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31 March 2024 - Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir 6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)

9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation

Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary

Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

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Bishop Vincent's Easter Message

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Once again, we are entering the most sacred, grace-filled and transformative time in the Church's liturgy. The long and sombre Holy Week ceremonies that culminate in the celebration of Easter is a powerful re-enactment of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Everything we believe and hold dear is grounded in this paschal mystery.

Easter gives us the meaning, strength and power to transform the world in which we live. Easter provides us with the horizons of hope within which we strive for the full realisation of the reign of God.



At the heart of the Easter message is the summons to a new future against the background of entrenched hopelessness. As with Mary and the disciples, who were emboldened to move from the shadows of crucifixion into the light of the resurrection, the Church today must be a pioneer leading humanity to new dawn of greater justice, equality and fraternity.

We cannot be an inward-looking institution but a missionary and prophetic community of disciples. The God who raised Jesus from the dead leads us beyond our limited horizons to a new future of life to the full. This life to the full is not static or a closed system but ever expanding and evolving.

In fact, the essence of Christian hope is contained in the abundant life that Jesus brought about through his death and resurrection. The whole point of the Risen Christ is our human capacity to become a new type of person who can do new things for a new heaven and a new earth.

Hence, we must release ourselves from religious individualism and confront the general religious experience, which is cosmic and evolutionary, and involve ourselves in the divine mandate of the flourishing of the whole of life. Without bringing these understandings into a new religious story that animates our lives and focuses our energies in a new direction, we will have diminished our mission. Easter is not merely about our own salvation and the afterlife bliss. Easter is God conquering the forces of evil and darkness. Easter is God reconciling the estranged creation. We are called to partner with God in bringing the victory of the cosmic Christ to fulfilment. Easter therefore obliges us to work for both personal and cosmic transformation.

"Cosmic transformation" means working for the community of life of which we are a part. It means working for the whole of creation that God created, sustains and destines for flourishing.

It means that we become a place where the poor and the forgotten can be brought into a new unity; a Church that advocates life at all costs and promotes peaceful life in a war-torn and violent world; a Church that models justice in an age of greed, consumerism and power; a Church centred on the risen Christ, empowering a consciousness of the whole.

In the words of Pope Francis, let's pray in Easter 2024 that the risen Jesus of Nazareth:

"...may open us to the newness that transforms, to the beautiful surprises of God. May he help us to feel his presence as the one who is alive and at work in our midst. And may he teach us each day, dear brothers and sisters, not to look among the dead for the Living One."

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Wishing you a blessed Easter season, Bishop Vincent and the Cathedral Team

LITURGY GUIDE

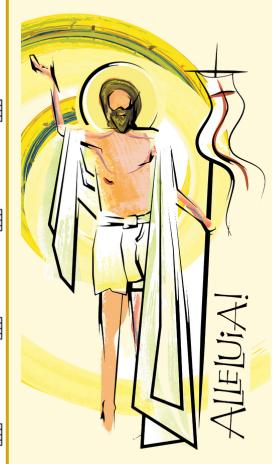
ENTRANCE RITE

The Cantors:

Show us, OLord, your mer-cy.

11:00am Introit Resurrexi - 'I am Risen' arr. C. Thatcher Resurrexi! I am risen! Resurrexi, I am with you! Sung by the choir Resurrexi, I have conquered! Resurrexi, I have saved you! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Entrance Procession** Jesus Christ is risen today Al Je Christ is ris'n day, le SHS to let Al le Hymns of praise then us sing, Al But the pain that he en dured. le 3. A1 Sing our God bove. le to ia! ly day. lu tri um - phant 1. ho our King, heav'n - ly 2. lu ia! Christ, our un to ia! 3. lu va - tion has pro cured; our sal lu ia! - nal his love: praise ter as Al le lu ia! who did up -2. Al who le lu ia! en dured the 3. Al le lu ia! now alt ed Al 4. le ia! praise him, his now the cross. Al le lu ia! on and grave, Al le lu ia! 2. cross he is King, Al le lu ia! 3. 4. might con - fess. Al le lu ia! loss. 1. suf fer to re deem our deem and save. 2. sin ners to re 3. sing. and the an gels ev er rit blest. Spi Fa ther. Son. and Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! 3. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! PENITENTIAL ACT The people reply: The Cantors. Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a - gainst you.

