

This Week's Diary

Sunday April 27	Holy Communion	8:30am
Second Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion	10:30am
Monday April 28	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday April 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Baptism Preparation	7:30pm
Wednesday April 30	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Thursday May 1	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday May 2	Holy Communion	9:00am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday May 3	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday May 4	Holy Communion	8:30am
Third Sunday of Easter	10:30@HTO	10:30am

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18, Peter 1:13-25, Luke 24:13-35

*During the school holidays, our ministries to children are in recess.
Activity sheets are available at the back of the church.*

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, May 14.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

27 April, 2014

The Second Sunday Of Easter

From the Rector,

I find it refreshing that Thomas has the courage to speak about his doubts. I sympathise with him, because, like you, I know that there are times when there can be more questions than answers, more doubts than certainty.

The account of Jesus' resurrection is linked with the first day of the week, not the Jewish Sabbath. This is the beginning of a new timeframe that differentiates the day of Christian worship from the Jewish tradition. It takes another week before Thomas has opportunity to rejoin the fledgeling community. He finds himself on this day of worship, as Christians have ever since, in the presence of the risen Christ.

Thomas is confronted by the wounded hands, feet and side of Christ. Henry JM Nouwen's book, "The Wounded Healer" was published in 1979. It has become something of a classic for Christian pastoral and missional understanding. In the introduction he says: *"For the minister is called to recognise the sufferings of his time in his own heart that make that recognition the starting point of his service. Whether he tries to enter into a dislocated world, relates to a convulsive generation, or speaks to a dying man, his service will not be perceived as authentic unless it comes from a heart wounded by the sufferings about which he speaks."*

Thus nothing can be written about ministry without a deeper understanding of the ways in which the minister can make his own words available as the source of healing."

H A Williams, in "The True Wilderness," says that "Faith consists in the acceptance of doubt."

Out of his doubts, Thomas finds new insight and greater clarity in his resurrected Lord. The wounds of doubt become the vehicle for a new confidence. He sees and believes. In the process, he becomes a witness to the new, resurrection reality. A new day dawns for Thomas and the Christian community, present and future.

Our own doubts and wounds can thus become a source for hope, trust and healing. It is of the mission of the whole people of God to move confidently and vocationally, gifted by honest doubt, into the dawn of resurrection life to witnesses in our world.



**MY
LORD
AND
MY
GOD!**

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Christ, risen Lord, be with us
and also with you.

In our prayers:

- Give thanks for the resurrection of Christ and the Easter message
- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and Diocesan leaders at this time
- The parishes of Condobolin, Coolah-Dunedoo and Coonabarabran
- The Clergy Appointment's Board seeking an appointment for this parish
- Frank & Marilyn as they begin life in semi retirement.
- Christians who bear witness to their faith in difficult circumstances
- Pray for those who live with doubt.
- Peace in our world
- Those who are sick at home or in hospitals

ABM Reflections

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.1-12;
John 20.19-31

Believing is seeing

During the Easter Season we are encouraged by the first apostles to embrace the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a new birth into a living hope, tested by fire or in other words by the present difficulties we face. Our new birth into a living hope is a visible prophetic witness to the grace of the Spirit of Christ within and between us.

While this message is rich with meaning, the words of the Risen Christ are simple: peace be with you. In the midst of the realities of fear and doubt, the gift of the Spirit is real and present; the gift of peace and the gift of mission: so I send you. Believing can be a way of seeing and our hope and peace in Christ are our companions as we engage in mission together.

Question: In what ways do we know in our lives that believing is a way of seeing?

Pray for people who are troubled by fear and doubt, that the Spirit of Christ will arise within them and bring peace.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Clergy Appointment's Board

Use this prayer (or one like it) regularly to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

*Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for
ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment
and patience, and to us give warm and generous
hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. AAPB p 212*

Bishop's Visit in July

Bishop Ian is coming to lead a Retreat, "Healing in a Broken World" on the weekend of July 11, 12, 13.

Confirmation Classes

The adult confirmation classes will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm-7:45pm (starting: 1 May) or Sundays after Family Service at 12midday (starting 4 May) - only need to attend one or the other..

Kids' confirmation classes will be held on Sundays starting 4 May from 1:30-2:30 pm.

There will be a total of around 6 - 8 classes for both adults and children, and the Confirmation service itself will be conducted by the Bishop on Sunday 13 July. For more information, please contact: Louis Christie on 6365 3702 or landjchristie@bigpond.com

News from the Cameroon.

A copy of the most recent newsletter from Bruce Cox and Kathie Cummins can be seen on the Noticeboard.

Talents Festival

A "Talents Festival", where people are invited to use and reflect on their gifts or talents to the glory of God is being held at present. Some are sharing a project with others. If you would like more information, please contact Canon Margaret.

A sheet with projects already organised is attached to the bulletin today. The mother of one of our parishioners participated in a talents program some years ago., and she made jam. Afterwards, she continued to make more, using the profits for mission giving. If you would like to advertise an activity in the Pew Bulletin, please send in or deliver the details to the Parish Office by 1:00pm on Wednesdays.

Trinity Foundation

Another coat of tung oil applied to the panels in the sanctuary will complete the present phase of work. This work has included re-shingling the northern side of the sanctuary roof, replastering the sanctuary walls with lime render, and repainting. It was done expeditiously for about \$65,000. It is a wonderful gift for Easter. **Thank you**, Trinity Foundation members and your helpers. A Great Job.

"Walking on Eggshells"

A guide for women to identify emotional-psychological abuse in relationships. This book, by local author and counsellor Marilyn Wilson, will be launched on Tuesday 6 May at 5:30pm, Orange City Library. **Bookings are essential** - 6393 8132. See Notice Boards for more details.

Cleaning

Any-one who may be interested in participating on a roster for regular cleaning of the Memorial Hall or Parish Centre is asked to contact a member of Parish Council as soon as possible, please.

Offering Envelopes

New sets of offering envelopes are available today. Please take your set home with you. Extra sets of envelopes are available if you would like to take a set to use. Offering envelopes help to maintain a regular giving to the parish, with the duplex side of the envelope available for mission giving.

An increasing number of people are choosing to give by direct debit.

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Thank you to the many people who choose to give regularly in these ways. It is of enormous support to Parish Council, as it assists greatly in budget planning. Maintaining a regular income stream is a very difficult task in a voluntary organisation. **Thank-you** for your ongoing support.

Parish Roll

Do your contact details need updating? If so, please contact the Parish Office: office@holyltrinityorange.org.au or 6362 1623. **Thank-you**.

Pastoral Care

If, at any time, you know of a member of the Parish family who is ill or in hospital, Canon Margaret would really appreciate being informed. It is impossible to offer ministry to these folk unless we are told of such need.

**Christian Women's Conference
17 May, 2014, Orange Function Centre**

Eyles Street, Orange

Speaker is Jenny Salt, Dean of students at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, on the theme, "Not Forsaken - Studies in Joshua." Application forms are on the notice board, or rego@orangecwc.org.au. They close on May 5. Cost is \$40.