



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

24 April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Link

Father Alasdair writes...

Happy Low Sunday to you all!

Today is the day that traditionally, those baptised at Easter took off their white robes, worn for all of last week, and joined the congregation in ordinary dress, ready to start work for the Lord. We too settle into our work for the Lord as we begin to work through the 50 days of Easter.

Today, we also hear the story of St. Thomas who has doubts about the resurrection, because he missed the first appearance of the resurrected Jesus to the other disciples in that locked upper room. He cannot believe what his mates are telling him, without seeing the proof. Jesus, of course, shows him the proof and Thomas, of course, believes. But Jesus adds that those who have not seen yet believe are the truly blessed ones.

We have not seen yet believe! Our blessing is that we need no longer be haunted by the doubt that Thomas, at first, experienced. Belief in the Resurrected Jesus settles our hearts and minds such that we do not doubt. We are not unsettled. We are sure, and with that, we are ready to do whatever we are called to do for God, knowing the truth of the good news in Jesus.



Sentence: Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20.27

Prayer of the Day

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 118.14-29

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song: **and has become my salvation.**

¹⁵ The sounds of joy and deliverance: **are in the tents of the righteous.**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

¹⁷ I shall not die but live: **and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me hard: **but he has not given me over to death.**

¹⁹ Open me the gates of righteousness:

and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord: **the righteous shall enter it.**

²¹ I will praise you, for you answered me: **and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected: **has become the head of the corner.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing: **and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ O Lord, save us, we pray: **O Lord, send us prosperity.**

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light:

guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God and I will praise you: **you are my God, I will exalt you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: **and his mercy endures for ever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 20, beginning at Verse 19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Years Mind

Kathleen Anthonisz, Paul Wiltshire, Trevor Frost, and Cyril White, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Anglican Cursillo Movement; All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson).

The Parish: Pray for all those in hospital or unwell at this time.

The World: Pray for the people of South Sudan.

The Nation: Pray for the homeless and those who provide food and shelter to them.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing before Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com



GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Cardboard pizza boxes can go into recycling as long as they're empty and they don't contain too much oily residue.

EXCITING NEWS!

We are no longer required to use the QR code for anything or wear masks.

ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER

Hilary invites your expressions of interest for Saturday May 21, Federal Election Day. Democracy sausage provision and home produce?

ST PETERS UNDER COVID 19: YEARS OF SORROW, YEARS OF JOY

Copies of this book are now available from the Office to those who put in an order. \$15 each.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is in Wed 27th April 1.30pm in the Undercroft,
Speaker Cathy Jones. "An Insight into Health Care".

ACT FOR PEACE GARDEN PARTY Refugee fundraiser

Date: Saturday 30 April 2022

Time: 2.00 – 5.30pm

Where: Stonestrow, 62 Taylor Road, Mooroolbark

Entry \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

See noticeboard for more details.

(Act for Peace is the humanitarian arm of the International Humanitarian Agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.)



THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

This operetta will be performed at St Peter's on Saturday, May 7 at 2.00pm by the Singularity choir. This will be a chance to have a delightful afternoon's entertainment while raising funds for our parish outreach at the same time.

Tickets \$20 available from the office or from Hilary after 9.30am service.

Put the date in your diary now! Queries: Hilary Blakeman cchr@hotmai.com

THE FIFTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE IN CHURCH LAW

Wednesday 18 May 2022, 7.30pm

Law of the State and Religious Institutions. Cause for Concern or Reform?

The fifth Robin Sharwood Lecture will be delivered by **Mr Michael Shand AM QC**.