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

 saw and believed, did not yet understand, he had to rise from the dead.

to the point

Though the disciples of Jesus came to believe in his resurrection after they encountered him alive, their understanding was not yet complete. Our own understanding of the resurrection gradually grows as we encounter the risen Christ, eat and drink at his table, and pour out our lives as he did.

And grant us your sal - va-tion.

The people:

INTRODUCTORY RITE

will.

Kyrie Mass Shalom C. Smith

The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.



11:00am Mass in D major A. Dvořák

Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Refrain (All)

R: Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

The cantor sings the verses.

peace to

earth

and on

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

R. Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

R. Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

R. Glory to God



11:00am Mass in D major A. Dvořák

All SIT - Sung by the choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. and on earth peace to people of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. We praise you, we bless you,

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. we adore you, we glorify you

Gratias agimus tibi we give you thanks

propter magnam gloriam tuam. for your great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Lord God, heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens. O God almighty Father.

Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi: you take away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us;

Qui tollis peccata mundi: You take away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram. receive our prayer;

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu solus Dominus. you alone are the Lord,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Cum Sancto Spiritu, with the Holy Spirit,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(10:34, 37-43)

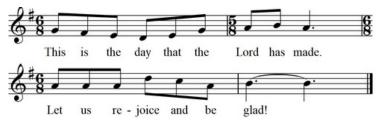
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:6-8) Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!



Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

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

(All repeat the Alleluia)

Gospel

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

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Renunciation of Sin

Do you renounce sin,
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R. I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$. I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$. I do.

Profession of Faith
Do you believe in God,

the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Ř. Ido.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

R. Amen.

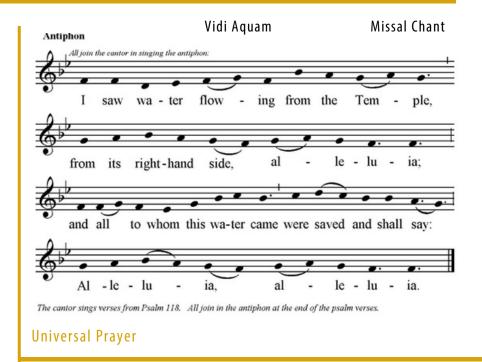
At the conclusion of the Renewal of Baptism Promises, the celebrant sprinkles the Assembly with Easter Water. All join in singing the following antiphon:

During the Offertory, collection plates are passed along the pews.

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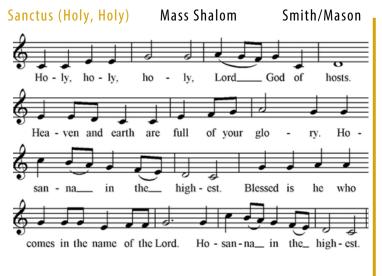


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Text: Claro paschali gaudio; Latin 5th C.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.88 and alleluias; based melody from Auserlesen Catholische Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623
Arr. & harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958, from The English Hymnal
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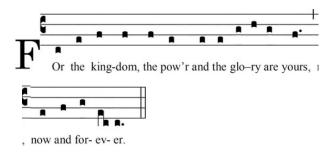


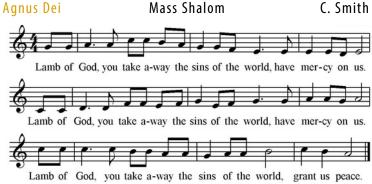




COMMUNION RITE The Lord's Prayer







11:00am

Mass in D major

A. Dvořák

Communion Antiphon

11:00am

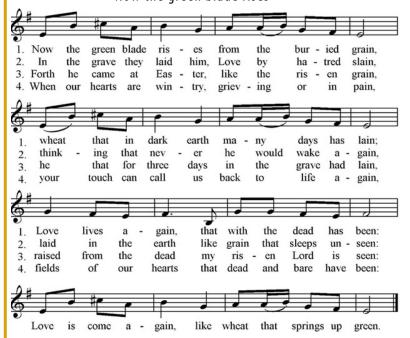
Pascha nostrum

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia.

