity of spirit, collective energy and your commitment in faith. It goes without saying that this Easter had its own unique challenges but we can be proud of the communal effort which enabled the Easter story to be celebrated by so many. The Easter liturgies are not small, especially at the Cathedral, and it takes a team of dedicated people to draw them together. There were added complications beyond the usual requirements, and the calmness and smoothness with which we faced those challenges is a credit to our Cathedral office, Music department, sacristans, liturgical ministers, servers and all our committed and willing volunteers. Thank you.

Who knows what the remainder of this year holds, but we can be proud and satisfied with our efforts in trying and difficult circumstances in the lead-up to Easter. As this Easter Octave concludes, may you be blessed by the Risen Christ with joy and peace for all your efforts during the celebration of the Triduum at the Cathedral of St. Stephen.

Fr Anthony

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Due to school holidays and current COVID restrictions, the Parent Information Session for the Sacramental Program, has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd April at 6.30pm**. These sessions will be held Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre and the Cathedral car park will be available. You can attend whichever night is more suitable for your family.

Please note that the Parent Information Sessions previously advertised (Wednesday 14 April) will not be held. We apologise if these change of dates causes any inconvenience however, we live in unsettled times and always need to be flexible.

The Sacramental Program will run as follows:

21 or 22 April 2021 @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Parent Information Session, Hanly Room, FRC

15 May @ 2:00-3:30pm

Retreat for the children receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point

21 May @ 7:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation, St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point

29 May @ 2:00-3:30pm

Retreat for the children receiving the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**, St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point

5/6 June FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

*Music at today's Mass is drawn from Catholic Worship Book II,
with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.*

Processional Hymn Jesus Christ is ris'n today

Kyrie Mass Shalom—Smith

Gloria Mass Shalom—Smith

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117



℣ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29



℣ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Jesus said: You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.*

Offertory Motet Organ music

Sanctus Mass Shalom—Smith

**Memorial
Acclamation
(ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Agnus Dei Mass Shalom—Smith

Communion Motet Organ music

Communion Hymn We walk by faith

Recessional Hymn Christ our Lord, the Prince of ages

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now exalted he is King, Alleluia!
And the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

Verse 1 is repeated

That Easter day with joy was bright:
the sun shone out with fairer light
when to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

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