

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in

God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Alleluia



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year A

11th / 12th April, 2020

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Focus on the Readings...

The Easter message, this truly great news, is timelessly true, and so it is still a message for here and now. We can identify with each person in the story told by St John today. Do we, like Mary Magdalene, share with others the news of the resurrection? Do we run eagerly to the tomb, like Peter and John, to find out how and whether Jesus can still feature in our lives? Only rarely do we experience the Easter mystery – but we can catch some hint of the wonder of it from the Gospel stories. The message is that God does not forget or forsake us, and the darkest hour is just before the dawn.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away. To quote Pope Francis, "We are called to be people of joyful hope, not prophets of doom. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we get an infusion of hope and joy, and an invitation to share them by our way of living."

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SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Tuesday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am
Saturday 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Monday 9.15 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS:

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

PRAYING FOR:

Philip Bissett

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Archbishop Frank Little, Mark Connolly

...and for all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

COUNSELLING: All counselling will now be over the phone or video consultations due to COVID-19. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact AnneMaree directly on: 0403 284 536, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner. AnneMaree will return your call, and is happy to have a chat about anything that is worrying you. Thank you.

KEEPING IN TOUCH: Thank you to all our volunteers who have been contacting our parishioners whose email details are unknown to us. We are finding in many cases that the telephone numbers we have on record (all landline numbers) are no longer connected. A possibility is that they have switched to mobile platforms. The volunteers are making a sterling effort to contact people. We sincerely thank them for their patience. Patience is something we are all praying for as we wait out this time of isolation. St Teresa of Avila's words come to mind.

FOR PEACE OF SOUL

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing:
God alone is changeless.

Patience gains all things,
Who has God wants nothing.

God alone suffices.
St Teresa of Avila

Prayer for the World

Facing the Challenge of COVID-19

Dear God,
who hears the cries of all in our world.
You invite us to trust in your gift of unconditional love.

Stay with us in this time.

Give strength to those who are ill and work through the hands and hearts of those who serve.

Be with us as we pray at home, unable to access the communities that have carried us for so long.

In every heart you have given the capacity to love as Jesus loved.

Let us share this love today. Amen.

THANK YOU Our sincere gratitude to those parishioners who have had both the capability, and the means, to transfer their contributions to Thanksgiving and/or Presbytery giving, over to Direct Debit or Credit Card. While we're mindful that some may be enduring financial hardship at this time, the offerings we are receiving, given the absence of collections within Mass, are certainly gratefully received. If you'd like to switch from Envelope giving to Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact the Parish Office on 9583 6161, for the appropriate form. While some are keen to still drop in their Envelopes, we'd suggest that you look after yourselves, and not venture down to the office just to put your offerings in. If transferring over to Direct Debit or Credit Card is not possible, you might like to drop in a number of week's envelopes less frequently.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL & FAMILY PRAYERS:

In this time of crisis, the website liturgyhelp.com is providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. In particular, the hope is that Catholics in social isolation can gain a sense of prayerful solidarity with their local school and parish communities and the whole Body of Christ. You're welcome to print resources and pass them on to your friends, family and community, particularly those who do not have access to the internet.

Simply go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020: Due to the current health emergency, and its associated restrictions, there's currently no need to drop in any Project Compassion boxes/envelopes. Hang on to them for now! Once we're again able to gather as a community of faith, for Mass, etc., we'll ask anyone who collected/put aside money for Project Compassion in Lent 2020, to bring them along and we'll forward them on to Caritas Australia, albeit later in the year than usual.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Easter Triduum (which means 'three days'), lasting from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, is the climax of the Church's year.
- Holy Thursday is sometimes known as Maundy Thursday, a corruption of the Latin word for 'commandment', *mandatum*. This is to commemorate the 'new commandment' that Jesus gave his followers at the Last Supper: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'
- Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the only days of the year on which Mass is not celebrated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) head to: <http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm> Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