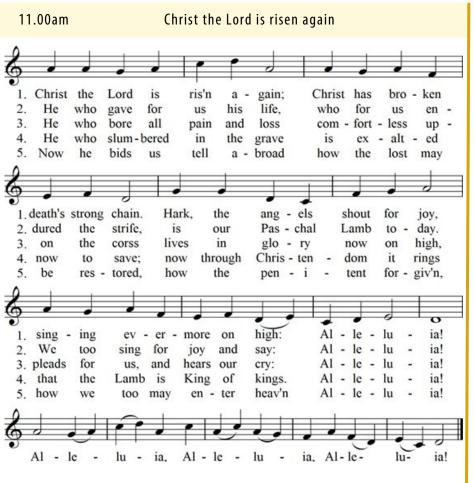
Therefore, let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymns





LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Text: Michael Weisse (1531); Trans. C. Winkworth (1858)
Tune: CHRISTUS IST ERSTANDEN, 78 78 and Alleluias; 12th cent. melody, harm.G.R. Woodward 1848-1934 et al.

Thanksgiving Motet

This joyful Eastertide

C. Wood

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,

she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Dismissal

The deacon (celebrant or cantor) sings the dismissal:



W. Go in peace, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia. R. Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu- ia.

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8:00am Mass Propers Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

THE BULLETIN

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Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

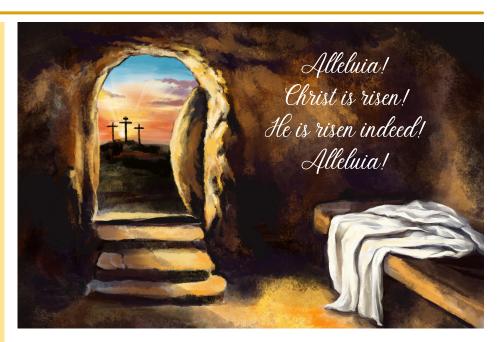
First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by 12:00noon on Thursday. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!



From Darkness to Light: Embracing the Resurrection

On this Easter Sunday, we come together to mark the pinnacle of our Christian voyage, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout Lent, we embarked on a journey of contemplation, self-denial, and spiritual advancement, guided by the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

During Lent, many of us chose to fast, giving up meat, chocolate, or other personal pleasures as a symbolic gesture of spiritual rejuvenation. This act of fasting served not only as a personal pursuit of holiness but also as a collective demonstration of our shared faith and self-discipline.

Our dedication to almsgiving shone brightly through our support for the less fortunate. By generously contributing as a parish to initiatives like the Jesuit Refugee Service and Project Compassion, we extended Christ's love and compassion to those in need. Your acts of kindness and generosity have tangibly impacted the lives of many, reflecting Christ's love in the midst of hardship and scarcity.

Together, we deepened our connection with God through prayer, engaging in the Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and committing to regular or daily Mass, to name a few. These spiritual practices strengthened our faith and brought us closer to the essence of Jesus, enabling us to walk alongside Him through His Passion and anticipate the joy of His Resurrection.

Today, as we rejoice in the Resurrection, we are reminded of God's love, which triumphs over darkness, sin, and death. Christ is risen, alleluia! This is the core of our Easter delight and the basis of our hope. By His resurrection, we are also called to rise. We are encouraged to emerge from the tombs of our own shortcomings, hopelessness, or indifference, guided by the light of Christ that leads us to a new beginning.

As we step into the Easter season, let us carry the lessons of Lent with us. May the discipline of fasting, the spirit of almsgiving, and the sincerity of our prayers continue to shape our faith journey. May the joy of the Resurrection fill our hearts and homes, and may we be ambassadors of God's enduring love to everyone we encounter.

