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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,
Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

4TH AND 5TH APRIL 2026

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wathaurong People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

FIRST READING: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43)*

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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23*

Response: 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.'

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

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

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

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)*

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, then, 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

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!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

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

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.**

EASTER BLESSING ON YOU AND ON YOUR LOVED ONES

Our Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although the celebration of the Holy Week is first and foremost the commemoration of the most important events in Jesus' life it is also the most important reason for why we have our faith in Jesus. St. Paul says "If Jesus would have risen then our faith is in vain".

These events of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection are celebrated as one single celebration because there cannot be one without the other. As Jesus' passion and death show us the reality and the crosses we ourselves carry in our own lives while the resurrection gives us the meaning and the hope for us to go forward. As we daily go to sleep at night and wake up in a new day our death is also a sleep that leads to a new eternal world. But in our journey from womb to tomb we die and rise so many times every time we go through tough times and come out of them. Jesus' death was the essential path to the resurrection for Him to claim victory over the ultimate evil — the DEATH and to give that victory to all of us.

Let us thank God Who in Jesus shared our humanity in His passion and death and united us to Him to share His Divinity in His resurrection.

May this Easter bring us strength and hope in our day-to-day struggles and challenges.

May the Blessings of the Risen Lord fill you, your family and home with new life.

Wishing you all with lots of prayers.

Your Brothers in Christ,

Frs. James, Martin & Albert

05- April- 2026





2026 EASTER MESSAGE

Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind but illumines. It does not erase wounds but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvellous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

WEEKDAY LITURGY (6th to 11th April 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass and Divine Mercy Novena
Wed: 9.00am Mass and Divine Mercy Novena
Thurs: 9.00am Mass and Divine Mercy Novena
Fri: 9.00am Mass and Divine Mercy Novena
Sat: 9.00am Mass and Divine Mercy Novena

WEEKEND MASSES (11th and 12th April 2026) FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, and 11.00am Mass
2.00pm Burmese Community Mass at Penola Hub
2.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Rosary.
3.00pm – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Benediction and Mass celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe

PLEASE NOTE: NO 5.00PM MASS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD

WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
 Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin

Community Mass

SUNDAY | APR
19
 10:00 AM

All welcome.
 Mass will be followed by fellowship.
 Please bring a plate to share if you can.

 OUR LADY OF SOUTHERN CROSS
 2/20 HOWQUA WAY, MANOR LAKES VIC 3024



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 5TH and 13TH April 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 11 th / 12 th Apr	Agnes D' Lima	Red Dubier	Franklin and Alex Ochi	Anthony Acciarito	NO 5.00pm MASS
MUSIC 11 th / 12 th Apr	St. Carlos' Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio's Choir	South Sudanese Choir	NO 5.00pm MASS
Communion Minister 11 th / 12 th Apr	Anne Marie Palmer Gerry Ilagan Rhea Fernandes	Kevin McGuane Laura Chamberlain David Cox	Rita Edemu Stella Onos Charles Mei	Dominic Thiep Eric Demate Cora Demate	NO 5.00pm MASS
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 6 Apr: J. Hennessy Mon 13 Apr: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 6 Apr: Z. Prasad Fri 10 Apr: Volunteer Mon 6 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Apr: J. Francisco Sun 12 Apr: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Apr: N. George Sun 12 Apr: C. Ilagan		



BUILDING THE SYNODAL WAY TOGETHER - 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 - to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

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

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

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