

CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY



The Lord is risen! The central message of our faith is that God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to save us by His life, passion, death and resurrection. It's all about a God who loves us tremendously, and whose love goes beyond our earthly life forevermore!

There is life beyond the tomb. Are we too focused on the "tombs" of our lives? Do we keep going back, do we keep mourning and do we keep despising our miseries and misfortunes? Can we not let go of our "tombs" and rise up, and become better persons? We must believe, and keep on believing, that there is hope for a fresh start, new beginning and new directions.

The good news is that the Lord's resurrection gives us the powerful message that as long as we live there is hope, there are possibilities, there are changes, and there are many second chances. Like the disciples on that first Easter morning, let us continue to joyfully proclaim that God is not dead, that He is alive. May this Easter make us grateful and lead us to humbly consecrate ourselves to the message and challenge of the resurrection.

A happy and glorious Easter everyone! -Fr. Arsenio



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Easter Sunday 8-9 April 2023

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Masses:

Tuesdays

9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays

10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @ St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Patrick Finnan, Matthew Versteegen, Joyce Allen, Phil Dacy, Beryl Simpson, Anne Moylan, Maria Lombardo, Ernesto Martini, Margaret Smith, Nelson Peers, Michael Prowse and Jean Donohue

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Anne Burns, Darren Brock

Readings this week: Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 27:11-54

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—10th-16th April 2023

MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL MONDAY 24th APRIL
TUESDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 2.00 pm Confessions, Holy Spirit Chapel 3.15 pm Divine Mercy Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel <i>Please note there will be no 5.00 pm Mass in the Chapel</i>

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15th-16th April 2023

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa **9.00 am:** Bernadette Loughron **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio **9.00 am:** Peter Parle **5.00 pm:**

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh **9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

Tea and Coffee: 9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- “News, Events”: ref menu
- “How we stay connected”, online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Parish Database Update Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or phone 7036 9395.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays—resumes May 2nd). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

Collection Notice For information on the Parish’s policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16th APRIL - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Chapel from 2:00 - 4:30pm.

Confessions will be heard from 2:00pm.

Adoration and Rosary will continue until 3pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Mass at 3:15pm. NB: No 5pm Mass that day.

All are welcome.

Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message

Easter 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'

Friends,

Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus *recognises us* personally; he *invites us* to peace; and he *sends us* out.

The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name.

Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life.

Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace.

Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.

Mary: Go and tell the others.

Peter: Go and feed my sheep.

Friends: Go and make disciples.

Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.

These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.

The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.

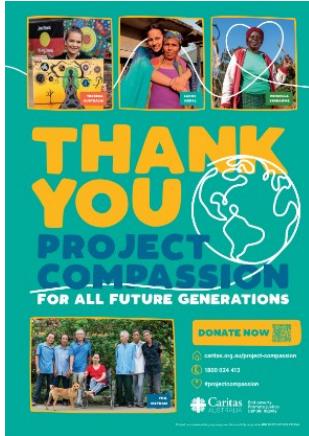
The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.

So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.

Happy Easter to you.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- **Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment**
- **Executive Support Officer**
- **Senior Creatives Officer**

Catholic Development Fund

- **Finance, Risk and Administration Officer**

Parish Positions

- **Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton**
- **Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Weribee**
- **Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Maidstone and Braybrook**
- **Parish Secretary - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern**

Other Positions

- **Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

On the Journey this week:

Easter Sunday reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda, plus Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and a faith testimony from Eddy Ferry from MenAlive, and more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

The Lord has risen. Heaven and earth rejoice in the reconciliation of God with all creation. Filled with Easter joy, we bring to God our needs for the Church and for the world.

Reader:

We pray for the community that is called the Church. We are an Easter people and we ask for God's blessing on the Church.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For all the newly baptized and those to be confirmed shortly; that they may faithfully follow Jesus and keep the light of Christ burning in their lives.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for believers everywhere. May they always be faithful to the baptismal promises they have made.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for a deeper faith in the risen Christ. May we now live no longer as slaves of sin, but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the world in darkness. May the light of Christ that overcame the darkness of death so shine in our lives that people everywhere will be comforted by our charity and our love.

Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Patrick Finnan, Matthew Versteegen, Joyce Allen, Phil Dacy, Beryl Simpson, Anne Moylan, Maria Lombardo, Ernesto Martini, Margaret Smith, Nelson Peers, Michael Prowse and Jean Donohue.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

Creator God of heaven and earth, we bless you and thank you for this joyous day. Help us to be faithful witnesses to the risen Christ. We ask this through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. "Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34a, 36-43++

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.
³⁶ “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ— he is Lord of all.
³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
³⁹ “We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
⁴² “He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R.24)

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

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” **R.**

16 “The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

1 If you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth,

3 for you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

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

GOSPEL

John 20.1-18++

According to the scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know where they have laid him.”
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out
and went toward the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together,
but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in
and saw the linen wrappings lying there,
but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.
He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head,
not lying with the linen wrappings
but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed;
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord