

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Acts of the Apostles 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

**Colossians 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 Corinthians 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 John 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 Corinthians 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 Sunday Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel John 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](http://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	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk
		Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Main Road	17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	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 31st March, 2024**

### **‘The Dawning Light of the Resurrection’: Archbishop Comensoli's Easter message**

In his message for Easter this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli asks us to reflect on the experience of the disciples between the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. 'It would have been darkness for them; a questioning of everything they had come to know and had hoped for,' he says.

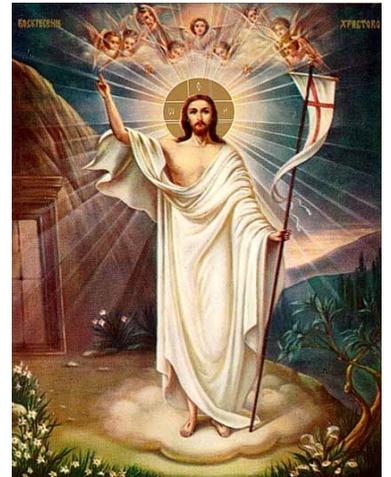
But God did not want the disciples to drift into oblivion, the Archbishop reminds us. 'God shook them into a new creation that would change them and everything for all time ...

'Because, at Easter, life had found a way.'

Please visit the link below:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-dawning-light-of-the-resurrection-archbishop-comensolis-easter-message>

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



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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. May their souls rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries:**

Rev. Salvatore (Sam ) Dimattina , Rev. John Tollan. Maria Donker, Len Bennet, Luke Matanovic, Edward Sherry, Abraham Schellenbach, Anne Johnson, Willy Magnus, Jim McCart, Toos Kuyper.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Vinesh Prasad, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, 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, 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.**

### **Reading Roster - 31st March**

**David Paton & Helen Garrick**

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

### **Parish office notice**

Fr. Cruz will not be available from 2nd April to 26th April. All the weekend masses will be taken cared by the Salesian priests. The daily morning mass will be resumed on 27th April.

The next Candlelight Vigil Mass (First Wednesday ) will be held in May.

The parish office will be closed on 2nd and 3rd April.

## **A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...**

**“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”**

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

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details**

**Date: 12-14 April, 2024** in Melbourne

**BOOK NOW**

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

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



## **Easter Sunday**

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. 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 2024 Lenten appeal.**

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



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- theirs...and yours**

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Come to Palms' Discovery information session at Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April . Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard.

**Venue:** Sacred Heart PRIMARY School

**Address:** 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh

**Date:** Monday 22nd April 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm

**02 9560 5333**

**palms@palms.org.au**



## What is Easter Sunday?

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important day in history.

The whole world changed on Easter Sunday. It was an earth-shattering, life changing, historic event, and the ultimate proof that Jesus truly is God. Catholics have been celebrating Easter Sunday for over 2,000 years.

## How to Celebrate Easter

Easter is not just a one-day celebration; it's an entire season! The time of celebration begins on Easter Sunday and goes all the way through to Pentecost. As Catholics, the one thing we do more than anything else is celebrate. We celebrate life, death, new life, and eternal life. We celebrate education, innovation, discovery, love, truth, beauty, goodness, forgiveness, reconciliation, unity, family, and new life. We are a people of celebration. And here's the thing—you become what you celebrate. If you celebrate death and destruction, you will become death and destruction. If you celebrate life and creativity, you will become life and creativity. The church's constant invitation is to celebrate the right things with great vigor, enthusiasm, and regularly. There are many ways to celebrate Easter. The world celebrates with chocolate eggs, the Easter Bunny, and parties. While Catholics might join in on these festivities, that's not where the celebration ends. First and foremost, Catholics celebrate Easter by attending Mass on Easter Sunday or the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Another great way to celebrate is to read the accounts of the Resurrection in the Gospels and spend time in prayer, meditating on the scenes. How would you respond to the empty tomb? Who's the first person you would tell? Third, reflect on how God is inviting you to bring new life into your relationships, your faith, and your community this Easter Season.

## A Prayer for Easter Sunday

What is it in your life that needs to be resurrected this Easter? Perhaps it's a relationship, maybe it's your personal finances, perhaps it's your health, or maybe it's your career or spirituality. Bring it all to Jesus in prayer on Easter and you'll be amazed at how he fills you with new life!

Jesus,

Unleash the power of the Resurrection in my life today. Resurrect the area of my life that needs it today. Help me to stop resisting your grace, stay out of your way, and let you work in me and through me in whatever ways you want. Jesus, you have conquered death and hatred with love. Teach me to do the same in some small way in my own life. Give me the courage to love when I feel rejected, ignored, unappreciated, forgotten, and taken for granted.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you. I pray I never let a day pass without these words crossing my lips. Jesus, on this Easter we pray for all those who have lost faith in you, and for anyone who has never encountered you in a way that allowed them to embrace you.

May the power of your Resurrection reignite faith in my life, in the lives of all those I love, and in the lives of the entire Church.

Amen.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/holy-week.html>

## Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April

Jesus asked St Faustina that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would **begin on Good Friday, 14 April 2017.**

JESUS HIMSELF disclosed the following intentions to pray for on each day of the Novena.

**DAY 1 (Good Friday)** - All mankind, especially sinners

**DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)** - The souls of priests and religious

**DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)** - All devout and faithful souls

**DAY 4 (Easter Monday)** - Those who do not believe in Jesus & those who do not know Him

**DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday)** - The souls of separated brethren

**DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday)** - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

**DAY 7 (Easter Thursday)** - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

**DAY 8 (Easter Friday)** - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

**DAY 9 (Easter Saturday)** - The souls who have become lukewarm.

**The novena sheets/ prayer cards are available in the St. Thomas More church foyer.**

<https://centrefordivinemercy.org/9-day-novena>