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. Patrick's Cathedral, I extend warm Easter wishes to you and your loved ones. May the risen Christ dwell in our hearts today and forever.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Fr Robert

PARISH NOTICES

ACKNOWLEDGING GENEROSITY

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Parish Community

As we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and bask in the light of Easter, it is a time of profound gratitude for the remarkable spirit of giving and compassion demonstrated by our parish community. Your generosity reflects the very essence of Christ's teachings and brings to life the Gospel's message of love and service.

1. Donations to the JRS Food Drive

Your overwhelming support for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) food drive has been a beacon of hope and solidarity. The food items you generously donated will provide much-needed relief to families and individuals in distress, offering them a glimpse of the Resurrection's promise in their lives. We are deeply grateful for your willingness to reach out and make a tangible difference.

2. Supporting Project Compassion

Through your contributions to Project Compassion, you have extended your hands and hearts beyond our local community to touch the lives of those in need around the world. Your donations fuel efforts to combat poverty, injustice, and inequality, embodying the spirit of Easter's renewal and hope. Thank you for your compassionate action and steadfast support.

3. Good Friday Walk and Breakfast

We extend our gratitude to all who donated bacon and eggs for the Good Friday breakfast, and to the volunteers who dedicated their time to serve this meal. This act of fellowship and sharing after our reflective Good Friday walk is a cherished tradition that fosters community and spiritual reflection.

4. Volunteers at Holy Week Liturgies

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many volunteers who served in various capacities during the liturgies of Holy Week, starting from the Tenebrae on Holy Monday, through the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Masses. Your commitment and service have been the backbone of our worship experience, helping to create a reverent and welcoming atmosphere for all.

5. Thank You to the Cathedral Musicians

A special word of thanks to the Cathedral musicians for their dedication and the beauty they have added to our Holy Week services through your playing and singing. Your talent and devotion have elevated our celebrations, touching the hearts of all who heard you and drawing us closer to the divine. Your music is a gift to our community, and we are profoundly thankful for your presence and contribution.

6. We Appreciate You

To each and every one of you who has given of themselves this Lent and Easter season, whether mentioned by name or in spirit, your generosity, service, and faith are the threads that weave the fabric of our parish community. May the joy and hope of the Resurrection inspire us to continue walking in the light of Christ, today and always.

May our Lord Bless your generosity.









PARISH NOTICES



HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MATTHEW 28:6

May the light of the Risen Lord fill your home with peace, your heart with joy, and your life with love. Let us carry the Alleluia in our hearts and share the incredible news of Jesus' Resurrection with all we meet.

Blessings upon you and your loved ones this Easter and always. May you feel the warmth of God's presence and the comfort of his peace as we celebrate this most holy of days together, though apart.

With heartfelt wishes for a blessed Easter.

From all at St Patrick's Cathedral

Easter Monday Mass Time - 8:00am only

As we continue to bask in the glory of the Resurrection, please take note of our special schedule for Easter Monday, a public holiday.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am only on Easter Monday. Please note, there will be no Mass at the usual times of 6:30am or 12:30pm. The regular schedule will return on Easter Tuesday, 02 April.

Daylight Savings Reminder

Please note that Daylight Saving will end next Sunday 07 April. Don't forget to move your clock **back** when you go to bed on Saturday night.

Cloister Cafe Closed

Due to Easter Sunday, morning tea will not be available.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your support each week with either donations or just attending for a chit chat. It all makes for a welcoming community!

Wishing you all a blessed Easter,

Marian Polizzi - Hospitality Coordinator



Become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick

We're reaching out with a special invitation that's close to our hearts. We're looking for kind souls to join our lovely team of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick. This isn't just any role; it's a chance to spread love, joy, and the warmth of our faith to those who can't make it to church due to health reasons.

Why is it special?

