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**TIMETABLE OF THE HOLY WEEK 2021**

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| **HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April****Lectors** | **9.00 AM MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** |
| **7.00 PM EASTER VIGIL** | **EASTER SUNDAY** | **9.00am Mass** | **10.30am Mass** |
| **Genesis 1.1 – 2.2 & Resp. Psalm**  | Cheryl Juelg | **Lector** | Rob Lyell | Conrad Lobo |
| **Exodus 14:15-15.1 & Resp. Psalm** | Rick Thomas |
| **Isaiah 55:1-11 & Resp. Psalm** | Marylou James |
| **4thRead.Rom 6:3-11 & Resp. Psalm** | Angelina Robinson  |
| **Offertory Procession** | Rick Thomas Marie Thomas | **Offertory Procession** | Chris LyellRob Lyell  | Georgette KheirVolunteer |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio | **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio | Fr Vittorio |
| Marylou James |  | Volunteer | Paula Campbell |
| Marie Thomas |  | Volunteer | Conrad Lobo |
|  | **11.30 PM EASTER VIGIL animated by the Neocatechumenal communities**  |
| **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28th April** | **Divine Mercy Mass 10.30** |

**Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April 2021**

In 2002, Pope John Paul II entrusted the whole world to the Mercy of God; and proclaimed Divine Mercy as the answer to all the world’s problems. Pope John Paul died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, leaving us this beautiful feast day, which is one of the greatest treasures of the Church.

This sacred day, allows the Faithful to obtain a PLENARY indulgence by following three conditions and devotions:

1. Sacramental Confession (within the octave of Divine Mercy)

2. Eucharistic Communion,

3. Prayer for the Intentions of Our Holy Father, the Pope.

These must be done in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin, and take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy. OR, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you); (Note: this plenary indulgence is applicable to the souls in Purgatory).

**GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING OUR MASSES**

Following a 5-day ‘circuit - breaker’ period of lockdown, Victoria is now returning to the “COVID Safe Summer” phase, with some small areas of note.

Essentially for our Church:

* + - * We can have up to 100 at Mass and masks are needed indoors, and outdoors when people cannot maintain 1.5m physical distancing.
* Masses are resumed accordingly to our safe plan COVID-19.
* In any event we will need new attendance rolls to be completed in the Narthex in the usual way.
* The celebration on Zoom is terminated unless further notice will be announced.

Collection bowls are located in the main aisle for the Thanksgiving collection and the Presbytery collection. Thank you to all who have helped financially over this difficult year.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 29/03/2021 – $425.25**

**Loose Money: 29/03/2021 – $200.95**

**Once again thank you for your generosity. My dear Parishioner**

**Please return your Project Compassion boxes.**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**HAPPY EASTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMMENSOLI AND FR VITTORIO**

I would like to join the archbishop with these beautiful greetings: happy Easter Friends in Christ. Happy Easter in the name of Jesus, the risen one.

Happy Easter, friends!

In our time of COVID and the struggles that we’ve been having over this last year, there is so much that we need in terms of what the Lord offers us in his death and resurrection. The gift of his peace; the gift of his life; the gift of his love. And in making that offering we share in those such that in the midst of our own struggles the Lord comes to us just as he came to Mary Magdalen on the day of the resurrection.

We have the Lord who has offered himself, sacrificed himself, so that we might have life in him. And in the image you might pick out a number of other faces – face of all sorts of people because all of us come under the love of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

So may that love and the peace that Jesus offers in his resurrection be with you and your families this year and may you all come to appreciate that you too–and all of us–come under the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who gives his life to us.

Indeed, Happy Easter!

**EASTER SUNDAY -Reflection on the Gospel John 20: 1-9**

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Joe Harb, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi, Gemma Foster, Victoria Foster; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison,; Rosa Maria Santos,Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Connie Kilpatrick, Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, Vince Giglio, John Rivalland,Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez,Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Marie Rivalland; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.