



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

2nd Week of Easter

John 20:19-29- Peace be with you.

Doubting Thomas



Gospel- John 20:10-29

On the Sunday after Jesus had died, his disciples sat huddled together in a locked room, hidden away for fear of being arrested. Suddenly Jesus appeared in the room with them.

‘Peace be with you,’ he said and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. His disciples were overjoyed to see their master again. ‘As my father sent me, so I am sending you,’ he said. Then breathing on them he said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit, and know that whoever you forgive, I will forgive also!’

The disciple called Thomas was not with the others when Jesus had appeared, and because he had not seen him with his own eyes, he did not believe that Jesus was alive.

A week later Jesus appeared to them again and, greeting them with the words, ‘Peace be with you.’ He showed his wounds to Thomas and said, ‘Doubt no longer, Thomas.’ At once Thomas fell to his knees and cried, ‘My Lord and my God.’

Jesus said to him, ‘You believe because you have seen me with your own eyes. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

We believe Jesus is risen



Reflection

We believe Jesus is risen even though we have not seen him. Just because you do not see something or someone, doesn't mean it is not there. Can anybody give me an example of something they have not seen, but believes it is there?

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he shared the gift of his peace saying the words 'Peace be with you'. Then he gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit to increase their faith and courage.

Jesus lives amongst us and we can recognise his presence in the people around us. Each and everyone of us can do a kind action or a loving remark and these are signs of Christ's power working through other people.

We cannot see Jesus but we believe that he is really there. We believe Jesus is risen.

Prayer



Today we pray for those like Thomas who cannot believe without seeing. Give us the gift of the Holy Spirit to increase our faith and courage.

Increase their faith Lord and help them to recognise you in the people they meet everyday.

Lord Jesus help us to follow your light, so that we never lose our way or walk in darkness.

Peace be with you.

Amen

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