



# St Patrick's Cathedral Weekly Newsletter

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B**

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024**

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays after Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays of Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. The Risen One appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears of the group.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our personal fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We are asked to do this right now as we emerge from the worst of the COVID pandemic. Some are too fearful to engage with the distress of our world and remain turned in upon themselves. It may be helpful to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. While taking reasonable precautions, we are called to rise above our own fears and respond with love and generosity in times of crisis, to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time".

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*at St Patrick's Cathedral*

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**"I am giving mankind  
the last hope of  
salvation"**  
(Diary, 998)



*Jesus I Trust in You*

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER | 7 APRIL 2024**

<b>Confessions (4 priests available)</b>	2pm-3.15pm
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;</b>	
<b>Devotional Prayers and Rosary</b>	2pm
<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>	3pm
<b>Holy Mass (accompanied by organist and choir)</b>	3.15pm
	Celebrant: Fr Brendan Lane
<b>Contact</b>	Roselyn Coquet 0422 134 523

### EASTER WATER AND HOME BLESSINGS

One of the great symbols of Easter is water. Water that gives life, refreshes, cleanses and renews. In our Catholic tradition we also use holy water to bless. At the Easter Vigil the Archbishop blessed the Easter water with word and gesture and then the congregation renewed their Baptismal promises after which the people were blessed and sprinkled with this Easter water. An Easter Blessing prayer for your home and your family will be available next to the Pascal candle and we invite you to take home a bottle of Easter water.  
(1 per family please)

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

**This is a reminder to turn your clocks BACKWARD one hour on Sunday 7 APRIL 2024 from 3am to 2am.**

### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### Entrance Hymn

CWB II 349 v1,2,9

Antiphon: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death today rose triumphing,  
Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud,  
and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

Antiphon

Text: O filii et filiae; Jean Tisserand c.1494 trans. John Mason Neale 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE 888 with alleluias; French carol melody c.17th cent.

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is  
good; his love is ev - er last-ing.

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 Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

R

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

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

### Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

### 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.*

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.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one 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.

## Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## Communion Hymn

CWB II 641

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.

We may not touch his hand and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help them, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our  
faith abound; to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done in realms  
of clearer light we may behold you as you are  
in full and endless sight.

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.

Text: Henry Alford 1810-1871  
Music: SHANTI 86.86; Marty Haugen b. 1950 © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission

## Post-Communion/ Recessional Hymn

CWB II 368

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes, where they body lay.

Refrain: *Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

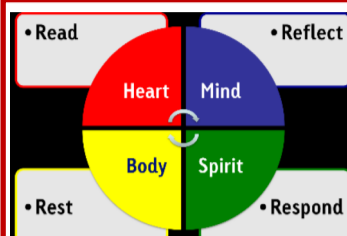
Lo, Jesus meets us, risen, from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph  
sing, for her ord is living, death has lost its sting. Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conq'rors through thy  
deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy house above.

Refrain

Text: A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité: Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932.  
Trans Richard Birch Holye 1875-1939

Music: MACCABAEUS 10.11.11.11 and refrain; adapt George Frederick Handel 1685-1759



## St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SPCYAM)

meetings will be held on  
Wednesday 10 April 2024 at  
6.30pm - 8.30pm. Come and join  
us for a night of fellowship,

praise and worship, divine mercy chaplet, and scriptural  
reflection based on Luke 24: 35-48.

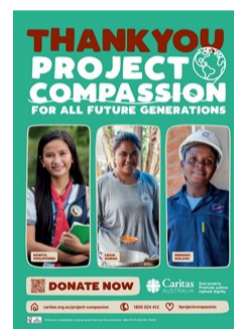
Meet us at the Cathedral Room, CKC, 383 Albert St,  
East Melbourne.

For information please email to [jaycee.napoles@cam.org.au](mailto:jaycee.napoles@cam.org.au)  
or [info.spcyam@gmail.com](mailto:info.spcyam@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank You!



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**THANK YOU** for supporting Project  
Compassion 2024. If you still have your  
Project Compassion box or set of envelopes  
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tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes  
and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting  
[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or  
by calling 1800 024 413.

## A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

### "Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday  
life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.  
This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your  
relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a  
gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and  
distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter  
weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples  
of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details**

**Date: 12-14 April, 2024** in Melbourne

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



EXPERIENCE  
THE SPIRITUAL  
IN A SACRED  
TIME AND SPACE

# Mark Slavec



Mark Slavec attained his AMusA in piano in November 2014 and currently serves as the Assistant Organist at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Mark will showcase compositions by Walton, Hardy, Langlais, Liszt, and Dupré in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral.

*Crown Imperial*  
William Walton

*Introduction and Fugue*  
Lance Hardy

*'Te Deum'*  
Jean Langlais

*Fantasia and Fugue on BACH*  
Franz Liszt

*Prelude and Fugue in B Major*  
Marcel Dupré

## GRAND ORGAN RECITAL

**6pm • Friday 12 April**  
**St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**



ADULTS \$30  
CONCESSION \$25

Children aged 15 years  
and under are admitted free

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### Dean of

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

Monsignor Stuart Hall

### Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Michael Buck

### Assistant Priest

Rev. Jaycee Napoles

### Priest in Residence

Rev. Philip Mathew

*Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital*

### Director of Music

Dr. Philip Matthias

### Cathedral Organist

Dion Henman

### St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

*in partnership with*

**St Kevin's College, Toorak**

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## Wedding Congratulations

*Amy Majoros & Daniel Scaffidi*



### EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
every Wednesday at 5.30pm

### HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Each Friday at the conclusion  
of the 1.00pm Mass,  
in the Sacred Heart Chapel.  
Exposition until 2.15pm.

### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm  
(1.00pm live streamed - Link:  
[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)) Saturday  
8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.  
(11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed  
on CAM) Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday  
at 12pm - 12.45 pm and on Saturday mornings  
at 8.30am.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick, especially  
**Roberto Mendez** and for all who  
have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have  
died recently, especially  
**Joe Healy** and **Helen Wilcitera** and  
those whose anniversaries we  
remember at this time, especially  
**Purnawati Wibawa,**  
**Luong Van Hai, Peter Phan** and  
**Ivan Zekic.**

### SAFEGUARDING.

**Child Protection Officer:**  
**Rev Jaycee Napoles**

Please refer to the two new posters  
'Rights and Responsibilities' and  
'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'  
at the entrances of the Cathedral  
[https://  
melbournecatholic.org/  
safeguarding.](https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

**St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult  
Ministry (SPCYAM)**  
**(age 18 to 40 yrs old)**

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at  
Cathedral Room, CKC Centre,  
383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Last Saturday of each month;  
6pm mass, followed by meal.

Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles  
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