

Monty & Eltham

The Catholic Parishes of
St Francis Xavier & Our Lady Help of Christians



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Kulin Nation.

Join Fr Terry for the celebration Mass on Sunday morning at 10:30am.
Search MONTYELTHAMEASTER! in YouTube for details.

Spread the word!

This online Easter Mass is organised by Richard Jupp, Suzanne Agius and Liturgy Team.



Happy Easter.



This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community. For more information visit www.sfxmonty.org

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all



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Let us pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith ...

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Don Edmond

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Baby Kylie, Sriyani Algama, Nikki Attwood, Justine Best, Kristina Brazaitis, Daniel Brewis, Desmond Deehan, Renee Eastwood, Debbie Edgley, Marilyn Fairbank, Julian Forrester, Gennie Hannon, Samuel Hauser (Kyabram), Colleen Hussin, Jim Hussin, Tina Inserra, Adrian Jones, Patsy Leed, Pat Longton, Erin McLindon, Hasti Momeni, Therese Moore, Patricia Mulholland, Montagna Mustica, Graham Neal, Geoffrey Nyssen, Mercy Oson, Ron Pfeil, Susan Phelan, Andrew Pighin, Terry Said, Anthony Salvatore, Mary Salvatore, Maria Schroeders, Jeanette Steward, John Tobin, Aldo Viapiana, Sheryn Zurzolo.

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Baby Harriet Banks, Jon D'Cruz, Ruth Decker, Fay Dobson, Jeanette Jenkins, Maureen Jenkins, Baby Finley McPartlin, Simone Owen, Jo Porter, Paul Rushbrook, Pam Watson.

To include an anniversary please contact Parish House
9435 2178 or eltham@cam.org.au.

LIVE MASSES - STREAMING

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

melbournecatholic.org.au/mass

Sun 11am; Mon - Fri 1pm; Sat 8am



Pope Francis, The Vatican

<http://catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Easter Vigil, Channel 2, 2:30pm Easter Sunday

Fr Kevin Dillon, St Simon the Apostle

youtube.com/channel/UCjLZo7MgGsrEDToBDzqxQ

John Petrus, Sacred Heart Mission

<https://www.shscparish.org.au/>

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 10:30am Monty ~ Terry
1/2 hr prior to any mass said by Michael

Collections last weekend: 4 & 5 April 2020

Community	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
Eltham		
Montmorency	\$150.00	\$280.00

Please note the above figures are monies banked & do not include visa/mastercard or direct debits.
Thank you so much for your contributions.



An Easter Reflection

In the doom and gloom of these coronavirus days, even months, our hearts are heavy as we come to Easter Sunday this year. It's hard to feel much, if any, joy in the Easter Gospel Story of Jesus risen from the dead.

The coronavirus has made so many of us worried and anxious. Loss of income, even loss of jobs and how we will pay the bills, and for how long will we have to endure all these restrictions, are questions we face. Many of us worry about infection from the virus, not only for ourselves but for those we love.

Many of us find filling in time so difficult. Even shopping becomes an outing to relieve some of the boredom. And the shopping is different and it's expensive. Ironically, in the supermarket closest to me, Easter eggs are practically the only item on special!

For those of us who live alone, and I never thought I would say this, thank goodness for technology. Imagine what it would be like without mobile phones and computers.

For those who work in the health industry, you have our support and gratitude.

For students, these are unsettling times, as you face uncertainty about your education and your future. We, your families and teachers, so want to support you.

Yes, there are many questions and although there are some windows into a new way of seeing and living life more reflectively, prayerfully and compassionately, we carry much gloom and doom as we come to this Easter.

We think back on our Easter Gospel. Mary of Magdala, and the other Mary were instructed to go and tell the brothers (apostles) that they must leave for Galilee and that he would see them there.

Well, what happened? Yes they were to see the Risen Jesus, but were they filled with joy? Looking at all four Gospel narratives of the appearances of the Risen Jesus, it would seem the apostles and the disciples, were fearful.

In John's Gospel we are told the disciples stayed locked up in a room fearful of going out because they could die like Jesus.

How poignant for us staying in home isolation for fear of contracting the virus.

For the apostles and the disciples, coming to terms with the Resurrection of Jesus took time to unfold. They had to deal with their fears and uncertainties before they could eventually leave their locked doors and with the Spirit of God upon them give witness to the Risen Christ in the streets of life.

And it's true for us that we have to deal with our fears and uncertainties before we too feel and know the joy of Easter. We too, with the Spirit of God upon us, are to witness the Risen Christ as we leave our locked doors for the streets of life.

Let me conclude this Easter Reflection with some words from Fr Mauro-Giuse, Abbot General of the Cistercian Order, translated from French into English, speaking about the virus and the test it imposes on us, he says: *'Everything depends on the love with which we live it and it is above all what Christ comes to give us and awaken in us by his presence. Any test passes sooner or later, but if we live it with love, the wound that the test opens in our life will remain open, as on the resurrected body, as a source of ever-gushing compassion.'*

Easter Blessings to you all and may we all witness the Risen Christ with a deepening and ever-gushing compassion.

Terry