

St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

Acts 10.34a, 36-43++

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

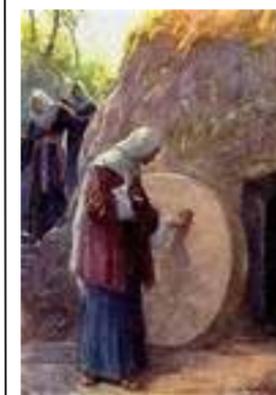
SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3.1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 20.1-18++



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the



tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Innocenza Pecora, Angelina Pace, Marie Ann Richardson, John Clarke, Tony Falzon, Kurt Goetz, Rosaria Laudato, Jeff Cockerell, Emily McVeigh, Gordon O'Keefe, Frederick Hernan, Chris McKenzie, Thomas Mullens, Vera Newbury, Adrian Van Osta, John Galvin, Regis Hynes, Mary Sexton, Paul Vaisanen, Philip Hoban,

Vincenzo Taliana, Benito Cilea, George Jones, Mary Bennett, Michael McGrath, Norah Maher, Hack Geoghegan, Calogero Durante, Giuseppina Petar, Francesco Antonio Mesiti and Frank Hynes; whose anniversaries are at this time.

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Monday, Tuesday

9am - 3.30pm

Parish Office Manager-Secretary

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Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm

Thursday 8:30am - 4pm

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Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner

8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal

Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.

Saturday at 6:30pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly

7.00pm at Parish Centre.

Baptism must be booked

prior to attending

Preparation Night.

Dear Parishioners

Below is a sermon from me for this Easter Sunday. Otherwise there are other suggestions on my new extra website which will also give another sermon on a different aspect of Easter for reflection.

Please ensure that you type **fathergreg.online** into your address bar (very top of page) and not through google or any other search engine. Hope this all helps at this rather extraordinary Easter time.

Fr. Greg 9 /4 /2020

EASTER SERMON: (not in person but with you in spirit – FG)

Where do we live? Victoria! Yes, we live in a state of excitement much of the time when things are normal. We compete with the other states in Australia to host: ‘the Grand Prix’, Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne Cup, Australian Open, Golf, Overseas Entertainers.....We want the fun, thrills, business income, exposure. Certain event junkies and so called ‘Melbourne Socialites’ can always be seen on TV or in the columns (with their photos) of the city newspapers the following days!!



However, on the other hand Easter is that ‘rare festival’ in our calendar that is usually not about thrills, nor does it leave us cold, as it has the potential to refocus our attention on life- enhancing possibilities and on core values.

The women who rushed to the tomb of Jesus did not go for ‘the excitement’ – they were grieving – they went out of love.

The two disciples running across the cemetery did not race each other for the thrill of the competition, but out of hope, because this particular dawn was in fact the dawning of new possibilities of faith for them and for all humankind. Love-Faith- Hope came together in one person: the risen Jesus.

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Can we in our age believe in, commit ourselves to, and be witnesses to this same event: The Resurrection of God’s own Son! Maybe we can? **Let us look then at what Easter could mean, and seek an answer.** Easter informs us of who we are, and why we are who we

are. In this story our very identity is revealed, we discover in our isolation, darkness and fear, the possibilities of a community of light and promise, even on this earth. Easter reminds us that we are never quite defeated, never quite finished, even when we feel entombed, there is always room for hope. **Easter encourages us to look at the potential of every dawn.** Hence, we bury the failures of our past, anticipate the possibilities of the new, and begin again. Easter implies that there is a spark of new life in the old me, in even old ways of making sense of life: and we need not to be paralysed by our fear of change, the future, our inner anxieties. **Easter is the WORD that tells the world we need more joy, more reconciliation, more light,** because Christ has accomplished what we all desire.....and that there is still more to come.

Jesus is that word of hope when we need a fresh start; the word of energy when we are fatigued, overpowered, or losing our vision. Easter is that word of encouragement when we fear taking those tentative new steps, and not go back into old patterns of behaviour which lead us into darkness and dead ends.

Jesus is the one that leads us towards new patterns of relating, thinking and or behaving that leads to life. “I am the truth, the way, and the life!” Jesus is that word of power:

God’s power over life and death, our power to see through the darkness and

He has risen as he said he would.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