Imagine being the reason someone smiles and feels God's love on a day they can't leave their home. By bringing the Eucharist to our homebound friends, you're not just delivering communion; you're delivering hope, community, and a reminder that they are an important part of our church family, no matter where they are.

A little bit of your time; a whole lot of difference.

Whether you can spare some time on Sundays or any day of the week, your visit could be the highlight of someone's week. And don't worry, you won't be doing this alone. We'll guide you every step of the way, and you'll be joining a team of incredibly caring and supportive volunteers.

Feeling called? Let's chat!

If this message tugs at your heartstrings and you're feeling a nudge to learn more or to step into this fulfilling role, we'd love to hear from you. Pop into the parish office or give us a call. We're excited to welcome more friends into this beautiful service.

Let's keep spreading the love and light of Christ to every corner of our community. Together, we can make sure everyone feels the warmth and belonging of our St. Patrick's Cathedral family.

A big shout out to the incredible volunteers who are already involved in this ministry. Your commitment is truly inspiring, and your presence makes a significant impact with each visit.

PARISH NOTICES



Text to Donate!

Simply text the word 'GIVE' to 0488 202 202, and you will receive a link to contribute directly to the Cathedral. Choose your donation amount and complete your gift in a few taps.

NOTE: Sunday Collection at St Pat's

Unlike other parishes in our Diocese, our Cathedral conducts one collection during Sunday Masses. This collection is split 70/30 to cover and help sustain parish life and ministry, as well as supporting the dedicated priests who serve our community.

That is:

- 70% of the collection stays within the parish to cover the Cathedral's operational expenses and ministries.
- 30% is contributed to the Diocesan Clergy Fund, which supports the living expenses of priests within our Diocese.

Many thanks to the wardens and counters behind the scene who ensure that collections are taken up and in safe keeping each week.

Return of Project Compassion Boxes

As we approach the culmination of our Lenten journey, we kindly remind all parishioners who participated in Project Compassion to bring back their boxes by **next weekend**. Your contributions have been a meaningful part of our Lenten practice of almsgiving, directly supporting those in need within our community and beyond.



Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the designated area in the cathedral. Each donation is a testament to our shared commitment to compassion and charity, reflecting the spirit of the Lenten season.

Thank you for your generosity and for joining in this important act of giving. Together, we make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Hambledon Cottage Celebrates 200 Years

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 10:00am -3:00pm cnr Hassall Street & Gregory Place

Hambledon Cottage will be celebrating its Bicentenary this April. This significant colonial heritage site, once owned by pioneer John Macarthur and Elizabeth Macarthur, will be holding a community Bicentennial Day.

Come down and enjoy fun-filled family activities, traditional trade and craft displays, stalls, music and entertainment, and a free house tour including a new exhibition - Commemorating 200 years at Hambledon Cottage, 'A very neat little abode,' on Saturday 13 April. This will be followed up with a week-long program of historic talks and walks at the cottage along with children's activities to coincide with the school holidays. To find out more visit www.hambledoncottagemuseum.org.au/events

Farewells and Well Wishes to Our Departing Parishioners

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we also take a moment to bid farewell to beloved members of our parish family who are embarking on new chapters in their lives. Their presence and contributions have been a blessing to us all, and they will be dearly missed.

Allen and Bernadette Horrell - A Fond Farewell

This week, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Allen and Bernadette Horrell, who have been cherished members of our Parramatta parish for 17 years. Allen and Bernadette have graced our 9:30am Sunday Masses, serving diligently as readers and Eucharistic Ministers. They have shared their faith and friendship generously, enriching our community in countless ways.

Allen and Bernadette are moving interstate to be closer to their family, embarking on an exciting new journey. As they transition to this new phase of their lives, we extend our deepest gratitude for their years of devoted service and fellowship. May God bless Allen, Bernadette, and their family with joy, peace, and prosperity in their new home. You will always be a part of the St. Patrick's Cathedral family, no matter where you are!

