



## SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2025. EASTER SUNDAY. YEAR C

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (Easter Vigil Luke 24:1-12; Easter Sunday John 20:1-9)

It does not always pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters.

The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement).

This Gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive.

The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.

We turn briefly to the reading from John's Gospel for Easter Sunday morning. Mention of "the first day of the week while it was still dark" evokes the first day of creation and God's word bringing light.

The two angels guarding the tomb call to mind the heavenly creatures who barred the way to the tree of life in the Genesis garden story. The biblical story has come full circle, from creation to resurrection and new creation.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatize and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our liturgical re-telling, all the power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life.

In these times of planetary uncertainty, a commitment to life includes taking seriously the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt sometimes feel a bit like the women of the Gospel whose message was discounted. Resurrection faith invites us to live simply so that all may simply live.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

#### **DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for **Mary Curry** who died recently; and for **Marija Kovcic and Nicola Romano** whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May they rest in peace.

#### **EASTER MESSAGE**

As a people of hope we rejoice in the Resurrected Jesus who is the light of our world.

Many thanks to the many volunteers who have assisted across our three church communities in helping celebrate Easter this year. Without your generous support our celebrations would not be possible. Wishing you and your families a very happy, holy and joy filled Easter Season.

Fr. Werner

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. R. v. 24

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

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
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.

**The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Corinthians 5:7-8

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

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I 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. Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon:** 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

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

## **JOSEPH'S CORNER HIGH TEA**

Celebrating 25 years of Joseph's Corner's vital work in the west on **Sunday 4 May 2025, from 2.00pm- 5.00pm** at Mt St. Joseph Girls' College Maidstone Street, Altona 3018. Tickets: \$40 per person. For table bookings or dietary requirements, contact Ann Hudson on 0409 901 899.

## **SAVE WITH CDF COMMUNITY FUND**

Competitive interest rates, include 5.10% p.a.\* on a 6-month Term investment. Ring 1800 134 135 or visit [www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer](http://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer)

## **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

**Donations for flowers** can be placed in an envelope, marked Flowers, and given to Fr. Werner.

## **STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

**Sets of envelopes are ready for collection at St. Augustine's over the next two weeks; this week at Annunciation and next week at Kingsville.**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

There will be 2 distinct collections during Sunday Masses starting on **5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. The **FIRST COLLECTION will be for the PRESBYTERY**. The **SECOND COLLECTION – ENVELOPES – for the CHURCH**.

We are encouraging people to set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, using the account details below.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S YARRAVILLE PARISH**

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 638052213

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

### **CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION PARISH**

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account

BSB 083 347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account: BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

We suggest **monthly** to be the most efficient way to contribute. This can be done separately for Church and Presbytery accounts. Thank you for your support to our Parish. It is appreciated. Fr. Werner.

## **CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL**

On the weekend of **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May** there will be an extra Collection for the Catholic Care appeal in each of the churches. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee, asylum, housing support for families.

## **RCIA**

At the Easter Vigil we joyfully welcome **Emily and Nathan** into our Parish community through the celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We also warmly welcome **Nicole and George** who are already baptised Christians and have asked to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church.

We ask you to make our new Parish members welcome and pray for them and their families as they make this commitment to their faith.

## **EASTER TAIZE PRAYER**

You are invited to enjoy Easter Taizé Prayer, hosted by the Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne, led by Marg Hayes, a member of our Association.

Where: **St Augustine's Church,**

71 Somerville Road, Yarraville

When: **7 May 2025**: Prayer will begin at 7.30pm

and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Supper will be provided afterwards

Taizé Prayer comes from the monastic community formed by Br. Roger in the French village of Taizé in 1940. We are invited to pray through silence, scripture readings, quiet music and chants composed by the brothers of Taizé. Marg Hayes has been leading Taizé Prayer in her prison and HIV/AIDS Ministry for a number of years and will share her experience of Taizé, leading us in Taizé prayer around the Cross.

## **OPEN DAY AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE**

Date: **Sunday 18 May**. Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm**

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
- Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people.

Please register your intention to attend.

## **ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Thank you for your support to the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday. This collection supports 29 Parishes, homes for orphans, academic institutions, schools for over 10,000 students, supports 120 men preparing to become priests or brothers, provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth, preserves 54 shrines, creates jobs for Christians in the Holy Land and helps rehabilitate homes for Christian families. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the region.

## **PARISH PRIEST**

**Rev Fr Werner Utri**

**Mobile No. 0401 158 113**

**Parish Website:**

[www.melbcatholic.org/yarraville](http://www.melbcatholic.org/yarraville)

**Parish Safeguarding Officer**

**Pat Mc Laughlin**

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## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **ST AUGUSTINE'S**

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[yarraville@cam.org.au](mailto:yarraville@cam.org.au)

### **CORPUS CHRISTI**

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### **ANNUNCIATION**

4 Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn

(03) 9314 5613

[kingsville@cam.org.au](mailto:kingsville@cam.org.au)

## **LITURGY TIMES**

### **TUESDAY MASS**

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

### **WEDNESDAY MASS**

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

### **THURSDAY MASS**

St Augustine's...9.15 am

### **FRIDAY MASS**

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

### **SATURDAY MASS**

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

### **SUNDAY MASS**

Annunciation....8.00 am

St Augustine's...9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

### **RECONCILIATION:**

**SATURDAYS** after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

### **NEXT ITALIAN MASS**

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at

11am at St. Augustine's

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code below and fill in your details.



## **PROJECT COMPASSION**

You can support Project Compassion through the **boxes or envelopes** or **by calling: 1800 024 413 or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)** or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

## **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 30 Nov – 2 Dec. 2025**

### **Who is ACYF for?**

Young people from Year 9 in 2025 up to those 25 years of age are invited to come along. Those aged 18-25 years are welcome to register as part of a group (Uni, school, parish etc.) or as an individual. Those under 18 will need to register as part of a group (school or parish) and be supervised by an adult group leader.

The Festival will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, located in the south-west edge of the Melbourne CBD, on the banks of the Yarra River, accessible via trams, trains, bus and walking paths along the Southbank precinct.

## **SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office. [www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements](http://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

## **ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**(19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April)**

### **Easter Sunday C**

**READERS: St. Augustine's**

7.30pm ..... Vigil Readers

9.30am ..... Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting..... Krystyna Biront

**READERS: Corpus Christi**

11.00am ..... Grace Viegas

Imelda Gibson

**MINISTERS: St. Augustine's**

7.30pm..... Frank Galea

9.30am..... Pina Guzzardi

**MINISTER: Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

## **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**(26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April)**

### **2nd Sunday of Easter C**

**READERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm ..... Nic Fusca

9.30am ..... Phillip Marques

Sam Polzella

Counting..... Les Vella

**READERS: Corpus Christi**

11.00am ..... Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

**MINISTERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm..... Kath Baker

9.30am..... Pat Mc Laughlin

**MINISTER: Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Kahn Nguyen

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.