



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday of EASTER Year B, 6-7 April, 2024

THANK YOU

Last week, we celebrated the greatest day in our Christian Calendar, we wish to thank everyone who has been very generous with their time and effort in assisting us to prepare the Holy Week services & Masses.

All who kindly donated their palm branches, those who collected them and cleaned them up, and all who have been setting and resetting the Church, cleaning the garden and items required for the Masses & services, managing flower arrangements, preparing & serving both hot cross buns on Good Friday and breakfast on Easter Sunday, all ministers during all services and many more people who have helped us in so many different ways, which we may have missed to mention. Last but not least, to all who have joined us at our services and Masses during the Holy Week. Every one of you has made our celebration meaningful.

(Parish Team)

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/yOzuzLdoPos?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Resurrection and Mystery

It's amazing on Television crime shows how quickly a team can solve a mystery - forty-five minutes usually! Most often this is because they apply scientific methodology and logical investigations. But when we come to celebrate Easter – where we also meet a mystery – we cannot resolve or understand the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus so simply. We live with mystery, and we risk all because of a truth revealed as a mystery.

To appreciate the resurrection, we rely on scripture and tradition, and importantly the witness of the generations, to help us see that it is a fundamental part of God's plan for us and for our eternal future.

In some ways, the resurrection of Jesus can be symbolized by the very Universe. Jesus' resurrection is continuous, vast, expansive and without limits; it is an event which supersedes time and space, is not easily explained, and yet surrounds us, makes our life possible and invites us to delve deeper and deeper into its vastness and meaning.

The first Christians struggled to understand the new reality of Christ risen and glorified, and yet still present and active in their midst. They weaved symbols and experiences into stories and narratives that we can picture, and which the Spirit can carry into our hearts so that we too might come to belief. May it be so for you.

May Easter Live in your Hearts.

From Denis Travers CP
(Provincial)

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
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Readings for Next Week
Third Sunday of EASTER Year B

First Reading

Acts 3: 13-15; 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people:
The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The two disciples told the eleventh and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Psalm

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer

But know that the Lord has set apart
the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

There are many who say,
“O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!”

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord,
make me lie down in safety.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first Letter of St. John

My little children,
I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is

Questions for reflection

Q. What message do you take from Jesus’ words, ‘Peace be with you!’?

Q. Why do you think the gospel writer emphasises the ‘physical’ nature of Jesus’ resurrection?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

Congratulations for your great work preparing and running the Good Friday Station of the Cross. We hope that next year we will be able to do the same.

For those who are wondering what this group is all about, you can contact the Parish Office and we will provide more information. Also keep an eye on the news as we will keep you up-dated with information regarding the next gathering

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth)

This group is to accommodate our Youth who are in grade 5 up to year 9. All activities in this gathering cater for this age group. The next gathering is on **FRIDAY, 19th APRIL** at 7pm in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. Please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350, if you wish to attend

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

is a program for all children who are in grade 4 or above (must have been baptised Catholic and have received their sacrament of Reconciliation). If you wish to register your child for this program, please contact us on 9700 3781 or email us on office@stpaulapostle.com.au. All registrations must be in no later than Friday, 20th of April, 2024. Please check our website for more information regarding this program. Before you submit the registration form, please ensure that you can meet all of the necessary criteria (your child's attendance in every class/ family night)

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you still have one at home, please bring it either to the Church or the Parish office (during office hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Some of you may have missed out on picking up your new set of thanksgiving envelopes. If you have run out of envelopes and not yet picked up the new ones, we have placed them back in the gathering space. Please remember to pick them up on your way out at the conclusion of Mass. We will keep them in the gathering space for a period of two weeks

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Late last year Year 11 students from St John's Regional College, Dandenong, have shared their views on subjects such as bullying, challenging stereotypes, positive thinking, academic stress, addiction, judgement, social media challenges and nurturing friendships in a new series of podcasts.

Developed in collaboration with Majellan Media and titled 'Chatter Matters', the unique series of 15-minute podcasts features candid conversations on the topics that resonate with young people today.

Each episode explores a different topic whereby students candidly discuss how they see the issue and how it affects them, while offering ideas on how to address the issue. College counsellors also offer expert advice.

The series is tailored for classroom and small group use, and serves as a tool for teachers, counsellors, parents and anyone engaged with youth. Accompanied by free downloadable worksheets, these podcasts are intended to promote meaningful dialogue and reflection on topics young people need to talk about.

Principal Tim Hogan is enthusiastic about the project, saying: 'It's incredibly rewarding to see our students engaging with such important issues. Their insights are profound and I'm immensely proud that St John's Regional College is part of this innovative project.'

Majellan Media CEO Tony Biviano emphasises the fresh perspective offered by the students. 'The insights and advice they share are amazing. This is a new experience for them and it's been a joy to see their development. I believe Chatter Matters will be a tremendous resource for schools across the country, stimulating further discussions among young people, particularly in an era when mental health issues are increasingly prevalent.'

The podcasts can be accessed via <https://majellan.media/chatter-matters>, on Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/1Kg3m0ZUmYbsvLcAGd8WJh>, as well as Apple and other podcast outlets. Worksheets to help foster discussion are also available from <https://majellan.media/chatter-matters>

ANZAC DAY MASS

Please note that ANZAC Day Mass will be at 9am follow by Cuppa

Readings:

Second Sunday of EASTER Year B

Acts 4: 32-35 ;

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

Third Sunday of EASTER Year B

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;

1 John 2: 1-5

Luke 24: 35-48

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Jamie Cabrera **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Sharne Labrooy, Nicole Balmano, Naureen Norico, Anne Silva, Margaret Avlonitis, Naureen Norico, Alice Money, Jose Barreto Martins, Ofelia Lim Abad, Mo Ahmed, Olivia D'Silva, Selena Leroux, Domenico Serra, Donald Macleod, Nigel Macleod, V. Karunainathan, V. Sabanathan, George Petterson, Wendy de Santos, George Descombe, Pierro Laure, Stephanie Bouquet, Solange Pondard, Gaetan Brouard, Berty Maclou, Hosea Olivera Duarte, Carlos De Jesus, Sergio Da Costa, Marina Moss, Peter Xavier Hickey **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Easter Vigil Mass 2024