Barry and Marie Wilson - Wishing You God's Blessings

We also bid farewell to Barry and Marie Wilson, who have been a part of St. Patrick's Cathedral for the majority of their lives. The Wilsons have been faithful parishioners, contributing to the life and spirit of our community with their presence and service.

In recent years, Barry and Marie have faced health challenges that have made them homebound. Despite these challenges, they have maintained their faith and connection to our parish, supported by the visits from our priests. Now, Barry and Marie are moving to the Mary MacKillop Nursing Home, where they will begin a new chapter.

We thank Barry and Marie for their lifelong commitment and contributions to our parish community. As they adjust to their new home, we pray for their comfort, health, and happiness. May God's love and blessings surround them always.

To Allen, Bernadette, Barry, and Marie, as you move forward, remember that you will always have a home here at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Farewell, and God bless you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Exploring Music for the Solemnities following Easter: 30 April and 2 May

All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be two locations!

- 30 April at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm
- 02 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7:00pm

RSVP by 28 April to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

MET FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: from 16 April

Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via <a href="mailto:meta-short-m



Safeguarding Face-to-face Training

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/? series=safeguarding-training

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Christ the King Primary Jubilee Celebrations

Staff, students, families and parishioners past and present are invited to celebrate the golden jubilee of Christ the King Primary School, North Rocks.

- A Jubilee Family Picnic will be held on Sunday 19 May at Don Moore Reserve, North Rocks, from 11:30am. You can RSVP here: https://forms.gle/k6hua7LiwZKBMP3o6
- A Jubilee Dinner (over 18s) will be held on 29 June at The Epping Club, Epping, from 6:00pm. Cost is \$99 per person and includes food and beverages. Tables are of 10-12 attendees. You can RSVP here: https://forms.gle/hmeBwoEM9qusMhG87

For any further information, please contact Erin Wynne, at ewynne@parra.catholic.edu.au or the school office on (02) 8846 2700 or email northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au

Easter/Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook magazine out now!

The Easter/Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Divine Mercy Sunday - Rydalmere Parish

The parish community of Holy Name of Mary parish Rydalmere invite you to the Divine Mercy celebration on...

Sunday 07 April 2024 at 11:45am

The day program includes Chaplet and Prayer Reflections from the diary of St Faustina beginning at 12:00pm and concluding with Mass at 3:00pm and fellowship meal following Mass at the parish hall.

NEW Diocesan website launched

The new <u>parracatholic.org</u> website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6:00pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

Women in the Gospels Retreat: 03–10 May

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are hosting a Women in the Gospels Retreat with Elizabeth Dowling RSM from 3-10 May. The retreat will explore a selection of stories from across the

Gospels, focusing on the characterisation of women in these stories. Women's discipleship, faith and initiative will be highlighted. The venue is the Santa Casa retreat centre at Queenscliff in Victoria. Register before 05 April with spirituality@goodsams.org.au



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Bridget Phelan, Hung Cheung, Valmai Costello, Dr Bill Lane, Tony Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Moltea Iezzi, Teresa Huongle, Philip Vas, Tony Youssef Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Romano Ghersinich, June Rodrigues, Sr Edith Angel, Laura Busletta,

Deceased: Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas, Leticia Vas, Jan, Ludwig, Henry K, Umbert & Fran Papagno, Juan Montesco, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr. YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Bienvenido Sumagui, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Francisco Llanillo

Anniversaries: Carlo Indorato, Frere Levananh, John Baptiste Lien, Crisanta Valdez, Aloma Pospischil, Bernard & Grace Rodricks, Judy Gallagher, Agapito Antonio, Amelia Zanier, Paul Nguyen

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews. Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...

