



Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) 16th April 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

THANK YOU to all those (and they are many!) who have helped to celebrate Holy Week with dignity and beauty. Those who have been cleaning, arranging flowers, preparing altar cloths and candles; those who have sung and played for us; those who have helped as stewards. God bless you for all you did.

We rejoice with Robert WELSH who has been received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. It is beautiful to see how God works in the life of those around us.

Preparation for Baptism

Consists of coming regularly to Sunday Mass and attending preparation classes.

Both of them are equally essential in view of your child's baptism.

I shall soon advertise some preparation classes, which should be attended by both parents.



Easter lasts 50 days... until Pentecost Sunday...

Holy Water bottles. Do take a small bottle of blessed water. Take it home, bless yourself with it, sprinkle it in your house. Let the Spirit of the Risen Lord, victorious over sin and evil, remain with you.

Look at the **Paschal Candle**. Look at its vivid colours, "read" the gospel of these coming Easter Sundays painted over. Light at home the small candle you have received at the Vigil, look at its flame, it is still burning, it is still Easter!



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Sunday donation.
Thank you.

During these 50 days, we remember in prayer the young people from our Parish preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 26th.
Maya & Jayden, Reginald & Matthew, Scarlett & Georgia.

outer doors & inner doors



In the Gospel of John, the Risen Christ appears to the disciples as they are in "lock-down". Twice in the Gospel we read that the doors are "locked". The verb used by John is very precise. The doors were not just closed or shut. They were locked, like prison doors or like the gates of a strong-hold. John repeats this detail twice, as if to say that there were two sets of doors, outer doors and inner doors.

We all have these doors too in our life. Yes.

Doors in our life can be closed from the outside because of fears: fears to speak, to love, to be enter into a relationship, to make a decision, to change our mind... these fears close us in.

But there is another set of doors, stronger and tighter: inner doors. These doors are closed from within, we have closed them!

In the language of the Gospel "I refuse...": our refusal to forgive someone, to trust, to cut with a sin, ultimately to believe.

How then can these outer doors and inner doors open?

When the Risen Christ appears inside this fortress, our prison, He shows **his hands and his side**. These are **the Keys** we need.

Christ's hands – what He has done for us, the work of his hands, his merciful love – open the outer doors, broken down all our fears.

Christ's side represents His heart, His inner life, His intimate hidden life, His being a child, His Spirit of child of God the Father. This key alone can open our inner doors, the doors we ourselves have shut locked, can overcome our own resistance and incredulity.

This is EASTER. The Risen Christ giving us the Keys – his hands and his side – his love for us and his inner life – to open our prison doors, outer doors & inner doors.

ALLELUIA !

fr. Ivano

Father Ivano