



Second Sunday of Easter - Year A - 16th April 2023

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Monday— Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months noticed required

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am
 Saturday 9.00am

Weekend

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am
 Polish 9.00am
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm
 Sunday 9:00am

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. To report issues and concerns, contact: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This Week: First Reading: [Acts 2:42-47](#) Second Reading: [1 Pt 1:3-9](#) Gospel: [Jn 20:19-31](#)
Next Week: First Reading: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#) Second Reading: [1 Pt 1:17-21](#) Gospel: [Lk 24:13-35](#)

REFLECTION

From celebrating Easter to living Easter!

Two great Easter stories in the Word of God today:

‘Curious’ Thomas (I think the term ‘doubting’ Thomas does him a disservice) wants to experience the Risen Christ more. And the earliest Christians are committed to their community life and the wellbeing of those around them.

As Jesus became like us, may we now become like Him! For “He is risen!” ... and, having celebrated that, they are changed!

An example: Speaking of the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian in the early second century, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them:

“These Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who would hurt them. If people have something, they give that freely to anyone who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take that person into their homes and treat them as a brother or sister. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give those people what they need. If it is possible, they bail them out. If one of them is poor and there isn’t enough food to go around, they fast several days to give their food to the other person. We are dealing with a new kind of person: there is something divine in them!”

Now is the time for those good intentions we made during Lent to become new realities in our lives. Now that we have celebrated Easter it is time to put them into practice! We have seven weeks ahead of ‘Easter Season’ to build that Easter spirit, hope and action into our lives. Blessings for continuing Easter-ing!!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Slavko Bezjak

ANNIVERSARIES: Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Mary Jane & Joseph Cefai, Filomena Dias, Anne Wall, Joseph Grech, Peter Fernandes, Benedicta Fernandes, Albin Pereira, Robert Pereira, Estafania Baracho, Ursula Aruliah, Carasala & Lazaramma, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Jamie Portelli, Maria Attard, Leonila Due, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn, Andrew, Doris, Joseph & Vincent Mifsud, Theresa & Bill Saliba, Neil Snooks, Pero Kilsanin, Joe Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'Souza, Angela Xuereb, Joanne Martin, Colin Clance, Joyce Borg, Clarrie James, Fred, Mazarena & Saviour Anastasi, Josephine Darmanin, Carmenu Falzon, Leli Bujega, Charlie Camilleri, Golu Piscopo, Michael Sandam, Frank Camilleri, Lureta, Gorg, Freddu, Anglu Camilleri, Luca Papic, Antonia Demecoli, Josephine Bugeja, Vincent Cutajar.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

The past week since Easter Sunday is rated as the most important week in the Church's year as we have continued to celebrate the experience of the New Life that Jesus resurrection has brought. A few more Easter stories from the Gospels may help in your Easter reflection and prayer:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Mary stayed outside near the tomb, weeping. She turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognise him. Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She knew him then.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [21:1-14]

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by then and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord'.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [16:9-15]

Having risen in the morning on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary of Magdala. She then went to those who had been his companions and told them. After this, he showed himself under another form to two of them as they were on their way into the country.



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Tuesday 9 May and Wednesday 14 June
10:30am

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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. Mary MacKillop 15th. Jan. 1872