

THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / C

20 APRIL 2025

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter
of St Paul to the Romans

*Christ, having been raised from
the dead, will never die again.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL

Lk 24:1-12

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke

*Why look among the dead for
someone who is alive?*

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered

their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector - Saturday: R Rodrigues

Lector - Sunday: P Donohoe

Counters: B Leong, M Beaumont & E Ambrose

Thanksgiving



HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

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Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector: A Powell

Thanksgiving



ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-minutes before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Easter Sunday

Holy Cross: Mass 9am, & Divine Mercy 7pm

St Joseph's: Mass 10:30am

St Anthony's: Mass 9am & 11am. No evening Mass

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Sun 27 Apr: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Condolences to the Jackson Family

Deepest condolences to Fr Pat on the passing of his brother, James (Jimmy) Jackson. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 28 April at St Dominic's, Broadmeadows. Rosary at 10:30am, followed by Mass.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Lk 24:34; cf. Apoc 1:6)

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (1 Cor 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.

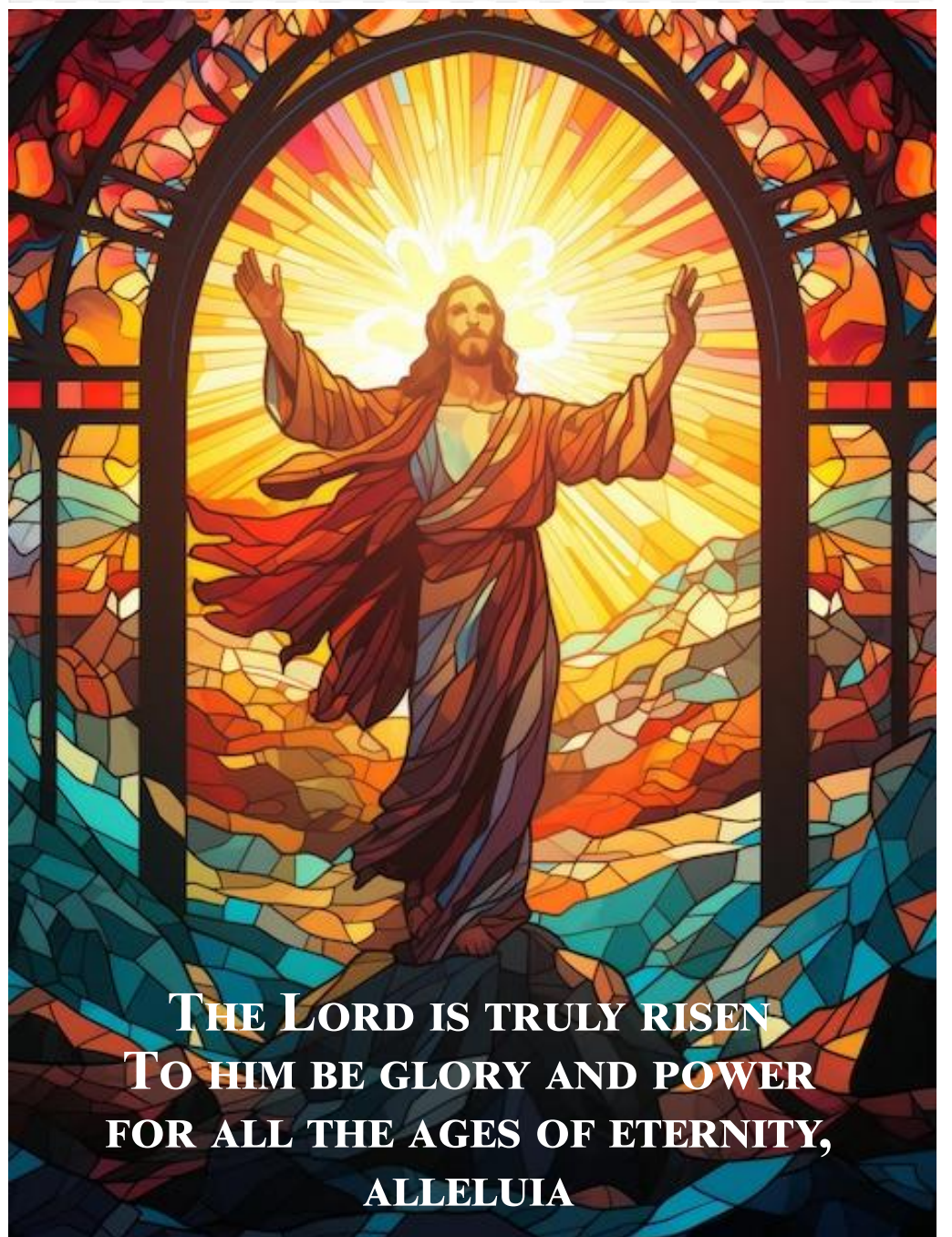
PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: **Paulette Dobbin, Tony Messina, Paul Donohoe**

** Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.*

Recently Deceased: **James Jackson (Jimmy)**

Death Anniversary: -



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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, the belief in God's saving grace through Jesus is destroyed. When Jesus rose from the dead, he confirmed his identity as the Son of God and his work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation. The Resurrection was a literal, physical raising of Jesus' body from the dead.



Divine Mercy Novena & Feast NOVENA

Nine Nights: Good Friday, 18th April to
Saturday 26th April at 7:00pm

FEAST OF MERCY

Sunday, 27th April

1.00pm Confessions

1.30pm Adoration, Prayers, Hour of
Mercy, Holy Mass.

Celebrant: Fr Wodek, Polish Missionary Priest
Venue: Holy Cross Church, Caulfield South



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our RCIA candidates will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please keep Taylor Mackenzie and Lizeth Alvarado in your prayers.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land

Donations can still be made to the Holy Land Commissariat, using the envelopes which can be found at the church foyer.



Easter Egg Hunt



An Easter Egg Hunt has been organized for children under 18-years after Easter Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Parents must accompany their children if they wish to participate.

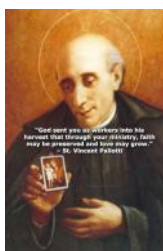
Project Compassion Boxes

Please return your Project Compassion Boxes by next Sunday, 27th April 2025. You may do so during the thanksgiving collection at weekend Masses.

Celebrating St Vincent Pallotti's 230th Birthday

Easter Monday, 21st April, at St Christopher's Parish, Syndal. Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch and fellowship.

RSVP with Fr Pat, Br Lindsay or Fr Leenus know by [this Sunday afternoon](#)



Feast of St Joseph the Worker - 1st May 2025



This year, the Feast Day falls on a Thursday. Please note change of Mass location for the week as follows:

Thursday, 1st May: 10am at St Joseph's

Friday, 2nd May: 10am at Holy Cross

Young Adults Hosting Mass: Saturday 26 April

The young people from our 3 parishes come together to host Saturday's 6:30pm Mass at St Joseph's on the 4th Saturday of every month. After Mass, there is fellowship either at the parish or at an external venue to socialise among their peers.



They recently organised a springboard Pilates session at Back2Back Studio. Shout-out to Lizzie, their instructor, who guided and supported them in a fun experience.

Please encourage the young adults of all our parishes join the Young Adults group so they can also participate in other initiatives. For info, email elsternwick@cam.org.au



Archbishop Comensoli's 2025 Easter Message

By his wounds, we are healed

Friends,

When Jesus stood among his disciples after the resurrection, he showed them his wounds, the marks of his crucifixion.

Those marks were not just proof of what he had suffered; they were proof of what he had done. Jesus wanted his disciples to see, with their own eyes, that he had taken their wounded lives into his own body.

St Peter, who was there that day, never forgot this. Later he would write, 'By his wounds, you have been healed' (1 Peter 2:24).

In his crucifixion, Christ carried the full weight of our failures, our hurts, the injuries done to us, and the damage we have done to ourselves and others. He did so knowing we could not heal them alone.

In his resurrection, he stood before his friends with a body bearing our wounds, yet gloriously alive. The resurrection of Christ was a declaration: nothing we carry is beyond his power to redeem. No injury too deep. No past too broken. No heart too far gone.

The wounds we bear can feel like the end of our story. They threaten to define us, to trap us. They try to tell us there is no way ahead.

But Easter speaks another word: a healing word, a forgiving word. Easter tells us that our wounds are not where the story ends. Easter shows us there is a path to healing, and a vista onto a new dawn.

The risen Christ, bearing his crucifying marks, is the sign of hope we need. He entered fully into the depths of our brokenness, so that we might emerge with him, healed.

This is the promise of Easter: that in him, our wounds do not have the final word. Life does. For we are healed in the crucified and risen Christ.

Happy Easter !

Post Easter Community Activity

Sunday afternoon Bowling/Laser tag @ Zone Bowling Clayton on 4th May. Exact time and pricing to be confirmed. All welcome.

Please contact the Parish Office to register.



MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

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SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

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.

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SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

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

1 Cor 5:7-8

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

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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