



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. STEPHEN

*Incorporating the worshipping community
of St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

Weekend of April 7/8, 2018

Last week's Gold Lotto payout was 4.25 million. If I were to tell you I won the first prize payout I am sure you would be happy for my good luck. But would you believe me? Would you want some sort of evidence of my good luck? Perhaps to see the winning tickets? After all, the odds of me winning are pretty remote; would it not be reasonable to ask to see my bank statement? ***"Unless I see the winning ticket"*** you might say to me, ***"and hold the jackpot cheque in my hand, I don't believe you"***.

It's only logical to be sceptical at my claim to be the newest millionaire in Brisbane. Sure, every day we have to make decisions about what we believe. But our decisions are usually made based on some sort of concrete evidence. We are rational people – that is, after all, how God made us!

Each year, on the following weekend after Easter we hear from John's Gospel and his well-known story of doubting Thomas. There is something very appropriate in hearing about this all too rational disciple.

'Have you believed,' Jesus asks Thomas, ***'because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'*** This famous verse can make us feel very good about ourselves as we sit in our pews. After all, we have not seen Jesus, and yet we believe; how much more blessed are we than Thomas, one of the twelve, who didn't believe until he saw the risen Christ in the flesh. **Thank God we're not like Doubting Thomas!**

But we should not write Thomas off too quickly. Faith is such a notoriously slippery customer. Belief is difficult to understand and even more difficult to grasp because it seems to come and go. For this reason, people are either afraid of faith or of not having faith. We spend a lifetime asking ourselves what we should do to gain it or make it grow in strength. Why does it seem to come easily to some people and not to others?

Most of us hang onto our faith because we have seen a glimpse of the risen Lord. In our daily lives we occasionally experience something that speaks of God. Words are never adequate in describing this experience. The memories of these experiences linger in our hearts and it is precisely these memories that we can't let go of. We believe, and that is God's gift to us.

So, when we hear today Jesus commending those who have not seen and yet believe, remember he does not stipulate how strongly you have to believe but simply that you believe. ***We remain Christian because we believe.*** We remain Christian because we hang onto those glimpses of God we have experienced in our lives. What matters is not how much or how strongly we believe but that we do believe.

Perhaps we are more like the apostle Thomas than we realise! Perhaps it is sometimes through our doubt that we also gain faith!

*Fr Peter Brannelly
Dean*

PS: I didn't win the Lotto first prize!

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

Fr Peter Brannelly; Fr Odinaka Nwadike; Fr Thomas Ismoyo

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Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral ; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday 11.30am

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley Sunday 9.00am; 12 noon

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm

Benediction Monday to Friday 12.15pm

APPRECIATION

A **big thank you** for all those involved in preparing for and helping to coordinate last weekend's Easter ceremonies. The number of faithful who walked through our doors and participated in the sacred liturgies was truly staggering! To the many parishioners who, quietly behind the scenes, generously gave of your time and energy to ensure everything ran smoothly and prayerfully, thank you from a grateful parish.

CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA

Next weekend, **14/15 April** following Mass on **Saturday evening**, join our 6pm Mass crew in the Hanly Room for a cuppa and nibbles. On **Sunday** our Cathedral High Tea will be held following the 8.00am & 10.00am masses. Join us outside the Francis Rush Centre for coffee and donuts and enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Those parishioners attending the 12 noon Mass are invited to come early and join the 10am parishioners.



SOCIAL COHESION OR SOCIAL DIVISION

Where next in Australia's Brave New World?

Join the Australian Catholic University at their 6th Annual Dinner and Panel Discussion event providing fresh insight into the hot issues and moral dilemmas of our time. The panel includes Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Professor Greg Craven AO GCSG, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, Dr Lee-Anne Perry AM, Peta Credlin; and the evening will be moderated by Professor Hayden Ramsay. The dinner is on **Thursday 24 May, 6.30pm**, at the **Hilton Grand Ball Room**. Tickets cost \$185 before 26 April (\$195 from 27 April) and for further information please email Susan Dann at Susan.Dann@acu.edu.au All profits from the dinner support ACU Scholarships.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. A volunteer training course runs each Wednesday 9am-3.30pm from 2 May to 21 November 2018. Upon graduating volunteers commit to eight hours ministry per week across day centres, hospitals and hostels. Applications close Friday, 20 April 2018. Written applications to: Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley 4006. Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au. Phone 3252 5461.

IN TRANSITION

Congratulations to Alana Curran & Dario Prasnika and Jackie McKay & Alessandro Alesi who were married in the Cathedral this weekend.

PENTECOST RETREAT

A Pentecost Retreat will be held on Sunday, May 20th from 11.00am–10.00pm. Parishioners are invited to attend "**Moved by the Spirit – Led by the Spirit**" which will be led by Fr Lam Vu & Steffanie Le, at St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End. Cost is \$50 which includes food & refreshments. Register by May 8th to lana.cheng@optusnet.com.au

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 8th, parishioners are invited to join Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations at the neighbouring parishes:

St Brigid's Church, Red Hill: Starting with Mass at 1:30pm, followed by Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction at 3:30pm and Blessing of Religious Images.

Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills: From 1.00pm until 3.00pm the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary; the opportunity for Confession; and Veneration of a relic of St Faustina. At 3.00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and at 3.15pm: Benediction and Holy Mass.

Holy Spirit Church, New Farm: 1.30pm Reconciliation followed at 2:00pm by Exposition/Adoration, Veneration of the Sacred Relic of Saint Faustina, Readings from the Diary and Holy Rosary.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents who would like to enrol their children in the **Cathedral Sacramental Programme** are invited to attend the information and registration meeting on Sunday morning, April 22nd at 9am. The meeting will take place at the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral) where details of the programme will be explained and resources distributed.

