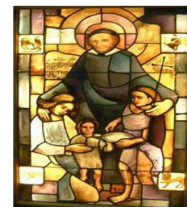


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April 11, 2010

So where will we find Him? For the apostles he was gone and in his absence anxiety and fear reigned supreme. It was He who found them in the closed room. He brought Peace and purpose. With our renewed Easter faith where will our belief and faith lead us? This week I had one of those chain emails that showed a picture of a lithograph of a beautiful child with a halo, seated and looking beatifically into the distance. This, the email announced, was in fact a true picture of the child Jesus, which had mysteriously been on the roll of film after a photo had been taken of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament!!!! It also carried a Promise that if displayed the child Jesus will bring blessings and peace. Like the apostles there are times in our lives where Jesus would appear to have deserted us, we are filled with all the fears and anxieties that this world can bring. It is hard to find the Peace that Jesus brings and pieties such as these offer miraculous comforts in a 'holy' and clean Jesus.

But in fact they have forgotten the plot. Our Jesus suffered the most brutal of deaths to celebrate the resurrection with us. It was in fact the recognition of these wounds of that brutality and suffering that were the identifying marks of the Risen Jesus. They connect our human sufferings with the divine resurrection. It was through these wounds that Thomas could exclaim "My Lord and my God" for us.

Marguerite Martin

What a wonderful Easter! Thank you to all the many people who contributed generously with their talents and their time; from Liturgy Coordinators, Musicians, Readers, Acolytes, Servers, Liturgical Decorators, Altar Society, Hospitality Group, and Youth Group. Our Easter was completed with the new life of Christ in those who were baptised at the Easter vigil.

Congratulations again to Adam, Belinda, Caleb, Lawrence, Lu, Lynda, Nirosha, Nishantha and Nimnath.

Faith meets Science

A study into the effects of intercessory prayer on the wellbeing of patients with cancer

This Sunday 11 April 2010 during the 6pm mass, Professor Ian Oliver will talk to us about his experiences conducting a study investigating the effects of intercessory prayer on the wellbeing of cancer patients. Come and learn about the amazing results of this study.

Professor Oliver is the Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Council Australia, a researcher and a Christian. He trained as a medical oncologist and received the Cancer Achievement Award from the Medical Oncology Group of Australia in 2008

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, 10th April

11:00am

Stephanie Amelia Rose Cockerill
Xavier Roman Jucutan

Isabela Annette Perez
Zahra Basant Costello Singh

Sunday, 11th April

10:00 am

Jack Kalina
Jared Lentini



PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

It's not too late to share your "Mary Moment" with us! To find out more about this free live webcast and to register for the Mary-First Disciple eConference go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and enter the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy with Harvest Travel in 2010.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 11, 2010
1:30pm to 4:00pm**

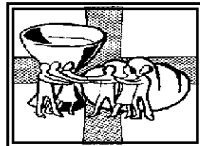
The celebration will be held at St. Ambrose church, 2 Burke Street Concord West NSW. Confessions are available from 1:30 to 3:00pm but if possible please receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to the celebration of this Feast. Please bring your own Divine Mercy Image for blessing, a flower to present to our Lord Jesus Christ and if possible, some plate of nibbles to share for the afternoon tea. For enquiries contact us via email: divinemercy@hotmail.com or call Ruby at 0401 741 498.

Convicted by Truth by Fr. John Fleming

All are invited to the launch of the book *Convinced the Truth* by Fr. John Fleming at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe, on Wednesday, 5 May, at 7:30pm. John McCarthy QC will launch the book and the author will be on hand to speak. Supper will follow. RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 Noon
Tuesday, 7:00am
Wednesday 12 Noon
Thursday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am



Sunday : 8am, 10:00am, 6pm
Polish Mass 12 noon


Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, Sat 9:00am

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please bring them back next week. If you are wondering how you could make a difference in the struggle against poverty in your daily life then visit www.bemore.org.au and take up  the challenge to BE More!

Summer Hill Catholic Women's League
invite Ladies from St. Vincent's to a Luncheon & Autumn Fashion Parade
Saturday, April 24th at 11.30am
St. Patrick's Hall, Drynan Street Summer Hill
Cost \$10
Contact Rita Lucas 9560 7306 by 19/4

Prayer in Times of Doubt

Lord Jesus,
Give me confidence in the depths of danger.
Give me hope when I am surrounded by fear.
Calm the anxieties pressing in on me from the world I live in.
Lord Jesus, give me your peace.

Reassure me that you are with me when I seem alone.
Ease my doubting, as you did Thomas's.
Lord Jesus, give me your peace.

Guide my searching for peace,
so that I may not seek it where it is not to be found,
but I may seek it in You.
Lord Jesus, live in me and give me your peace.
Amen.

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.

FIRST READING: More than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers Of both men and women (Acts 5.12-16)

PSALM: Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting. (Ps 118.2-4, 22-24, 25-27a)

SECOND READING: I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever (Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19)

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

GOSPEL: A week later Jesus came and stood among them (John 20.19-31)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
Third Sunday of Easter C

Acts 5.27-32, 40b-41
Ps 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b
Revelation 5.11-14
John 21.1-19