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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.



No Maltese confession or mass this coming Friday (2nd of May)

Congratulations to the girls and boys from St Paul's Primary School, who will be making their first Holy Communion this Friday in the Church. Please keep them in your prayers.



Monthly morning tea in the parish hall Tuesday 29th April BaDian Jin plus: dance lessons with Lee - All welcome.

Mother's Day Raffle - drawn 11th May, tickets \$1 each. 1st Prize 40 inch smart TV, 2nd Prize Ceramic tower heater 3rd Prize Hamper. If anyone in the parish is wishing to donate fresh flowers to our mother's day stall, it would be greatly appreciated. Please ring the secretary on 03 8308 1035 for pick up of donated flowers (before the 11th of May). Our St Paul's Parish come together as one.

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. There will be a special collection at all masses. As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

During the month of May we will have the regular Mass count for the Archdiocese. One person (or a few) will be counting the number of attendances at each mass, please be tolerant of this procedure.

27-APRIL.	SAT 6 : 00PM	SUN 8 : 00AM	SUN 9 : 30AM	SUN 6 : 00PM
Lectors	June Walsh	Joe Gatt	Marlene Alvarez	
R	Jadzia Niemiec	Niu Pua	Mary Rose Smith	
R	Carmen Portelli	Lina Mizzi	Ritika Vas	
Choir	E-Choir	Preca	Divine Mercy	Spanish Choir
Ministers	Pauline Sacco	Doris Caruana	Halena Pichner	
of Holy	Joyce Portelli	Tina Staropoli	Damiana Visco	
Communion		Denza Vassallo	Silvia Portelli	
		Paul Micallef	Julius Wrzesinski	

4-MAY.	SAT 6 : 00PM	SUN 8 : 00AM	SUN 9 : 30AM	SUN 6 : 00PM
Lectors	June Walsh	Enrico Nicholas	Marlene Alvarez	
R	Faustina Taikakara	Lina Mizzi	Julie Ann Makiling	
R	Jadzia Niemiec	Sr. Susanna Lee	Mary Rose Smith	
Choir	St Francis	Preca	Holy Redeemer	St Theresa
Ministers	Pauline Sacco	Niu Pua	Julius Wrzesinski	
of Holy	Carmen Portelli	Doris Caruana	Stella Audino	
Communion		Lessina Natocalofa	Damiana Visco	
		John Debrincat	Halena Pichner	

Church Diary (Week beginning 27th Apr 2025)

Saturday 26th/27th Apr

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
4.30pm Vietnamese Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella
9.30am English Mass + Van Thi Le, Nguyen Minh Ngoc, Sean Michael Dudley & Doug Patrick
11.30am Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm Spanish Mass
6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 28th Apr

8.00am English Mass +
11.00am Lady of Knots
7.00pm TNTN Choir Practice
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
5.45 pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 30th Apr

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
6.30pm Mass
7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary
6.30pm Mass

Thursday 1st May

Friday 2nd May

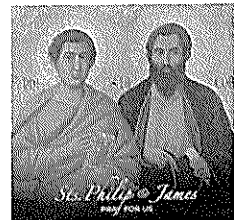
St Athanasius

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy
6.30pm Mass—St Paul's School Sacrament of the Eucharist

Saturday 3rd/4th May

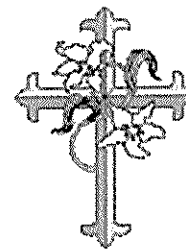
St Phillip and James Apostles

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
4.30pm Vietnamese Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass
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8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella
9.30am English Mass +
11.30am Vietnamese Mass 1.00pm Spanish Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass



WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Donato Viscio, Salvatore Di Stefano, Marie Edwards, Sue Hurt, Anne Martin, Jani, Rose Hurt, Charlie Zarb, **Recently Deceased:** Theresa Caruana, Aniello Nardella, Mario Bugeja, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan &

Carmelo Micallef, Felix Camilleri, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



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.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE BREATH OF LIFE

Fear surrounds Jesus' disciples in this story from John's Gospel set on the night of his resurrection. They are closed in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. The Risen One comes into their midst, into the centre of their fears, and proclaims, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus offers his frightened disciples peace at a time when they feel a sense of potential annihilation by the very ones who had manufactured Jesus' execution.

His 'peace' is more than an encouragement not to worry; it is a prayer, his gift, for their wholeness and holiness. The prayer is accompanied by his breathing upon them—an echo of an earlier 'breathing' when Jesus 'breathes down' his spirit on to his mother and the Beloved Disciple at the moment of death. This is John's Pentecost scene. For John's audience, 'breathe' was a sign of life. Here, in the room's enclosure, Jesus' breathes onto his disciples his life which offers forgiveness.

The story concludes with Thomas and it is not about his 'doubting'. It is rather about his connection with the other disciples. Disconnected from them, he does not believe. When he reconnects with them a week later and Jesus reappears, Thomas comes to faith in the Risen Jesus. Two points emerge from this powerful story: Jesus' presence dispels fear; Easter faith is restored and deepened through belonging to a community of believers.



Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / C

27 APRIL 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.
2. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. R.
3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / the Lord God is our light. R.

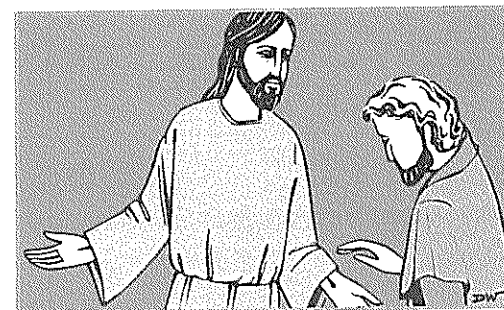
SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus;



it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

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