



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year A] Sunday 19th April, 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting [Psalm 117]

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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: 20:19-31 After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

I HAVE RISEN AND I AM WITH YOU STILL ALLELUIA!! TOO WONDERFUL THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLELLIA!

St Patrick's
Easter Banner 2020

What is Easter?

The disciples hide in a room, separated from everyone outside, with a fair bit of fear as to what is happening! Sound a little familiar – *anyone would think they were in isolation!*

So there is a sense of a few reminders to us at this time.

- No locked door can keep Jesus from us;
- In our isolation Jesus desires to bring us peace;
- We are never truly alone – there are people who want to be with us;
- We may doubt the future, but Christ reminds us that we only need to believe in life!

It's an interesting conversation and thought process to reflect at this time as regards to what will we take from this time of isolation? I had a conversation with a school principal during the week and she was saying that she feels a new understanding of "what" education is may come from this "social experiment" with our schools. Her experience is that students are missing the interactions, not only with other students, but with teachers. That they need that physical interactions to build a foundation of becoming a "rounded" person. Raw education can be achieved through technology, but maybe this experience will remind educators that their presence is so much more important than teaching knowledge and may inspire them to even more deeply live that out in their vocation as teacher.

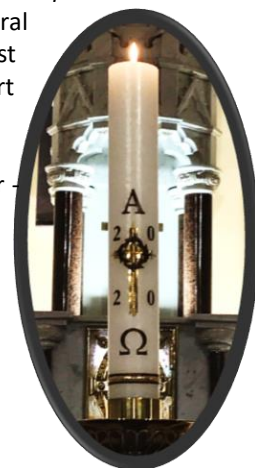
Around the lunchroom table we were also discussing what the positives may be that come from this experience. We wondered (and hoped) it reminds everyone of our interconnectedness. Of the need for us to consciously

be aware of how our lives impact others. Not just the passing of an illness, but the way we treat others. Maybe we will rethink our attitude regarding our competitive or busy lives. *I invite you to take a moment to consider what lasting impact or viewpoint will this experience leave you with?* Thomas' symbol of doubt is real for each of us. He reminds us that doubting is a natural thing to do, but Jesus reminds us that with a little help it is a temporary state of being. Our faith is not in the Christ on the cross, but the risen Christ – the greatest expression of new life – **WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE!** The final part of the story this weekend's gospel offers us is to **CHANGE!** The disciples locked the doors, but Jesus still stood amongst them – for they are the ones who now have entered the tomb, and closed the stone over the opening. They are challenged by Christ to throw open the doors of their tomb and to walk out into the light and to discover –

- Peace in the chaos;
- Belief in the face of doubt;
- Light in darkness;
- Presence instead of absence;
- Life instead of death;
- Change instead of fear;
- Love and mercy instead of locked doors;
- Joy of living in place of sadness and worry.

Let us be the disciples who even currently
with our doors closed, hear the words of
Christ – **"Peace be with YOU!"**

God's blessings on your journey,
Fr. Michael.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Lyle Dornbush, Kevin Wooldridge and those who have died from Covid 19 in Australia and beyond. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Marjorie Mullins, May O'Neill.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Helen Hoddle and all those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)

Opening Hymn: We Walk By Faith GA447/AOV1-63

1. 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.
2. 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!"
3. 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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

Psalms: (Sung) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.

Alleluia Verse (said) You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Reflection Hymn: Peace I Leave With You, My Friends

GA517

Refrain: Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Peace the world cannot give.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
So that your joy be ever full.

1. The Father's love I came to give,
To be the hope for all who live.
2. Take this gift and be at peace;
The Spirit of our love I bring.
3. By this love which you should have
all will know you are my friends.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
AMEN.

Recessional Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

GA 361

1. 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!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where his angels ever sing, Alleluia!



Well at St Patrick's we have not been sitting on our hands during this enforced quiet time!

The pipe organ console and some other parts have been sent for full restoration. Simon Pierce, the organ specialist has assured me that it will be back by the end of June! So that will keep a number of brides happy!

The floor levelling and watering system under the Cathedral has now been completed, so there is a constant moisture level present. This will allow the foundations to settle and prevent any further cracks appearing in the walls.

And we have also installed a new sound system throughout the Cathedral which will improve the sound quality immensely! As you can see we also have a new sound desk which will house the new mixer for all the microphones in use, and the laptop for power points!

So we have not wasted this time!! Thank you to all involved in helping this progress to occur!

