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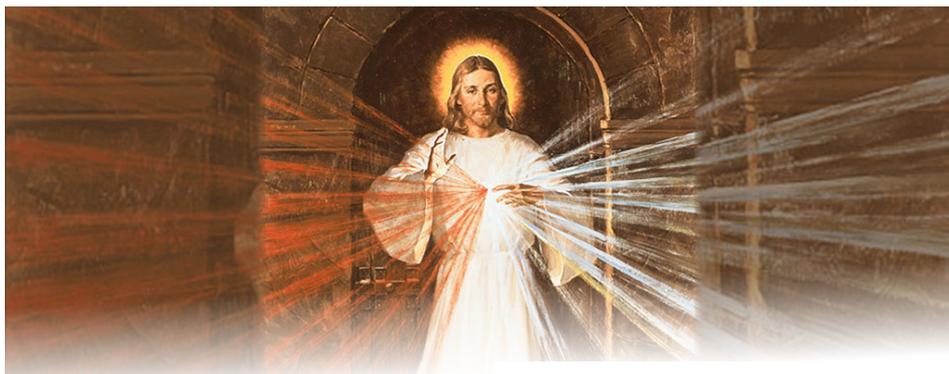
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Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, 8th April 2018

We have not seen but yet believe

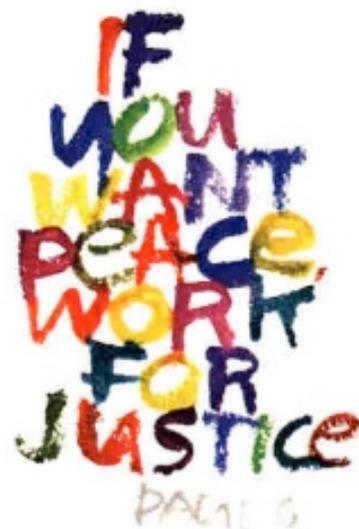
Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Justice and Peace

If you break a computer it is a tragedy, but poverty, the needs, the dramas of so many people end up becoming the norm. ... In so many parts of the world there are children who have nothing to eat, that's not news, it seems normal. It cannot be this way!

Pope Francis, General Audience

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen

FEASTDAYS

Monday 9th April

The Annunciation

of the Lord

Solemnity

Wednesday 11th April

St Stanislaus

Bishop

Friday 13th April

St Martin I

Pope, Martyr

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - Easter Sunday's collection amounted to £861.00.

Italian Association

Bingo Tea in aid of Mukuru Street Children, Mary's Meals and club funds **Monday 9th April**, eyes down at 7.30pm, St John's Church Hall. Tickets £1 from members.

Italian classes continue after Easter on Saturdays from 4.15-6.15pm.

Bingo Tea

Joan and the Girls Bingo Tea, St. John's Church Hall, Melville Street, Perth on Monday, 16th April. Eyes down 7.30pm. Ticket £1.00.

Youth Pilgrimage

The Scottish National Youth Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 9th June, 12 noon - 5.30pm in the ruins of St Andrew's Cathedral, St Andrews.

Meet youth from other dioceses, celebrate the faith together, share at Mass, and take part in lots of activities.

For more details or to book - please contact - youth-office@dunkelddio-cese.org.uk

L'Arche meeting

The next L'Arche Seed Group meeting on Wednesday 16th May, 3.15pm-7.30pm in St Matthew's Church, Tay Street, Perth.

If you'd like to find out more details please speak to Mgr Hendry

Hospital visits

Due to changes made by NHS Tayside in how they process patient data - it is no longer possible for visiting priests to be informed about parishioners who have been admitted to hospital.

If you, or a family member, are going to be in hospital and would like a visit from the priest in hospital - please take a moment to notify us (see details at the bottom of this page).

Mgr Hendry and Deacon Krzysztof thank all who have taken part in the Easter Services and wish all a Happy Easter



Quiz Night

in aid of Perth Street Pastors

Wednesday 18th April

7pm

Moncreiffe Suite, Salutation Hotel
Perth

£20 per team of four

Please let us know on ggloudos@aol.com or 01738 629200 if you are coming, or just turn up. If you don't have a team, come anyway and we will sort it on the night.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Next Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Vocations

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass