



**St Andrew's
Anglican Parish of Riverton**
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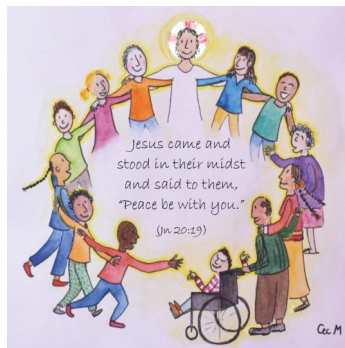
To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 7 April 2024
Second Sunday Of Easter

On this Sunday some years ago, I celebrated the eucharist for Iranian Christians in a refugee detention centre. The doors were locked because we had been made afraid of them. This place of torture was designed to keep out all signs of hope and compassion. But guards and razor wire could not keep the risen Lord out. Bread was broken Christ had risen and was present with the world's most vulnerable people.

- We pray for refugees, that that may find a safe home.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of those people and organisations who help refugees and asylum seekers

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Holy Communion - All are welcome to receive Communion with us. You may receive in one kind (just the bread) if you prefer. If you wish to receive the wine also, you may sip from the common cup. Please be aware that current diocesan regulations prohibit intinction (dipping) your wafer into the wine. Gluten free wafers are available.

For Today's Service

Sentence

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' *John 20.21*



Collect (prayer of the day)

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. Amen.

Readings—Second Sunday of Easter (7 Apr 2024 Year B)

Act 4:32-37; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, Diocesan Youth/Children's Ministry and Brigade, clergy and people; Diocese of Ikwo, Nigeria, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East; The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishops Cameron Venables and John Roundhill, the clergy and people

BCA: Dongara, David & Emma Thompson & family

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

In Australia: Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide.

In the Province: Parish of Gelorup, clergy and people; Parish of Broome, clergy and people

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; Parish of Lakelands, Clive McCallum (Locum Tenens) and people; Parish of Leederville, Matt Malcolm and people; Legislation Committee, Eric Ross-Adjie, Chair, and members of the Committee

Prayer Cycle: Nerry Shpiro Khimbi, Coral Shipard, Iris Shooter.

We pray for those in need this month: Jamie Ayrs (Broughton family), Roxana D’Rosario, Terry Flay, Florence Khimbi, Derek Knight, Margaret (Joan Mackie’s sister), Margaret and Alan Mason, Joan McNeill, Joyce Mynett, Doreen Newell, Nicholson family: Kathleen, John, Sarah & Amanda, Roslynn Park, Jan Trench, Sylvia Westera, Joy White.

We pray for those in need this week: Marissa Bandy, Roberta Constantine, Fr Alan Brodie, Gwen Builder, Charlie Cuff, Jenny Cuff, Taya Fisher, Gaye Gray; June & Manny Rodrigues, Pat Trevithick, Peter & Helen Broughton



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Thought for the Week from MU - Blessings

‘Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.’ (*Thessalonians 5:16-18*)

As those who belong to Christ Jesus, we are to be filled with rejoicing, prayer and thanksgiving. But we cannot simply decide to be joyful or thankful. Our prayers, and especially our prayers of praise and thanksgiving arise from the vision we have of God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and in particular the wonderful works of God with which we are surrounded. Have you ever been on a walk in God’s creation and simply praised him for what you see? His blessings in nature are so abundant. Have you noticed that your prayers have been answered and thanked him? Have you been able to thank him even in the midst of distress because you know that he is in charge and has not left you? Have you thought about Jesus and all that he has done for us and been moved to lift up your heart in worship? That is what it means to rejoice, to pray and to thank God. We do it for what he has blessed us with in Christ.

Question for thought: Am I counting my blessings?

Gracious Lord, please continue to uphold members in the Diocese of Nord Kivu in DR Congo as beacons of hope in communities facing immense pressures and difficulties. May the hope we have in you through Jesus give them courage to persevere in their many outreach activities. We bring before you our members in Perth Diocese and pray for Jan Rose as Diocesan President. Pray for the contact they have with South Sudanese members as they adjust to life in Australia. Amen.



Acts 4.32-37

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). ³⁷ He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Psalm 133

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

² It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.

³ It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.

1 John 1.1-2.2

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2.1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning

sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20.19-31

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.



Celebrations

Birthdays: Sarah Harrison (Tue 9th)

Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:



Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Third Sunday of Easter (14 April 2024 Year B)

Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 15 Apr, Doris Martin; 22 April, Hazel Kitney

St. Andrew's MU: meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 1.30pm in the Fellowship Room.

Notices

Offerings: Parishioners are encouraged to consider direct debit offerings. Details for direct debit are:

From Account:

From: xxxxxxxx

Your/Business name: **Offering**

Payment Details

Account Name: Riverton Parish

BSB: 706001

Account No: 30005512

Message: Offering



Our Post Office banking will no longer accept cheques. If you are unable to use the direct debit facility listed above, offerings can be made in cash through the collection plate on Sunday. No cheques please.

Notices

Midweek Services (February to April): While Lisa is on leave, we will likely only have clergy cover for Sundays. Our regular midweek service will therefore be on hold for that period. During this time, you may like to take the opportunity to join services in our neighbouring parishes throughout the Deanery:

- St Augustine's (Lynwood) - Tuesday 9:30am
- St Michael's (Mt Pleasant) - Wednesday 9am *Sung Eucharist
- St Basil's (Murdoch) - Wednesday 11:30am
- All Saints (Bull Creek) - Wednesday 1pm

Koorong Christian Bookstore: has a branch in Canningvale at 1/180 Bannister Road. They have a broad selection of Christian books and gifts.

Appreciation Lunch for Lisa: A catered lunch in appreciation of Lisa's service to St Andrew's over the past 5 years will commence at 11.30 am after the service. The menu will be beef and pork roast, coleslaw, potatoes and bread rolls. Gluten free catered for. **Desert is being provided by the Hospitality Team.** The event will last about 3 hours as there will be entertainment, quiz and speeches.

Rosters: The new roster for April to June 2024 is available in the foyer. If you haven't done so and you have a rostered position, please collect the one with your name on it.

Trading Table: will commence on Sunday 14th April. Any goods for the table will be most welcome. *Jan*



Visitor Information

Children: Children's Activity Bags are available for parents and children to utilise during our services. Each bag includes a variety of books and materials that suit a wide range of ages, from toddlers through to young teens. You can find the bags at the back of the church. Please ensure they are returned after the service, for use by others next week.

Conveniences: Toilets and baby change facilities are located in the hall, accessible via the side door near the children's play area.

Communion: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, if this is your usual practice in your own church community. Alternatively, if you or your children wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by keeping your hands behind your back when you come forward to the communion rail. Gluten free wafers are available - if required, please alert the priest when you come forward.



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