

IF CHRIST IS NOT RISEN, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death, a "proof" of his divinity.

Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

It is clear from the Gospel accounts that the Risen Jesus is the same person who died on the cross. It is equally clear that he is so different that his followers have difficulty in recognising him. In various post-resurrection scenes he does not even look the same. For Jesus now has the face of Everyone.

He is known and recognised only by faith. The basis of that faith is the fact of the empty tomb and the extraordinary transformation of the disciples. They were not expecting to see their Master again. At the time of his arrest and execution, they had fled in all directions. They were terrified and in hiding.

When they finally did realise that he was still with them, even if in a very different way, they were transformed from fearful people to a group overcome with joy and enthusiasm and afraid of nothing. They were now ready to endure what their Master had gone through, to give their lives for Truth and Love, and many of them did so.

Peter in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the mandate that follows from the resurrection. He and his fellow disciples are to proclaim the Good News about the Risen Jesus. The Jesus who will give new life to every single person who accepts him as Lord, who accepts him as the Way, Truth and Life. Peter and his fellow disciples are called "apostles", people sent out on a mission, "ambassadors for Christ", Paul calls them.

We, too, share that mission. We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We are also meant to be his living ambassadors. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them.

The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them.

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ST OLIVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday 8.45 am & 10.30 am

Wednesday 9.15 am

Thursday 7.00 pm

You can register through the parish website <https://stolivers.org.au/>
 & Click "Join Sunday Mass"

Confessions Saturday 10 —10.30 am (*Held outside at back of church between church and presbytery*)

Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)

Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7-8 pm Parish Centre (<i>starting after Easter</i>) (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.30 am Meeting Room (<i>starting after Easter</i>)
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (<i>last Thursday of the month</i>)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
 6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

EASTER SUNDAY - 3/4 APRIL 2021

- Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.
- Response to the Psalm:** **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Rhodora Dagondon
- Anniversaries:** Angelo & Pasqualina Frattasio
- Those who are ill:** Gina, Scerri, Maria Coreno, Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy, Eileen Squires, Lamberto Cruz, Vicenta Santos

10/11 April	
READERS:	
Sat 6 pm	L. Teoh [L], M. Lynch [R]
Sun 8.45 am	F. Minutolo
10.30 am	S. Bennardo [L], R. Polastri [R]
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	
Sat 6 pm	P. Saliba
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo
10.30 am	A. Cocomello

Office is closed until Tuesday the 13th of April 2021

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EASTER MESSAGE

Dear sisters and brothers,

Jesus Christ is truly risen Alleluia Alleluia!

We wish you every blessing for this special time in St Oliver Plunkett.

The entire nation was in lockdown during Holy Week and Easter Season last year. We are very blessed to have this celebration this year together with our brothers and sisters at St Oliver Plunkett.

As we know, the Easter is the central to who we are as disciples of Christ and what we do to bring about the Kingdom of God. The way we gather for liturgy and other events has been slightly changed as a result of the pandemic and, like so many others, we have had to pivot to continue the spiritual and pastoral presence required in our parish communities. Even so, we acknowledge and are very grateful for all the volunteers who helped our parish community in so many ways.

Our prayer will be that we will continue to find new ways of being church and proclaiming the Good News.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Fr Michael Kong



Thank you!



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Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr Michael. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this challenging time.

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Please visit our website for the newest update from the Archdiocese regarding liturgical guidelines: <https://stolivers.org.au/>