Where: Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College,
100 Royal Parade, Parkville

Light refreshments will be served following the Lecture. Attendance is free of charge but you are asked to register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJCF>

Enquiries to E: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au T: 03 9348 7527 (Trinity College)

ANZAC Day Service Reminder from Fr Harry

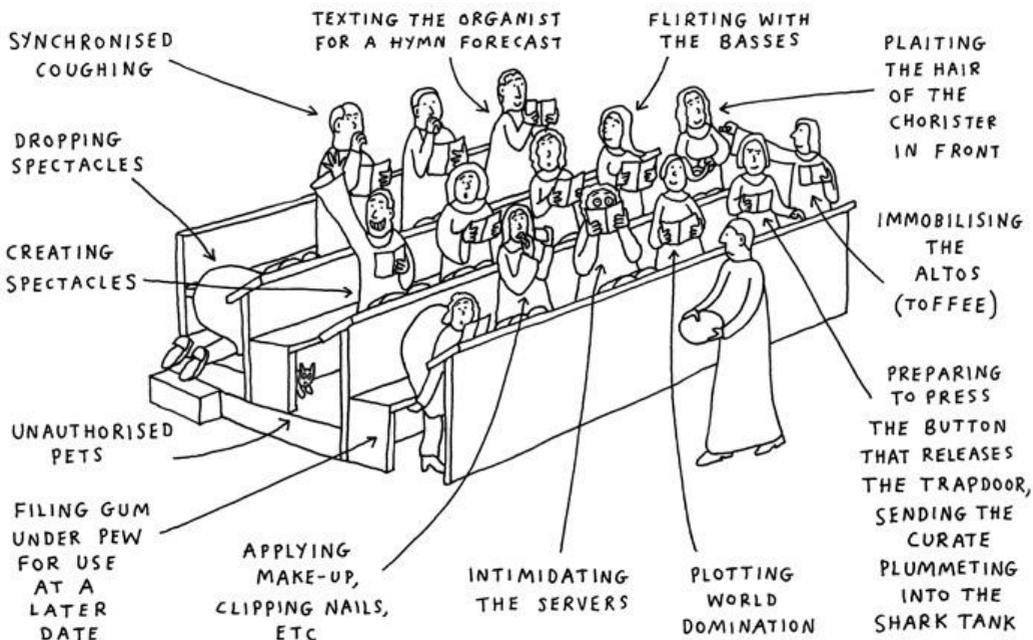
The 2022 ANZAC Day service at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne is on Anzac Day at 11.00am. Since we began these services in 2015, we have sought to encourage people to see ANZAC Day differently. We have heard many stories about those who went to war, about conscientious objectors, and about those who remained at home. We have always included stories from the frontier wars, where the First Nations resisted the invasion and theft of their sovereign lands. The storyteller at this year's service will be Ms Sherry Balcombe, Manager, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

The CIA, the FBI, and the LAPD are all trying to prove that they are the best at apprehending criminals. The President decides to give them a test. He releases a rabbit into a forest and has each of them try to catch it. The Spanish Inquisition appear and return with a rabbit that's converted to Christianity and is a foot taller than it was before. Were you not expecting that? Nobody was.

THE CHOIR

MINOR MISDEMEANOURS TAKING PLACE IN YOUR SUNDAY SERVICES



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 24.04.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

MON 25.04.22

Anzac Day

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 26.04.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 27.04.22

10.30am Eucharist
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
7.30pm Eucharist
8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 28.04.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open
9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*
7.30pm Celebration of Last Supper

FRI 29.04.22

9.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group
7.30pm Chinese service

SAT 30.04.21

9.30-10.00am Prayers in church
3.30-5.00pm Flute Guild VMTA piano
10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and
Undercroft

SUN 1.05.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

For the Diary

April 30 Sat

Flute Guild concert 3.00-5.30pm

May 4

Concert booking Glen Waverley SC
Wed 6.00-9.00pm

May 7

Pirates of Penzance
Performance at St Peter's, 2.00pm
Tickets available \$20

July 3

Patronal Festival



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OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 24.3.22	Next week 1.4.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Sandra L	Dianne A, Ted G
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READERS	Kim C, Martin F	Jan G, Edwin C
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Janet H
COUNTING	Margaret R, TBC	Charles B, Michele M
MORNING TEA	Barbara P, Michele M, Dianne A, Keith W	Elizabeth B, Lyn B, Laurence L