

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon Lk 24:34; cf. Rv 1:6

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

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

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.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud

with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

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

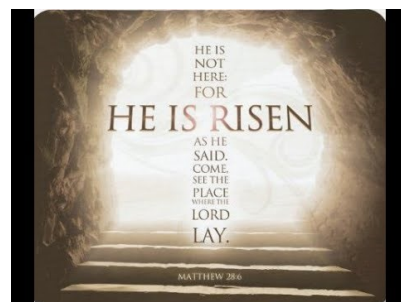
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

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 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

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 17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 9th April, 2023

RESURRECTION PRAYER

Most merciful Father, we commend our departed into your hands. We are filled with the sure hope that our departed will rise again on the Last Day with all who have died in Christ. We thank you for all the good things you have given during our departed's earthly life.

O Father, in Your great mercy, accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise may be opened for Your servant. In our turn, may we too be comforted by the word of faith until we greet Christ in glory and are united with You and our departed.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

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.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 — Month of April

For a culture of peace and non-violence- We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2023>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to natural calamities (Turkey and Syria) and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Laurie Webber, Betty Cuttriss, Margaret Meerabach, Arie de Wit, Frank Collins, Teresa Fitzmaurice, Jim McCart, Abraham Schellenbach, Toos Kuyper, Rosemary Fidge, Zdena Simek, Nick Thomas, Aida Parente, Joanne Sauer, Lee Walsh, Jim Aitken, Joe & Giuseppina Lamendola.

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: Pope Francis, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Aliyah Lawless, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

Need your support for St. Vincent de Paul Society Belgrave

St. Thomas More's Vincent de Paul committee members need more food and food items to distribute for needy people in our community. The donation box is placed in the St. Thomas More's church foyer.



"Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:"

Our Candlelight Vigil will continue this year on the **first Wednesday of the month** commencing at 7 pm in the St. Thomas More's church chapel.

- 7.00 pm Mass
- 7.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7.45 pm Rosary
- 8.05 pm Benediction
- 8.10 pm Finish.



Please join us for any of the above to pray especially to the end of the War in Ukraine and for peace in the world.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment
- Executive Support Officer
- Senior Creatives Officer

Catholic Development Fund

- Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee

Other Positions

- Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

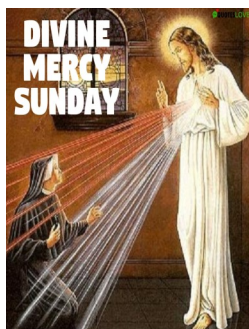
Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at

hadmin@cam.org.au

Divine Mercy Sunday — 16th April at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Cruz

- 7.45 am — 8.45am — Reconciliation. (Two Priests are available)
- Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image at 9.00 am followed by the Holy Mass
- Exposition of the blessed sacrament
- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Rosary
- Reposition of the blessed sacrament



(When leaving the church, please venerate the Divine Mercy image).

- ***The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday.***

A very big thankyou to everyone who attended the Working Bee last Saturday and all the work completed off the prepared list. Work was completed both inside the church and on the outside as we continue cut back overgrown foliage to find little treasure planted in the past by parishioners.

Everyone had fun and worked together sharing the different jobs according to the degree of difficulty.

Grateful thanks to all.

thank you

Maureen and Patrick Coyne

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

“Live Your Best Life in Love”



Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details.

Date: 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Easter Sunday - 9th April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Holy Land collection - Good Friday April 7th, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Waverley NSW

Name of Account: Holy Land Commissariat

BSB / Account Number: 062 267 / 1001 4847

Your Reference: Diocese + suburb/town (+ postcode) + parish name as per the Catholic Directory, using abbreviations if necessary. e.g. W'gong Dioc; Campbelltown {2560}, St John. Hobart A/ dioc; West Tamar Parish, St Francis.

Please notify the details of your electronic transfer to

admin@franciscans.org.au

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