

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Second Sunday of Easter – 10-11 April

‘The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the lord, and he said to them again, “Peace be with you.”’

John 20,20-21

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL A MASS BOOKING

If you are unable to take up your place at Mass for some reason please let the stewards know on these numbers so that your space can be used :

Saturday 17.30 07544260440

Sunday 10.00 07753605972

Even when the website says sold out, it is worth phoning the relevant number on a Saturday as there are sometimes seats available at the last minute.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those who use envelopes, there are new boxes available. Thank you to those of you who set up direct debits over the last year.

For some people you will have a new number but your money will go to the same place.

OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE

The office will be closed during Easter week.

It will reopen Wednesday 14th April.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne (Nancy) Lynch who died recently.

Please pray also for the soul of Rosemary McCarvill who died recently.

May they both rest in peace.



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The Second Sunday of Easter (Year B – Mark):

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.

Mass Intentions for Second Week of Easter

There are no open Masses during the week.

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	10 th April	17.30	Brendan O'Rourke RIP
Sunday	11 th April	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	12 th April	No Mass	
<i>Monday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>			
Tuesday	13 th April	No Mass	
<i>St Martin 1, Pope, Martyr</i>			
Wednesday	14 th April	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>			
Thursday	15 th April	No Mass	
<i>Thursday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>			
Friday	16 th April	No Mass	
<i>Friday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>			
Saturday	17 th April	No Mass	
<i>Saturday of the 2nd week of Eastertide</i>			

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	17 th April	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	18 th April	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne