



The gospel story about doubting Thomas has to be one of the most misunderstood episodes in the New Testament.

If you're like me, for years we have been consoled by Thomas doubting that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas' doubts were in Jesus, we have been led to believe. But let's read the story very carefully. It's not Jesus Thomas doubts, it's the disciples. In fact when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and like the others he immediately confesses Easter faith. There are three elements in this story that should give us great comfort. The first is that Thomas doubts the early Church, and not just in regard to a minor issue of discipline or procedure. He doubts the central Christian

message: that God raised Jesus from the dead. Some of us, too, at various times in our lives, can have doubts about all sorts of things in our faith. There are very few Catholics who get through life without asking some serious questions of God, about Jesus, the Spirit and the Church. These questions are good in themselves. They are necessary for a mature, adult faith. What we need to ensure is that we sincerely want answers to the questions we ask and not just use them to justify our wandering away from our faith. Thomas is the patron saint of all of us who sometimes struggle to believe what everyone else in the church seems to accept. And he is also the patron saint of those of us who seek the courage and patience to wait for the answers.

The second consoling fact to this story concerns the earliest Church. Even though they were filled with the presence of the Risen Lord and though Thomas refuses to believe their witness, they remain faithful to him in his doubts. We know this because he is still with them a week later. They didn't expel him from the group or excommunicate him, they held on to him in the hope that he would experience the Lord for himself.

Sadly for us, today, there are some who argue that Catholics who struggle with their faith should 'shape up or ship out'. While every group has its boundaries and there are limits to what people can dissent from, we could take the earliest Church as our model and stay faithful to our doubters and help them come to see the transforming truth that has changed our lives.

This story was written for people like us who do not have access to the historical Jesus. The birth of the Church is an ongoing act of God's creation in every generation. It takes time, and people will be at different stages at different moments. Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is only surpassed by our Crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt.

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**MASSES CAN BE LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL  
AT [archbne.org/bzw](http://archbne.org/bzw) ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS.**

### **MASS ON TELEVISION**

**THERE IS A FULL MASS OF THE DAY FOR YOU TO WATCH AT HOME,  
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 6AM ON CHANNEL 5 AND 10.**

FROM FR VAN HUONG



Thank you all my dear priests and parishioners. I will miss you all very much. Thank you for your love, understanding, accepting me and welcoming me in the last 1,932 days. I will not die tomorrow because tomorrow I will work at another parish.

God bless you all.  
Fr Van Huong

## ANZAC Day Mass Notice



Military Ordinary of Australia

### NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS 2020 RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID 19 MANAGEMENT

The current and developing spread of the coronavirus COVID 19 in our community has demanded significant and deliberate responses to limit the spread of the infection. This has included limitations imposed both Federal and State/Territory Governments on the numbers of people assembling.

Following that advice and being mindful that the number that usually attends the National ANZAC Day Mass far exceeds the limit defined by the Government declaration I have decided to cancel the public celebration of Mass on Anzac Day this year. I would also note that a great many of those who habitually participate in this Mass are of an age that increases the seriousness of the consequences on their health should they become infected.

There are two principal elements for our gathering to celebrate Mass on this day each year. One is to offer Mass for the repose of the souls of those who have died in battle or as a result of service to our beloved country. The other is to implore the grace of peace between all the nations of this world. While we cannot gather to celebrate the Mass this year for these intentions, we can and must spend the time in prayer for both of those intentions. This is, after all, only a reflection of the duty so generously given by those who have served us and those who continue to serve. Our promise to remember them takes many forms and for us especially our dedicated prayer for the repose of their souls is a precious remembrance and duty. Let us overcome the gloom of our sadness by embracing the light of Hope that accompanies the Lord's promise of eternal life.

Please God we will be able to gather together once more for this specific purpose next year.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls rest in peace.

**ANZAC DAY MASS** at Southport Parish will at **11:30am Saturday, 25th April 2020**. We will record and publish this Mass on our website and ask you to join with us at home, in your office or sitting on your balcony or back garden. You can light a candle sit in silence, read a scriptures, pray the rosary and offer this time to all the departed soldiers.



#### IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Many thanks to you, parishioners of Southport Catholic Parish, for bringing strength that comes from a sense of solidarity knowing that were all in this together.

The Priests of the Parish celebrated the Easter Triduum.

The Priests were joined by musicians (Mick & Sharon) and readers (Sabina & Brian). Thank you to all involved.

To view the Easter Masses (please see below) visit our website:



**Thursday of Holy Week (9th April 2020)**  
<https://youtu.be/8ZoagcH8nMw>

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (10th April 2020)**  
<https://youtu.be/tHzmrWSi218>

**Sunday of the Resurrection (12th April 2020)**  
<https://youtu.be/8JmK0m3Qlxc>

#### COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

Our SCP Newsletter will continue to be sent each week via email. If you have not been receiving the newsletter via email, please update your email address by emailing [info@scp.org.au](mailto:info@scp.org.au)

The Parish newsletter is also published weekly in our website [www.scp.org.au](http://www.scp.org.au)

Further, on the website there are other resources for you to access at home are available such as Masses and updates in our Parish and across the Archdiocese.

We are continually working on ways to communicate with you. Let us know if there are other ways you use.

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**

**1st Reading – Acts 2:14,22-33 - 2nd Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-21, - Gospel - Luke 24:13-35**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

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Rebecca - 0414 994 928

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
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**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
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*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.  
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers  
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions  
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.  
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

**Death Anniversary:** Mary Stanfield, Annie Maloney

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad), Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

**DUE TO CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID-19  
AND FURTHER AS PER THE DIRECTIVE OF THE ARCH-  
DIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

**The Following Church Programs/Meetings  
are CANCELLED until Further Notice.**

- **All Baptismal and Baptism Prep Class.**
- **All Sacramental Program**, ie: Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- **RCIA Meeting** at 6:30pm every Thursday at Southport Parish Office
- **Rosary and Novena** at 6pm every Wednesday at St Joseph the Worker Labrador.
- **Filipino Mass** at 12:30pm every First Sunday of the Month at Guardian Angels.
- **Melody Majors** at 8:30am every Wednesday at Mary Immaculate Church - Resource Room
- **Young Adults Group** at 6:30pm every Friday night at Guardian Angels
- **Craft** at 9:30am every Thursday at Mary Immaculate Church Library.



**ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER FOR END OF THE PANDEMIC**

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die and the light of Easter,  
the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ,  
the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge,  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## **First Reading**

[Acts 2:42-47](#) - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

### ***The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.***

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.

## **Second Reading**

[1 Pt 1:3-9](#) - A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

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 spoiled 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 has 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 a 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.

## **Gospel**

[Jn 20:19-31](#) - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

### ***After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.***

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.

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:  
Lord, hear us. ... .. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:  
Lord, hear us. ... .. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:  
Lord, hear us. ... .. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:  
Lord, hear us. ... .. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families, our schools and young people, and all in any kind of need or distress:  
Lord, hear us. ... .. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

**Southport Catholic Parish Mass Time (Virtually)**

**Sunday 19th April - 11am and Tuesday 21st April - 10:30am**

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