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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

5 April 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Marcus Brian Dee, Antonio Farchione, Jack (John Alexander) Hyslop, Mary Pauline Lynch, Barry Daniel Magree, Dr Gerald Manly, Shirley Page, Blanche Madeline Shapcott

THANK YOU: At St Cecilia's, we have had very fine services on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday night, and Good Friday afternoon, as well as the Stations of the Cross last Tuesday evening. We also joined our friends from St Andrew's Gardiner Uniting Church and St James Anglican Church for an Ecumenical Service at St James Anglican Church on Good Friday morning. We complete our celebration of the Easter Triduum with our Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night, and our Easter Day Mass at 10 am on Sunday 5th April.

None of this happens without a great deal of preparation and a great deal of work behind the scenes getting everything ready. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way. Thank you to those who have selected, practised, and led the music at our ceremonies. Thank you to those who have set up for our Masses. The large Crucifix in our church was decked with very fine palms, and then draped first in purple and now in white. The Altar of Repose was beautiful this year, and invited our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A fire has been prepared for our Easter Vigil; tapers readied for everyone; and our holy water container filled with new water to be blessed at Easter. Thank you to everyone who undertook these and other tasks. Thank you also to those who have prepared the slides which show the responses and the words of the hymns. Thank you to those who arranged the flowers which add so much to the beauty of our church. Several of our volunteers have asked not to be thanked by name, so I will not list any names. You know who you are. Thank you all for all that you do.

Thank you to our readers. Thank you to our altar server. Above all, I thank each of you for attending the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies at St Cecilia's. May we all experience the hope and the joy of the Risen Christ, and may the great promise of Easter give meaning, purpose and direction to all our lives.
– Fr Kevin

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY: To allow everyone to spend Easter Day with their families and friends, there is **NO 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday 5th April**. Our Sunday evening Masses resume next week, with Mass at 5:30 pm on Sunday 12th April. Please join us then.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week, we have 9:15 am Mass on Easter Monday 6th April, Easter Wednesday 8th April, and Easter Friday 10th April.

ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S EASTER MESSAGE is attached to this bulletin. Our Archbishop also presents this message in a short video at <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/2026-easter-message>. It's actually quite lovely to see and hear our Archbishop deliver his Easter message.

TOWARDS THE MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026: As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us – clergy, religious, and lay faithful – to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?