

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in

heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

- **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

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.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel : Jn 20:19-31



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Easter Sunday 6.30am	Easter Sunday 9.00am	Easter Vigil 6.30pm	Easter Sunday 10.30am
	WEEKDAY			Easter Sunday 9.00am	Good Friday Service 3.00pm

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Jesus is Risen Halleluia!

We are so accustomed to hearing of Jesus risen from the dead that we could say, “Oh yea... we know all about it” and miss the grace of this holy season of Easter. But think about it, Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. It is only the door to beyond. Let us not allow the resurrection of Jesus to have to fight for room in our lives; let Jesus' death and resurrection be the center of our lives.

We had been waiting for this moment for thousands of years. The Old Testament shows us that history was working out God's plan but the highpoint in God's plan for us was the resurrection. Easter is the greatest celebration of the Church. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us than meets the eye, that we have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God. What is our purpose of life? What is our goal in life? Where is our heart in life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the next life, and if we are not preparing for our own resurrection we are like a train that has become derailed. What happens to a train that gets derailed? It goes nowhere. We have a wonderful future ahead of us. We will be resurrected like Jesus. Think of the glorious future that awaits each of us. Paul wrote to the Philippians,

“For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.” (Phil 3:20)

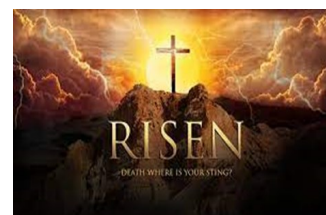
Just think of it, we will be transformed to become glorious like Jesus. Do we live like someone who believes in such a glorious future? If we do, surely everything in this world takes on a new perspective, so that, we do not become possessed by our possessions. And since we will be transfigured, will be glorious like the risen Jesus. John, in his first letter says something similar,

“My dear people, we are already children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.” (1 John 3:2)

When we are baptized we are adopted by God as his very own sons and daughters. In the same letter John says,

“Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are”(1 John 3:1). God has adopted us as his sons or daughters. Let us thank God for this most wonderful privilege and lead our lives as people of resurrection.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Maria Donker, Len Bennet, Luke Matanovic, Edward Sherry, Abraham Schellenbach, Anne Johnson, Willy Magnus, Jim McCart, Toos Kuyper.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Campion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Project Compassion donations

Kindly remember to bring the project compassion donation boxes and envelopes to the church, when you come for Easter mass. May the risen Lord bless you for your generosity

Easter Sunday

4th April 2021

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives.

You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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St Joseph Prayer



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans
to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring

for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,

and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan
and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams
and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity

as you lived in the family

of Nazareth in daily communion

with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned

the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom

to support their children and to guide them

in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent

and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness
and reverence for all your creation.

We learn from him to approach others justly
and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed

with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another

and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,
pray for us.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

1. Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15-minute visit and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
2. **People must carry a fitted face covering at all times.** Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors (except in particular circumstances, note above), but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
3. Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
4. We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 100 people Emerald - 60 people
Monbulk - 80 people Gembrook - 60 people

Dear parishioners

Wish you a Happy Easter! May the blessings of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your families today and always.

Fr. Anthony Cruz



First Friday & Saturday devotions Suspended

Dear parishioners due to the Paschal Triduum [Easter Triduum or Holy Triduum (Latin: *Triduum Sacrum*) is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday] the first Friday and Saturday devotions are suspended.

Easter Dawn Mass Only

Due to the Paschal Triduum we will not have Saturday vigil mass at St Joseph's Emerald instead we will have Easter dawn mass on 4th April at 6.30am

Need More Volunteers

We need more helping hands for registering the names and contact numbers for the purpose of contact tracing during the Liturgical celebrations of **Holy Triduum**.

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Holy Week Program

Thursday of the Lord's Supper—1st April

7.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave — Washing of the Feet and Eucharist.

8.30 pm Solemn Reservation. Adoration.

Good Friday - 2nd April:

10.00am. The Stations of the cross at Sumava Czech Centre, Locks Way, Belgrave South.

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night —Saturday

3rd April: 6.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Blessing of the Fire. followed by the vigil Mass.

Sunday of the Resurrection — Easter Sunday 4th April:

6.30am -St. Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Blessing of the Fire, Holy Eucharist.

Please note also.... that breakfast will be served after the Easter Dawn Mass at St. Joseph's church. All welcome. (**Depend on the Pandemic restrictions**)

9.00am - Holy Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook.

9.00am—Holy Eucharist St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

10.30am—Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

Divine Mercy Sunday (Novena) at St. Thomas More Church Belgrave

Dear parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday this year falls on 11th April. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday 2nd of April.

Flyers for Novena and Chaplet available in the Foyer
Confession heard on Saturday 9.30am—10.30am, and on the Divine Mercy morning 8.30am—10.00am (by a visiting priest)