

Reflection

The Wounds of Christ

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

turgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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Vinnies
good works

Vinnies news

An information night for people interested in volunteering with Vinnies will be held on Monday 12 April at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Please contact Mike for more information 0419818410.

Changing Mass Time End of Daylight Savings time



The Vigil mass time has moved forward to 5:00pm

**10 April 2021 to
2 October 2021.**

Confessions will also move forward one hour 4:00pm – 4:30pm

Over 45's will meet on
Wednesday 28 April for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048



INVITATION

St Vincent de Paul Kippax Conference would like to invite people interested in joining its Conference to an information evening

Monday 12th April at 7.00pm in the St John the Apostle Parish Centre, Chave Street, Holt. The conference is in urgent need of volunteers to continue its support of those less fortunate in our community.

For more information contact Mike Blyth on 0419 818 410 or email

michael.blyth@fourszenes.com.au

Easter Triduum Liturgies

On behalf of the Liturgy Team I would like to thank all those involved in the planning, preparation and the celebration of the liturgies.

We are a very gifted parish community with so many able to combine to share their talents.

May the Risen Lord be with us always.
Sabina Van Rooy
Liturgy Team Coordinator

Seeking Volunteers for a Study Project



I am currently in my final year of a Postgraduate Masters in Pastoral Counselling at Charles Sturt University.

This year I need to undertake 40 hours of field work in counselling. I am seeking four or five people who would be interested in participating in 5 to 6 counselling sessions. If this may be of interest to you I invite you to contact me at the parish office on 6254 3236 With thanks Marian England



2 May 2021

Cotter Avenue recreation area

Mother's Day Gift, Craft and Cake Stall

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Mother's Day Gift, Craft and Craft stall on Wednesday 28 April and Thursday 29 April, 8am-4pm both days. There will be a great variety of jams, relishes, cakes and slices, as well as Mother's Day gifts and craft items. The stall will be held in the main foyer area, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Phone Mary 62544084 for more information.

St Clare's Graduating Class of 1981 Reunion

A celebration of friendships since our graduation 40 years ago is being planned for later in the year. We are trying to make contact with as many graduates as possible. If you are one of the 1981 class please contact us via

classof1981reunion21@gmail.com

or if you know of someone from the 1981 class (or their family/friend) could you please pass this message on to them.

With thanks, The Organising Committee

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of Jesus is sensitive

Once Jesus' mission was completed Jesus entered into glory and can no longer suffer, but his ability to feel remains always with him. He left on earth nothing at all of what he could take into heaven. He is there with his body, whole and entire; consequently, he is there with his Heart. Every human heart can feel; more so the Heart of Jesus. We cannot doubt that. Why would it not be the same now? Evidently the ability to feel would not be an imperfection in the Word incarnate. Consequently, since the ability to feel was part of his human nature, Jesus possesses it also in his glorified state. Admittedly his ability to feel has been transformed, but it exists, even though we cannot define exactly the way it functions or its effects.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.220f. Paris 1900

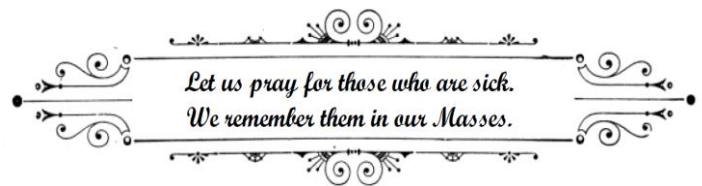
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

As we see in today's Gospel, even one of Jesus' apostles, Thomas, falls short as he doubts the resurrection. We can resonate with Thomas in the ways we might have doubts about the presence of Christ in our day-to-day lives — not believing in His power, doubting His presence in times of suffering, or even doubting His love for us.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased: Marnie Dunn

Anniversary:

Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, Wanda Parkitny, Paul Rogers, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Bryan Cowman, Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colquhoun, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Alan Hodge, Leslie Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Josh de Smet

2021 Calendar

April

Friday 16	Men's Group
Sunday 18	Baptism during 10am Mass Bookclub
Monday 19	Pins & Needles Parent Formation Night for Confirmation
Sunday 25	ANZAC Day
Monday 26	Office closed
Tuesday 27	Women's Breakfast

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra-Goulburn Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email

tribunal@cq.org.au



Check In CBR App is mandatory
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting

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!

Readings – 18 April 2021

First Reading	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm	Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9
Second Reading	1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel	Luke 24:35-48

18 April Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton

18 April Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena

18 April Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Marie McKie
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	11 Apr	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	17 Apr	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	12 Apr	VACANT

On a Lighter note

