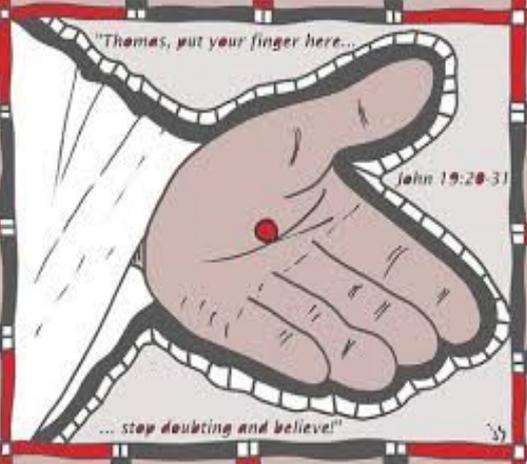


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S A C R E D	<p style="text-align: center;">The Children's Liturgy.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">@ Home!</p>	

Welcome to the Sunday April 19th edition of 'The Children's Liturgy', devoted to our children. We have included activities that would normally take place during our Church celebrations. Instead, during our time of isolation, we all celebrate together in our homes. There is a guide for parents to discuss the gospel and the readings with your children. We would love to see what you have been up to! Please send photos of your activities to :

'Loaves and Fishes' our group on Facebook. If you don't have Facebook please send them to : shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

*You expired, Jesus,
but the source of life
gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole world.*

*O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.*

Amen



At the Movies

Have a look at this video of the story of Saint Thomas, 'Doubting Thomas'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOsA5MT09AQ>



Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading:

Acts 2: 42-47

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel:

John 20: 19-31

Lots of great resources for Easter at these sites:

www.catholicicing.com/

[www.cafod.org.uk/
Education/](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/)

(Virtual Children's Liturgy)

[www.svp.org.uk/mini-
vinnies/activities](http://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies/activities)

Reflecting on the Readings with Children

In Children's Liturgy we read the Gospel then ask the children questions to try and help them to understand it more. If you would like to do that with your child(ren), some suggested questions are set out below with suggested answers in red.

A good place to begin is with the question: What did you hear? Allow your child(ren) the opportunity to respond in their own words to hearing the Word of God. Then begin a general discussion, building on these responses, with the following questions stimulating ideas.

Have you ever been tricked by your friends?

Sometimes it can be hard to believe some of the things that people tell you without seeing them for yourself. Thomas thought his friends were tricking him when they said that Jesus, who had died, had visited them when Thomas wasn't there. How do you think Thomas felt when they told him this?

Where were the disciples when Jesus appeared to them?

(Locked in the upper room)

Why do you think they had been so afraid?

(They might face the same fate as Jesus; the authorities thought they had stolen the body from the tomb)

How did they feel afterwards?

(Very happy)

If the doors were locked how did Jesus get in?

(No ordinary person could, but Jesus now had a resurrected body)

What happened when Thomas saw Jesus? Did Thomas believe that it was Jesus then? Why was it important for him to touch Jesus?

(Thomas needed proof that Jesus had risen and was unable to believe it was Jesus without actually seeing and touching the wounds himself. However, Jesus loved him anyway.)