Sick: Nasr Nasr, Athony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Fr Peter Henry, Soane Kikanoi, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Tony Chang, Baldo Polizzi, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Stephen Senjak, Raveen, Felicitas Appathurai, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family, Tian, Allwyn & Jasmine, Chris Dias, Liam D'Souza, Tian, Arthur Lopez, Rebecca & Alex Mann, Zayne Bumactau, Myrna R Santos, Roser North, Jeanette Joseph, Margaret Jerome, BVM & Infant Jesus, Clara Cabezas, Alwin & Espirito Isidro, Clara Cabezas, Hewitt Edward, Carmelita Perez, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Stephen & Bozo Senjak, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, James, Anastasia & Sophia Royals, Philip Lysewcyz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet. Ankica, Ruzica Chmielewski, Kumavan Guuasagaran, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

> **Remy Estera & Matteo Pirie** Scarlet & Amelia Piper





We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Natalie Racz & Alan Khoury

POPE FRANCIS'





For the role of women

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

From Pope Francis...

From a tweet dated 26 March "The roots of our faith are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, in death, made hope spring up. He opened the way to heaven; He gave us eternal life; He brought us salvation."

Saint of the Week

04 April - St Benedict "The Black" (1526-1589), Friar

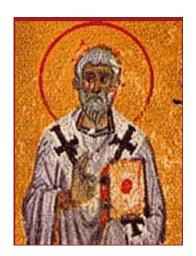
Benedict was born in 1526, the son of Christopher and Diana, an Ethiopian couple who were kept as slaves in Sicily. When Benedict reached the age of 18, he was set free and after a while he joined a hermit called Jerome. His reputation for holiness was spread throughout the area and people flocked to him all the time. Eventually he moved to a Franciscan monastery where he spent the rest of his life serving his brothers as a cook. Even though he was a lay brother and without education, he was chosen to be their Superior and, at the end of his term of 6 years, he went back to the kitchen. People kept on visiting him seeking his advice and the help of his prayers. He died on 4 April, 1589. Humility, spirit of service, wisdom and powerful intercession were the special gifts bestowed on Benedict "The Black".



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"The law is old, but the Word new; the prototype is transient, but grace eternal; the sheep is corruptible, the Lord incorruptible, who was sacrificed as a lamb, but rose as God."



Melito of Sardis (c.100 - c.180) Bishop & Apologist Homily on the Pasch

Did You Know...?

...that Easter Sunday can fall as early as 22 March or as late as 25 April?

Easter is what is known as a "moveable feast", meaning that, unlike Christmas, it does not fall on a set date. Easter Sunday is determined by the phases of the moon: Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the equinox (20 March this year). The first full moon this year following the equinox was on Monday, 25 March, and so Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday following this, which is 31 March. This year the Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter

Sunday on 05 May, as they use the Julian calendar as opposed to the Catholic Church's use of the Gregorian calendar.







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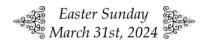
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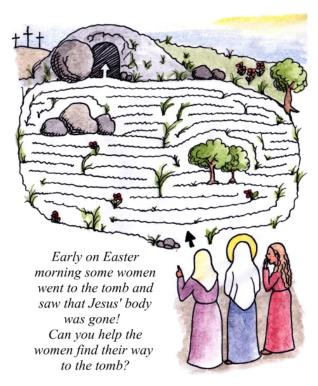
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The Kids' Bulletin





Easter Word-Find

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Find the words in over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALEN and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY! They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded

Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.

Christ is Risen!

Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.



Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the

tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!

Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:

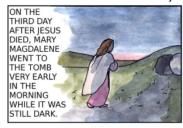
Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia! For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia! Has risen as He said. Alleluia!

Pray to God for us, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!

Answer to the Word-find: Jesus is risen!

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Easter Morning From the Gospel of John









IOHN RAN FASTER AND GOT THERE BEFORE PETER. HE LOOKED IN It's empty





THEY SAW THE CLOTHS LYING THERE AND THE PIECE OF CLOTH THAT HAD BEEN ON HIS HEAD WAS FOLDED AND SET IN A

THE DISCIPLES WERE VERY SAD AND AFRAID AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS. ON THE SUNDAY MORNING MARY MÁGDALENE WENT TO SEE AND HONOUR THE BODY OF JESUS, BUT HE WAS GONE! LATER IN THE DAY JESUS APPEARED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN TO THE APOSTLES. CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR JOY?



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