



## SEQUENCE

### *Victimae Paschali Laudes*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

### **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL - JOHN 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### **FR YACUB'S PHONE-A-PRAYER MINISTRY**

Pope Francis has suggested that parishioners might like to pray with their parish priest over the phone, as this is not possible in person. If you would like to pray with Fr Yacub, you are invited to phone him on 0426 715 463 and pray a short prayer with him. This can not be done in person, but Fr Yacub will welcome a phone call from you.

## PRAYER IN TIME OF DROUGHT

O God, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be, look upon our parched land, we pray, and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## EASTER OFFERINGS AND PLANNED GIVING

Please don't forget that **Easter Offerings** are still a vital income for the church. The money from the Easter Offerings is remitted to a central fund caring for the needs of priests and deacons of the Archdiocese who still need to be supported amid this crisis. Our ongoing prayerful and practical support of the clergy in the Archdiocese is very much appreciated.

Also, **your weekly Planned Giving envelopes** are also needed for the ongoing support of our own parishes and even though we cannot attend Mass each week it is essential that parish financial support is still being given. These can all be dropped into the Parish Office but please phone first to ensure someone is here.

If your financial situation is such that you cannot continue to give to Planned Giving we understand that completely.

## ANZAC DAY - SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Even though we cannot participate in ANZAC Day this year, we ask that next Saturday you remember in prayer, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their lives to enable this country to be free. There are sure to be some commemorations on the TV next Saturday that you may like to watch and commemorate this special day in the life of Australia.



## KEEPING UP TO DATE

For more news, go to our website:

[www.mmrc.org.au](http://www.mmrc.org.au)

Look under these headings:

**Parish Bulletins**

**News Updates**

**Support Your Parish**

## PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes to the Parish Office as soon as possible to enable us to forward the donations to Caritas. Please fill in your complete details (name, address, contact number) on the slip provided if you wish to receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the financial year.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bernie Morris & Helen Doran.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gregory Doyle, Vicente Araullo, Stanley Corraya, Giuseppina Tasselli, Giuseppe Gioia, Vera Zihler, Valerie Ingram and Manuel Arvela.

**We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE  
"Lean upon God." 25.4.1873

