

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 2: 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. 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.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stones which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is then work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad **R.**

SECOND READING – Peter 1: 3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in

the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold-only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire- and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.**

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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18th & 19th April 2020

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'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-l0>

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Let's reflect...

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

Mass intentions

If you wish to include a notice/ Mass intentions in the parish bulletin, we would be grateful if you could inform us by Thursday 4pm of the week that the bulletin is to be published. Thank you.

Prayer to Divine Mercy



You! Amen.

God's love is the flower – Mercy is the fruit!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Jesus, the Risen Lord, Divine Mercy, I trust in

For those seeking a cure for the virus

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope. Amen

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more.

You are the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

My Jesus come to me. I long for you; let me always be at one with you.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

Come, Lord Jesus! Welcome, Eucharistic Lord.

Welcome my Saviour and my God.

Lord I believe. Lord, I welcome, Lord I receive.

My Lord! I thank you for the grace I receive in these moments.

Silent prayer of gratitude.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

For those who have died recently: Rosemary Rayner-Laver

