

Growing a Culture of Peace

#4: “Doubting, Questioning, Challenging”.

May 1st, Second Sunday of Easter (John 20:19 - 29)

Reflection: “*Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands.....I refuse to believe.*”

Thomas doubted when others said that Jesus was alive, believing it was for a good reason. He questioned and challenged his community and was honest about seeking the truth. But he was open to being changed. There are “Doubting Thomas’s” who question and challenge that human behaviour has led to climate change. They believe they have good reasons for this. Thomas came to believe on God’s terms, not his own. God is speaking to us now through the Earth and asking us to believe that we need to change our ways of living on our planet – for the good of all! Are we listening? Do we know how to? Like Thomas, are we open to listening? Are we open to change?

Fact File:

Scientists have reported data demonstrating that sea ice in the Arctic is not recovering from a critical minimum at the end of the northern summer in 2010. *Source:*

www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/06/100624112306.htm

Action:

We can all massively reduce carbon emissions - in our homes, our workplaces, our churches, our schools See: Catholic Earthcare Australia (www.catholicearthcare.org.au)

Learn more:

The Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes NSW Social Justice Committee have published an information sheet called “Tell me more about Carbon Tax”. Contact them via www.clrinsw.org



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