

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

The Church continues to resound with the proclamation of the Resurrection – our Alleluias echo within our buildings and more importantly within our hearts and lives. This new creation, inaugurated by the Rising of Jesus from the dead, rebounds in the hearts of the faithful challenging us to begin anew with renewed energy and vigour.

‘Jesus showed them his hands and his side... Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:19,20)

Just as the Spirit was breathed into the first humans in Genesis, creation is recreated in the upper room, the evening of the Resurrection. Jesus shares with the disciples His Spirit, allowing them the privilege of a new creation and participation in sharing the Good News of the Resurrection. At the Easter Vigil, we renewed our Baptism, accepting the work of building the Kingdom. From generation to generation, our fore parents confidently said yes, as we did last Sunday. Aware that the Church agreed to the work offered by Jesus, many works were accomplished.

‘But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name.’(John20:31)

Today is the feast of Divine Mercy. This gift to the Church echoes the mercy of God to all people.

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

Blessings of peace and mercy!

Fr. Don