



## Faith & Life

*There are several times in my life when I have simply blurted out what everyone else was thinking but dare not say ... and then perhaps regretted it. The same must go for our Saint of the Week, Thomas (or 'Doubting Thomas' as he has come to be known).*

*He barely gets a mention in any of the Gospels ... no mention of him leaving his life / job behind to follow Christ, doing Christ's bidding for 3 years, spreading the Christian message to places possibly as far away as India and yet because he opens his mouth at the wrong time and states [probably what everyone was thinking] he becomes synonymous with the failure to believe. It just goes to show that first impressions really do count.*

*This week we focus in on the relationship between faith and life. Christ want us to have faith in Him. By having faith and accepting Christ, our lives can be completely changed. Christ wants to be a part of our lives and journey alongside us as our companion.*

[Mr Doust]

### Scripture:

For God did not make Death, he takes no pleasure in destroying the living. To exist ... for this he created all things; the creatures of the world have health in them, in them is no fatal poison, and Hades has no power over the world: for uprightness is immortal.

For God created human beings to be immortal, he made them as an image of his own nature; Death came into the world only through the Devil's envy, as those who belong to him find to their cost.

### Prayer:

Lord, nothing is impossible for you.  
Strengthen my faith and give me the wisdom to discover You,  
the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You,  
You,  
the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You,  
a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You,  
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord.  
Amen.

### Pope Francis:

*'... the reality of life ... Jesus himself will come to each of us and take us by the hand with his tenderness, his meekness, his love.'*