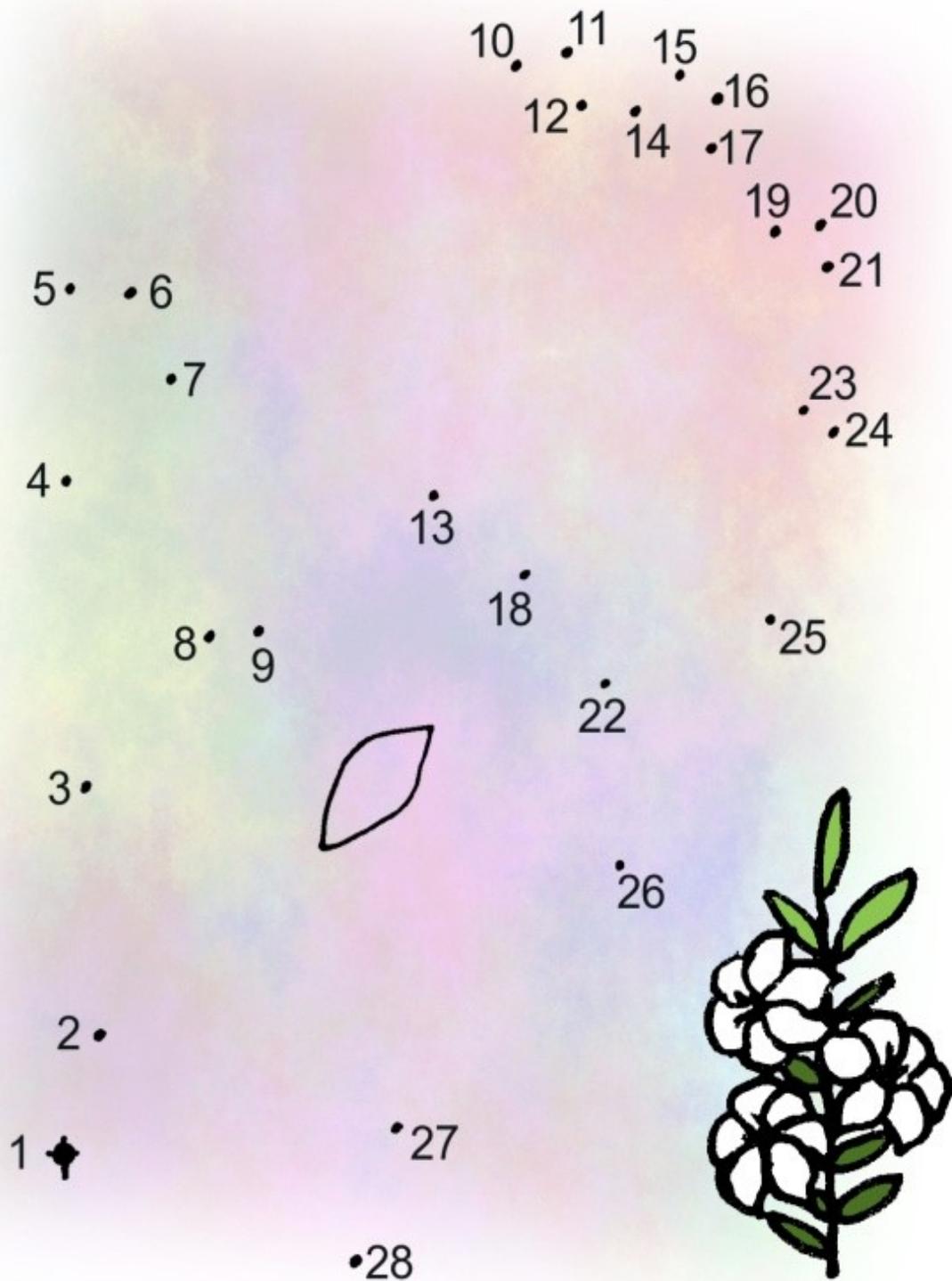
We have not seen Jesus as Thomas did, but we believe that Jesus is present to us in other people, in prayer, in the Mass and in the Scriptures. What did Jesus say about people who believe in him without seeing him?

(They are really blessed, as they believe in Jesus without seeing him as the disciples did. Even though it is difficult for us to believe sometimes, we try to remember that God always loves us).

What does this mean today?

(Although we are going through a very difficult and sad time at the moment, and it can be difficult to continue believing, let's do our best to remember that Jesus is the risen Son of God and to remember his love for us, sharing this with each other. Let's try not to be like Thomas but to believe in God, even in these difficult times).

Second Sunday of Easter April 19th, 2020



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!



Doubting Thomas Word-Find

*Find the words in CAPITALS
in the puzzle, and when
you're done use the left over
letters to fill in the blanks
near the end.*

T W E L V E S I N S R M
H R Y W U D J E W S E L
O E V E N I N G O R J F
M C D E L S A A S F O O
A E F K E C I P E A I R
S I E N S I L E N T C G
H V A D S P S A D H E I
A E R M Y L O C K E D V
N B E L I E V E D R G E
D J E S U S P I R I T N
S I D E B L E S S E D O
U N B E L I E V I N G D

In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

" _____!"

Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."