

Gospel for Sunday 11th April

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room.
Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.

He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.

When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,

“I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.”

Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone’s sins, they will be forgiven.

But if you don’t forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.”

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples,

he was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them.

So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said, “First, I must see the nail scars in his hands

and touch them with my finger. I must put

my hand where the spear went into his

side. I won’t believe unless I do this!”

A week later the disciples were together

again. This time Thomas was with them.

Jesus came in while the doors were still

locked and stood in the middle of the

group. He greeted his disciples and said to

Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at

my hands! Put your hand into my side.

Stop doubting and have faith!”

Thomas replied, “You are my Lord and my God!”

Jesus said, “Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me?”

The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really

blessed!”

The Gospel of the Lord.



For you to think about: Thomas found it very hard to believe that Jesus could have risen from the dead and said he wouldn’t believe until he met Jesus and could tell it was really he. The last line of the Gospel is about us. Jesus says we are really blessed...we have faith in Him even though we haven’t seen Him!