ANZAC Day this year falls on Wednesday, April 25th and the Archbishop will celebrate the **ANZAC Day Mass** at the Cathedral at 8am. Parishioners and visitors are invited to join dignitaries at this mass which will conclude in time for the start of the ANZAC Day Parade.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

All young adults (aged 18-35) are invited to a **Multicultural BBQ and Soccer Day**. Join us **today, April 8th** for a picnic and soccer in the park! From 1pm at the Roma Street Parklands – More information on our Facebook Page.

Everyday medicines are needed for rural communities in Timor and YAM is holding a **Medicine for Timor Winter Appeal** collecting basic Panadol and Nurofen with Expiry dates of 2019. All donations are welcome and can be left at the cathedral office or YAM team.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Within our Cathedral Parish we have a very dedicated St Vincent de Paul conference comprised of fellow parishioners who give of their time and energy to reach out to those who have come off second best within our community. For those in need the members of Vinnies are the face of the church. Funding the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society comes from your donations through the poor box and the annual appeal. On behalf of all those who receive the practical support offered by our Cathedral St Vincent de Paul conference, thank you for your generosity.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. By your generous support of the Project Compassion appeal you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support! Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal. You are invited to return your Project Compassion envelopes or you can donate online: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413.



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Baroque Brilliance
A dazzling programme of gloriously festive musical masterpieces by four of the greatest composers of the Baroque era
CHARPENTIER: Te Deum in D
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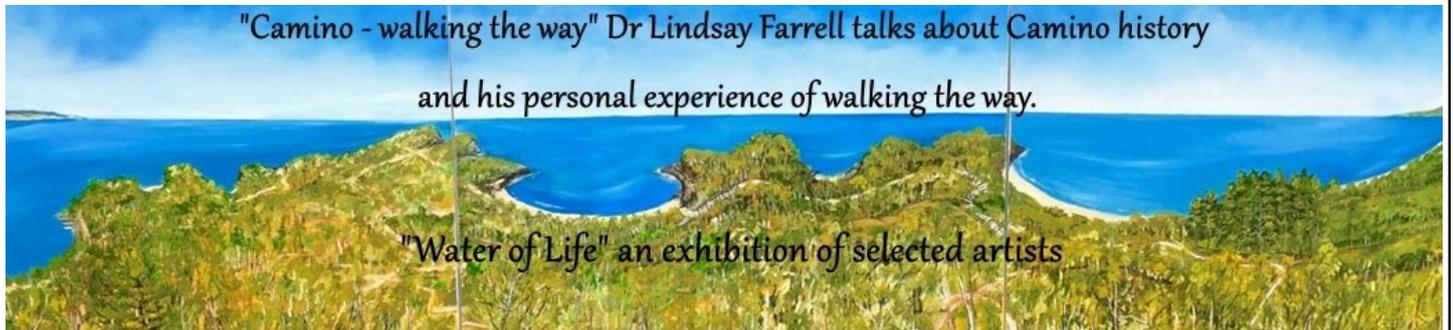
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PERFORMING SINCE 1872
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Melissa Gregory - mezzo-soprano
Phillip Costovski - tenor
Oliver Boyd - bass

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Friday, 27 April 2018 at 7.30pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
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CAMINO - WALKING THE WAY

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group invites you to attend a talk by Dr Lindsay Farrell about his experiences and the history of the Camino on **Wednesday, May 2nd 2018 from 12.00 until 2.00pm**. COSSAG is proud to host this event in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen precinct, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.



Tickets \$35 - includes 3 course lunch

Email cossagart@gmail.com to purchase tickets

Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. The Cathedral Choirs are in recess. The Cathedral Chorale sings the 12pm Mass.

Music at other Masses is led by a cantor and organist.

	6:00PM 8:00AM 10:00AM	12:00PM	7:30PM
Processional	CWB 356	CWB 356	CWB 353
Kyrie	CWB 4b	CWB 4b	CWB 4b
Gloria	CWB 5	CWB 5	CWB 5
First Reading	Acts 4:32-35		
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24		
 <p>℣ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.</p>			
Second Reading	1 John 5:1-6		
Gospel Acclamation	John 20:29		
 <p>℣ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.</p>			
Gospel	John 20:19-31		
Offertory		I have not seen yet I believe deFord	CWB 641
Sanctus	CWB 11a	CWB 11a	CWB 11a
Memorial Acclamation	CWB 12a		
Agnus Dei	CWB 17a	CWB 17a	CWB 17a
Communion Hymn	CWB 349	CWB 349	CWB 352
Recessional	CWB 346	CWB 346	CWB 583

OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

They heard his voice; they saw his face. The promised Saviour come to earth in days long past. They saw him heal the sick and cause the lame to stand. They watched as wind and waves were stilled at his command. And though I did not see him calm the raging seas, His hand has calmed my troubled heart, and I believe.

They heard his voice; they saw his face. They heard his teachings of forgiveness, love and faith. He blessed their little ones; he taught them how to pray; He fed the multitudes who hungered by the way, And though I did not taste the bread he bade them eat. His word is manna to my soul, and I believe

They saw him scourged and mocked to scorn. They heard the angry crowd, they saw him crowned with thorns. They watched him bend beneath our burden in the streets. They saw the bitter nails that pierced his hands and feet. And though I was not there to watch with them at Calvary, my spirit weeps

I have not seen yet I believe. They heard his voice; they saw his face, the risen Jesus, crowned with vict'ry o'er the grave. And though I did not see his triumph over death, though I did not see him draw immortal breath I know he lived and died and lives again for me. My faith is sure. I have not seen, yet I believe.

Sally deFord (1959-)

COMMUNION MOTET, 12pm Mass

They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him. Mary! Master!

O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah!

John Stainer (1840-1901)