

Gospel for Sunday 11th April

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you,'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I

refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the

disciples were in the house again and

Thomas was with them. The doors

were closed, but Jesus came in and

stood among them. 'Peace be with

you,' he said. Then he spoke to

Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look,

here are my hands. Give me your

hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw,

but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you

may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing

this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

