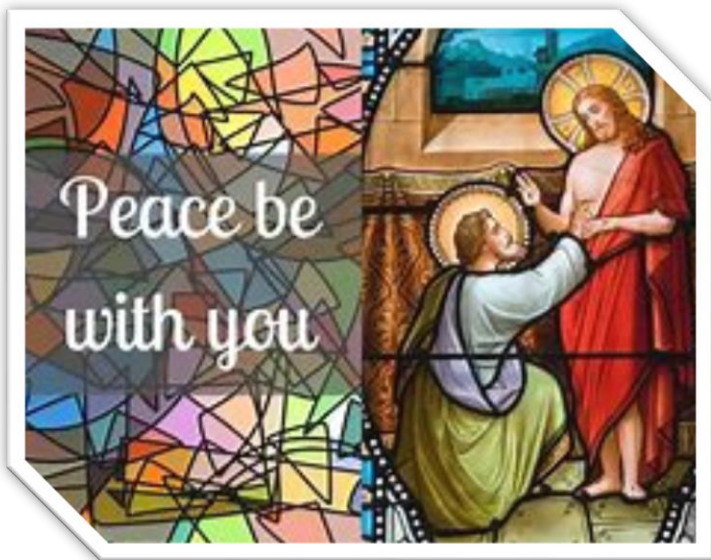


**Parish of Moe-Newborough**  
**St James, Yallourn North**  
**13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 10am**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**



**Priest in Charge: Father Giles Motisi**

Greetings to our service today and please feel free to join us in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>MP 689</b>	<b>MP 30</b>	<b>MP 498</b>	<b>MP 377</b>
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**Sentence:** Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ John 20.27

**Collect:** Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.

This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Readings from Good News Translation)*

### **First Reading**

### **Acts 5.27-32**

<sup>27</sup> They brought the apostles in, made them stand before the Council, and the High Priest questioned them. <sup>28</sup> “We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of this man,” he said; “but see what you have done! You have spread your teaching all over Jerusalem, and you want to make us responsible for his death!”

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles answered, “We must obey God, not men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. <sup>31</sup> God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses to these things—we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him.”

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 118.14-29**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **The sounds of joy and deliverance:  
are in the tents of the righteous.**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

**<sup>17</sup> I shall not die but live:**

**and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

**<sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me hard:**

but he has not given me over to death.

**<sup>19</sup> Open me the gates of righteousness:**

**and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

**<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord:**

the righteous shall enter it.

**<sup>21</sup> I will praise you, for you answered me:**

**and have become my salvation.**

**<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected:**

has become the head of the corner.

**<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing:**

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made:**

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**<sup>25</sup> O Lord, save us, we pray:**

**O Lord, send us prosperity.**

**<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:**

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

**<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light:**

**guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**

**<sup>28</sup> You are my God and I will praise you:**

you are my God, I will exalt you.

**<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:**

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

## **Second Reading:**

## **Revelation 1.4-8**

**<sup>4</sup>**From John to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace be yours from God, who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits in front of his throne, **<sup>5</sup>**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world. He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins

**<sup>6</sup>**and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus

Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see him, including those who pierced him. All peoples on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be!

<sup>8</sup>“I am the first and the last,” says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** The Gospel according to John, Chapter 20, beginning at the 19th verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>19</sup>It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>20</sup>After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

<sup>30</sup>In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these have been written in order that you may believe<sup>[a]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that

through your faith in him you may have life.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Intercessions for today:**

#### **Worldwide Church**

- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

#### **Our Diocese:**

- Bishop Richard – Leanne.
- **The Parish of Warragul:**  
Rev'd Daniel Gebert  
Jack Beamish – Lay Youth and Families Minister

#### **Mission**

- PNG – Bishop Jeff Driver – Diocesan Missionary to Modowa Institute
- Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG)  
Archbishop: Nathan Ingen (Acting Archbishop)  
Bishops:  
Aipa Rongo: Nathan Ingen  
Dogura: John Alfred Dubabagi  
New Guinea Islands: Reginald Makele  
Popondota: Lindsley Ihove  
Port Moresby: Vacant

#### **Special Focus**

- Growth of evangelism in our Diocese

- Implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Vision

- We honour those who have dedicated their lives to defending our nation and way of life, as well as the vital support from communities and families.

#### **Our Parish:**

- We give thanks for all who gave of their time so generously so that our Easter services ran smoothly. We also are encouraged by those who joined in sharing our worship over this Eastertide.
- We pray for our Parish Council, Study Groups, G4G group, Meditation Group, Listening Post, Men's Breakfast Group, Mothers Union and the volunteers in our Op Shops and Community Garden.



We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Anne, Beth, Carolyn, Elsie, Helen, Jennifer, Jessica, John, John.Vr, Kevin, Kym, Lina, Pauline, Robin, Sam and Yvonne, along with those others known to us.



**This week the world has been saddened by the death of Pope Francis, who will be remembered**

**as a humble, inspirational, compassionate head of the Roman Catholic Church.**

As the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell reflected: "*Let us walk together, work together, pray together.*" These are the words Pope Francis said to me when we met in 2023. They sum up his vision for the church, both the Roman Catholic Church, but also ecumenically.

"Francis's whole life and ministry was centred on Jesus who comes among us not to be served, but to serve.

"We saw that compellingly in Francis's service of the poor, his love of neighbour, especially the displaced, migrant, the asylum seeker, his deep compassion for the well-being of the earth and his desire to lead and build the church in new ways.

"Francis showed us how to follow Jesus and encouraged us to go and do likewise. "

**May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## Pews News

**Get Out for Good (G4G)** Meet on Tuesday's at Madge Vinnell Centre from 10am.

**Listening Post Drop In Centre** is open on Fridays 10am – 12md at Madge Vinnell Centre. Please join us – we make a good brew and conversation! More volunteers appreciated.



**Men's Breakfast group now** meets at 8.30 am on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Madge Vinnlll Centre, Anzac Street, Moe. Cost \$15

**Mothers Union: Meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 12.30pm at St Aidan's.**

**BYO lunch**

**Contact Gwyneth 0421 501 024**

**Prayer and Meditation group** meet on Wednesdays from 7.30pm at MVC. Contact Bruce.

- **Synod May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Sale**

Our Parish will be represented by Father Giles, Beryl, Gwyneth and Jan.

## The Week Ahead

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am Narracan Gardens Aged Care service
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10am G4G at MVC, Anzac Street.
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe 7.30pm Prayer and Meditation group at MVC.
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	10am – 12md Listening Post at MVC open to all. Food relief available.
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	8.30am Men's Breakfast at Madge Vinnell Centre. Cost \$15.
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>  Third Sunday of Easter	9.30am Prayer time in Chapel  10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough  Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi  <b><u>Readings:</u></b> Acts 9: 1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 6-14 John 21: 1-19

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**Normal Services:**

**Wednesday 10.00am St Luke's, 47 South Street, Moe**

**Sunday 10.00am St Aidan's, 111 Torres Street, Newborough**

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