

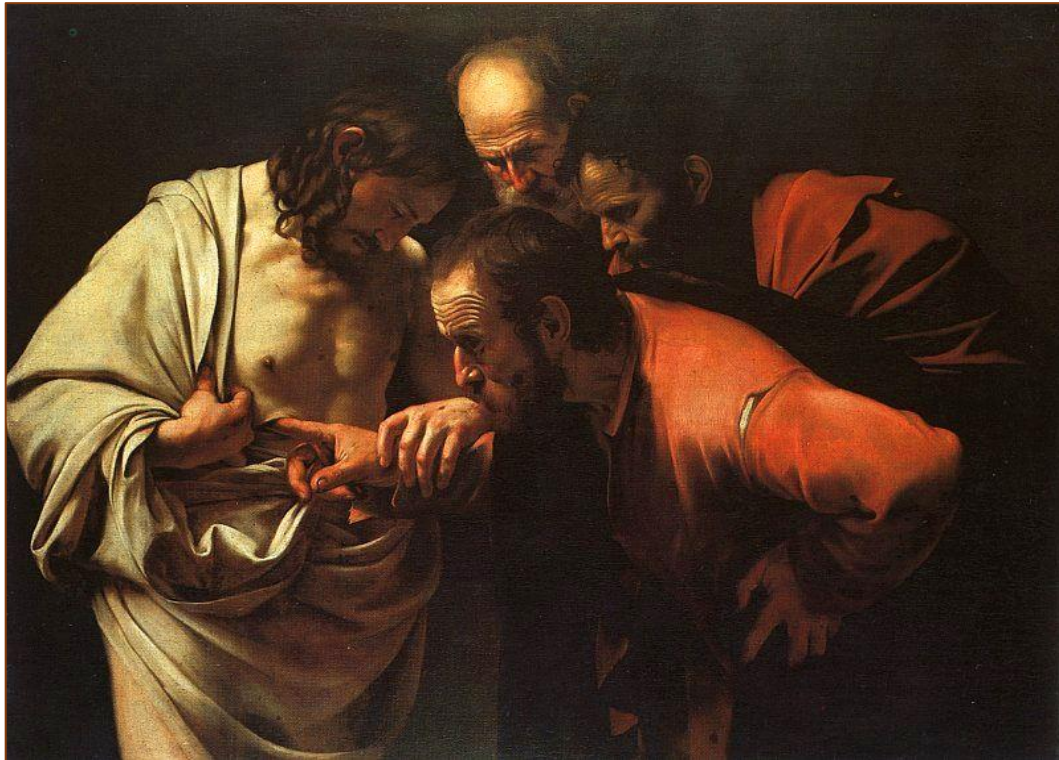


# Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



*Weekly News Sunday 19 April 2020*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



(‘The Incredulity of Saint Thomas’: Caravaggio)

*Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting*

## **JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE**

Sunday

**8.30am:** Eucharist – *The Dean, Presider & Preacher*

**5.30pm:** Evening Prayer – *The Bishops*

**Then 8.30am and 5.30pm each day on  
YouTube, Christ Church Cathedral Facebook  
and St Peter's Hamilton Facebook.**

## Dear Parish Family,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

One thing's for certain: it was an Easter Sunday that we will all remember! I'm looking forward to glorious celebrations when we can all be gathered once more. Over the Great Three Days, I placed a wooden cross on the Cathedral steps as a sign to all who pass by that whilst the doors are closed, the work of prayer and faith continues unabated. I've included a photo of the cross on Easter Sunday morning, and each day throughout this Easter season, the cross and some flowers will be there as a visible witness.



Ministry continues too. On Easter Sunday our Community Lunch ministry distributed takeaway meals, including some Easter eggs, for individuals and households at this time. Thank you to all those who make this ministry possible. The Cathedral Shop has been responding to requests for Bibles and prayer resources. The Spirituality group continues to meet weekly on Zoom. I am thankful to Peter Guy for the musical reflections and resources he provides each week. Please visit the Choir's YouTube channel, as well as the Cathedral YouTube channel. From this Sunday, the Reverend Angela Peverell and I will be alternating leading the Sunday Eucharist. Creativity at the Cathedral continues, and please contact Naomi Johnson with any creative offerings you would like to share.

Thank you also for the ways in which you are sharing in ministry. It's lovely to hear of all the connections being made, and information shared. It's especially important as we continue to ensure that everyone receives emails or mailouts with weekly information. **When you are speaking with someone from the parish, could you please check that they are receiving these emails, and if not, please ask them to let us know.**

Thank you too for those who have begun online giving. There are details at the end of this letter.

