



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
Holy Spirit Turondale—St Pauls Yetholme

Sunday 7 April 2024— Second Sunday of Easter



We Have Not Seen Yet Believe

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.

Psalm 133

*Behold how good
and how lovely it is :
when brothers live
together in unity.*

*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.*

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

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



*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and pay our respects
to elders past and present.*

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION
The Episcopal / Anglican Province
of Alexandria.

NATIONAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Brisbane with new Archbishop Jeremy Greaves. Pray for the assistant bishops: Cam Venables and John Roundhill – with one additional appointment to be made this year. Pray too for all the clergy and people. May the leadership be true to God's word and faithful in building up all the churches in the diocese.

BATHURST DIOCESE

Now we pray for the western archdeaconry and its parishes – Cowra, Canowindra, Grenfell, West Wyalong, Forbes, Parkes, Cumnock, Condobolin, Orange, Orange East, Cudal-Molong. Please pray for Archdeacon Jono Williams who support clergy and parishes in this area.

BIBLE VERSE

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us.
Ephesians 1:7-8a*

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for rescuing us through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. Thank you that this results in the forgiveness of sins - a generous gift of your grace which you have lavished on us. Hear our thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SAVE THE DATE 21 APRIL ST BARNABAS, SOUTH BATHURST

Market Day

To follow the 10am service at 11.15am.
Details to follow next week.

Parish News

NEW DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED 20 APRIL 11AM — ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL

All are welcome in Bathurst as Joshua Taylor and Stuart Border are ordained as Deacons. Many will know Stuart from Gilgandra where he will continue to serve. We look forward to Josh (currently serving in Sydney at Leichardt Anglican) and his family, moving to one of our parishes (still to be decided) in 2025.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—AGM

The All Saints Cathedral AGM will be held on Sunday 28 April from 11.30am in the Chapter House. A copy of the "Elected Positions Guide" will be on a notice board at the Cathedral and copies of the nomination forms available from this Sunday until 14th April. They are also available from the Parish Office and via parish email groups.

SATURDAY SERVICE—TIME CHANGE

From Saturday 6 April the Saturday evening service time in the Cathedral will change to 5pm for the winter period.

HEALING SERVICE

The next healing service will be held in the Warrior's Chapel on Sunday 7 April at 4.00pm. ALL WELCOME! Please note Daylight Savings ends on that day. Enquiries Rev. Clare Percival – 0402 354 552.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Conference will be held on Saturday 18 May at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School Dubbo. Please join us from 9am-3pm and be inspired as we consider the role of prayer in our church life. There will be programs for children and youth, a bookstall, delicious food, good coffee, plus talks from Rev'd Peter Rogers, International Director of CMS Australia from 2011-22, responsible for the training, placement and care of missionary families in over 40 countries. He previously served 10 years as a missionary in Indonesia and today serves at Newtown Erskineville Anglican.

CARE PACKS FOR WATTLE TREE HOUSE

Ladies Event

When: Sunday 7th April 2024 from 2—4pm

Where: Walshaw Hall, 9 Church Street Bathurst

RSVP 4/4/24: Carol Anderson 0418 867 571 or Maxine Whitchurch 0429 068 877.

Come Along & Join A Parish Group

KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday of month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue
Tuesday 7:30pm—Call James 0449 556 566
Wednesday 7:30pm—Call Phil 0411 281 915
Thursday 7:30pm call Phil 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789
FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL: For enquiries phone Jane 0427 280 352

10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ... *James Boardman*

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Phil 1:4-5

We are really blessed to partner with a number of churches and Christian groups in the Cathedral parish. A lot of our ministries wouldn't be able to run without their support. They give financially, pray for us, give wisdom. We are truly grateful for them.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) are one such organisation. They fund my role at the Cathedral. A role designed to provide a curate training experience so that candidates may be trained up to run a parish either in our diocese or somewhere in regional Australia in partnership with BCA. BCA has over 30,000 supporters who regularly pray and encourage field staff around the country. Charly and I are always encouraged when we read supporter emails.

This week I am heading up to South East Queensland to meet a number of supporters. I will be speaking at four churches, letting them know how God has used their prayers and support. Charly and I partner with a number of churches round the country who specifically pray for us and one is Surfers Paradise Anglican on the Gold Coast, so I'm really looking forward to meeting with them.

If you'd like to know more about Bush Church Aid, please talk to me or access their website - <https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au>.

Thank You

Thank you to Rev. Howard Knowles for his role as the Chaplain to the Bathurst RSL Sub Branch. Howard has fulfilled this position most effectively for a great number of years and is now retired. Bishop Richard Hurford has recently taken his place as the Chaplain in this role. Bishop has been a Defence Force Chaplain early in his ordained life and has commenced duties a fortnight ago, in time for ANZAC Day.



Teach Us to Pray

An ecumenical prayer with Taize chants,
Scripture and silence

Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Cnr Keppel & William Sts.
Wednesday 17 April 6.30pm
Contact Carmen Beard
0413 537 227

SERVICES

Cathedral	
Monday	8.30am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8.30am
Thursday	8.30am BCP
Friday	10.00am
Saturday	5.00pm (6pm DST)
Sunday	
<i>Choral Eucharist</i>	8.30am
<i>Contemporary</i>	10.00am
St Barnabas	
Sunday	10.00am
3rd Thursday	10.30am
St Peters Rockley	
1st Sunday	10.30am
St Pauls Yetholme	
1st Sunday	11am
St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley	
4th Sunday	2.00pm
Holy Spirit Turondale	
Third Sunday	2.00pm
Healing Service	
1st Sunday	4.00pm

PARISH INFORMATION

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BANKING DETAILS

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If you wish to give by Direct Giving these are the deposit account details.

WARDENS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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OFFICE

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USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

Bishop's You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4.32-37

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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN 1.1-2.2

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— 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— 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 20.19-31

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.'

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.' 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 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.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Readings in Context

Acts 4:32-37 The book of Acts tries to give pagan converts to Christianity a portrait of how the earliest members gradually transcended their Jewish roots. Here they're shown doing as a church the kind of sharing usually done only in families of kin. And wealthy and poor members are mixing in unprecedented ways.

1 John 1:1-2:2 John claims that the eternal life that was with the Father has been revealed in a way that can be seen, heard, and touched.

John 20:19-31 For converts, perhaps facing persecution, who were wavering in their commitment to Jesus, John writes a gospel that everywhere prompts the reader to make a decision to accept Jesus. Here he assures the reader that past sins, even unbelief, can be overcome and need not prevent people from giving themselves to Jesus.