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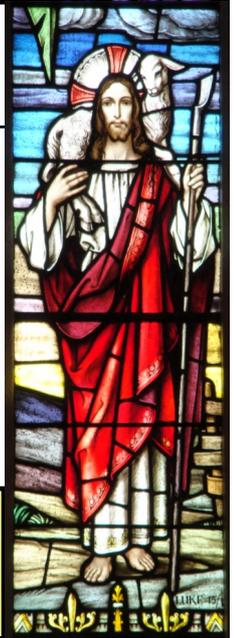
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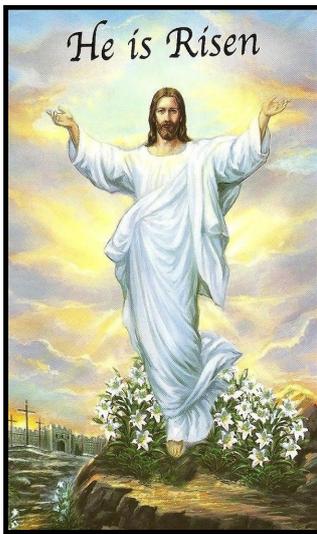
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Second Sunday of Easter

19 April 2020



He is Risen

Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE
LOCKDOWN PERIOD, ALL
CHURCHES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.
THANK YOU.**



Died Recently

Fr Falani Terry SM

Sr Maria Sekolastica

SMSM

Victims of Covid-19

Anniversaries

Peter McGorlick

Antoinette Van

Boxtel

Requiescant
in Pace

Shalom!

Time is definitely flying. We are in the second week of Easter and nearly all people are looking forward to the end of the lockdown. The second Sunday of Easter is often called the Divine Mercy Sunday. It is basically a devotion to Jesus our Lord. The universal Church commemorates Jesus' revelation to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy.

The Gospel reading from John speaks of Jesus' appearances after resurrection to his seemingly disillusioned, restless, frightened and doubting disciples. The atmosphere in the closed upper room was terrible and the disciples were all devastated and ashamed of the way they had deserted Jesus at the end. It would seem to be the end of their hope. Unexpectedly, Jesus appeared and greeted them with his gift of peace. It was definitely an awe filled and joyful moment in the midst of uncertainty. Furthermore, Jesus immediately commissioned them by saying, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" and He empowered them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The second part of the story is Jesus' dialogue with Thomas also known as the doubting Thomas. Thomas wanted physical evidence and facts, not some kind of rumour and Jesus knew that. Jesus went back the second time and invited Thomas to touch his wounds. From that very moment, Thomas became a believer in the risen Lord.

We all have moments of doubt and uncertainty and the matter of our faith is no different. During this time of the lockdown worries seem to assail us. Seemingly the world is in chaos, economic crisis, job losses, family stresses with an uncertain future. Let us not lose hope. Like the disciples in the upper room, their hope was restored when Jesus offered them His gifts of peace and the Holy Spirit and so must we.

Let us be people of peace this week. **Shalom!**

To find daily readings and Sunday readings, Gospel and reflections, you could go on:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm>

(These get updated every Thursday)

To access the latest NZ Catholic published digitally only:

www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Issue-587-April-19-2021.pdf

The **Tablet for March 2020**. It is only available electronically. Click on the link below:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/51dbe649e4b09506a9c7266f/t/5e7c29311fa3014a5adc46b3/1585195348640/Tablet+March+20.pdf>

Coping in crisis

KINDNESS

Suzanne Aubert wrote:

“Let us always be kind and devoted, one to the other.”

Suzanne Aubert always showed kindness and treated everyone the same no matter who they were. Suzanne was touched to the core by the suffering of those who were sick, poor or disabled.

' Lord God, help me to gently do little things for the people I live with'

Sr. Josephine Gorman

If you would like the Sisters of Compassion to pray for you, please send your request to

sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz.

Parish Roll (Alexandra, Omakau and Roxburgh)—We are in the process of updating and editing our current parish roll records. You may receive a phone call from one of our Parish Council members requesting for confirmation of your details such as, telephone numbers, addresses and emails. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Thanks to Margaret Bennie, Colleen Grieve, Jen McLean, Jenny Campbell and Brian McLean for your help with the Alexandra & Omakau parishes and to Glen & Rod Dyson, for all your help with the Roxburgh parish. This is a big task and your willingness to assist is truly appreciated.