Finally, this Sunday's Gospel reading is one of my (many) favourites. The apostle Thomas has long held a special place for me, and the final words of John 20 "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.” are a constant comfort and reminder to me that the work of God is not limited, and that by telling the story of our faith, we encourage others in faith too. Malcolm Guite’s poem captures this beautifully.

### **St. Thomas the Apostle**

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

*Malcolm Guite*

***With my thanks and prayers.***

***Dean Katherine***

### **Stewardship:**

In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received. Could I encourage you please, if you do not already give electronically to support the work of the parish, that you begin to do so during this time.

The account details are:

Name: Electronic Giving Account

BSB: 705-077

Account Number: 00040917. (The 8 digit account number (including the three os) should be included in the account number.)



If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

### **From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...**

The Sunday after Easter is often referred to as "Low Sunday" - a reflection of the contrast between Easter Sunday and this one. It is a Sunday where the choir would usually have a well-deserved rest after the rigorous demands of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I always feel sorry for the disciple, Thomas, at this time. Already unfairly maligned in general thought because of his doubt in accepting the risen Lord (despite the fact that he is the first to proclaim Christ's identity: My Lord and My God!), his account from the gospel is always read on Low Sunday.

If you head over to the choir's YouTube page you will find a hymn for your reflection (with words printed if you want to sing along): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHWX5\\_bxYDA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHWX5_bxYDA)

During this week you may have been reading at Evening Prayer from 1 Peter. I find it difficult to read from that letter without hearing Samuel Sebastian Wesley's famous anthem "Blessed be the God and Father", which takes for its text a number of verses from this letter. The New Testament reading for this Sunday morning is from the same epistle. You will find a recording from 1988 by the choir of St Paul's Cathedral, London, at the link below. It is a live broadcast from Dutch TV, so please forgive the subtitles. I chose this recording not only because it is good, but also as it is accompanied by Dr Christopher Dearnley. Before his death in 2000, Dr Dearnley was a friend of this Cathedral, and many in the choir still remember working with him during the 90s. His widow, Bridget, lives in the Hunter Valley and plays the organ and cello at St Matthias', Denman. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSpsrRJMqKk>

Remember, you can see more videos of the choir on their YouTube channel by following this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW\\_SJzvRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ)

And don't forget our blog, with beautifully prepared thoughts by Naomi: <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com>

**Support a choral cause!...** There's still time to top up on your wine supplies at discounted prices and to assist with fundraising for the choir. With every carton of Brokenwood wine that is sold, \$20 is donated to the UK Choir Tour 2020 fund. At a 30% discount, this is too good an opportunity to miss! Spread the word (and the code!) to your family and friends and help us to send all our choristers to England! Order online at [www.brokenwood.com.au/Fundraisers](http://www.brokenwood.com.au/Fundraisers) and use the promo code: CHOIR



**Cathedral Shop News** – The Cathedral Shop may be closed but you can still purchase items. We have a range of items readily available particularly devotionals & prayer books, Bibles and children's Bibles plus items which are suitable to mail to family and friends like prayer cards, lace crosses, bookmarks, small crosses and other small gifts.

[cathedralshop@aapt.net.au](mailto:cathedralshop@aapt.net.au)

**Donations for Flowers** – we look forward to when we can fill the Cathedral again with flowers. **If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one** or as a **thank-offering** to be remembered when the cathedral is open once more, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170.



**MAINLY MUSIC IS CURRENTLY IN RECESS**

*Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!*

**Creativity at the Cathedral: We need your help!** This initiative cannot run without people who are willing to share their creative endeavours: art, poetry, photography, needlework, music – the list is endless and limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for the season of Easter as we journey through this time together. Please send your offerings to [johnson.n@planetmail.net](mailto:johnson.n@planetmail.net), or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.

**Cathedral Community Lunches:** The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** as a **'take away'** option. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate. **The next community lunch take away is Sunday 26 April at the Horbury Hunt Hall.**



**Samaritans** *In this unusual time there is a greater need for your support*

### Message from the Samaritans:



**\$25**

could contribute to a counselling session for a child recovering from trauma.



**\$50**

could give emergency assistance to a woman fleeing domestic violence.



**\$100**

could contribute to a support worker for a NSW family living in poverty.

*Your donation provides hope and stability for the community in Newcastle & beyond. Support your local community.*

**ONLINE:** Click [here](#) to Donate online to Samaritans today.

**PHONE:** To donate by phone please call **1300 656 336** and one of our staff will assist you in making a donation using your credit card.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to [cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au](mailto:cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au) by 9am on Tuesday

*We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all. All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945 [dps@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au) or [survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au)*

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