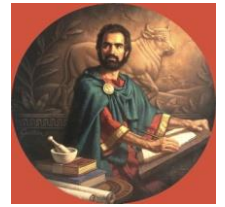


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2018 SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

This week's readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Gospel Mark 16:1-7

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene: Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved: In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Different View – An empty tomb? There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: 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.

Response to the Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

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.

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We are Companions on the Journey ...

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Marilyn Robert
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Thursday & Friday
9.30am – 4.30pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am
Weds. – Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is
exposed for Adoration

Wednesday

Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).

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Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal
by his preaching and writings the mystery of
your love for the poor, grant that those who
already glory in your name may persevere
as one heart and one soul and that all
nations may merit to see your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen!

Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons,
students and butchers.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace. Parishioners may like to remember their loved ones in this way by contacting the Parish Office leading up to the person's anniversary and requesting that their loved ones' names be included and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass accompanied by the usual stipend envelope that is on the notice table.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Easter Time. Octave of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday next weekend. Sunday Masses: Preface of Easter I. Euch. Accl. No. 2 & Eucharistic Prayer III. We thank Fr. Jim Staunton P.E. for joining us and praying with us during this Holy Week.

EASTER TIME (SPIRITUAL) EXERCISES: Weekday Mass, Holy Hour each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm, returning Project Compassion Boxes a.s.a.p., the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) – available twice a week and continuing to learn by heart the (new) Mass responses. **Sing ALLELUIA!** St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'. GIRM 39

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the pews as usual.

THANKYOU: As this is my first Easter in Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, may I take this opportunity to express my genuine gratitude to you – one and all Parishioners for your welcome, hospitality and regular prayerful company. As you can imagine, the Holy Week Ceremonies just don't happen; they require lots of planning, preparation, execution and tidying up after each ceremony. To all those involved – I thank you and the Parish does too for enabling us all to prayerfully enter into the movement(s) of this week of weeks and especially the journey of the Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. May your Easter be a blessed one and you may like to ponder quietly sometime during this coming week: *Does your heart burn within you as we walk along ...?* Fr Gerard P.P.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES can be returned a.s.a.p. please.

THE 6PM CHOIR will lead the singing on Saturday 6 pm Sunday Vigil Mass 14th April & 28th April.

A VOCATION VIEW: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ. (Psalm 118)

THANKYOU TO THE TEACHER who is making herself available to meet regularly with Parents and children (*who are not in our Primary School*) to prepare them for the Sacraments of Initiation this year.

PARISH CARE GROUP: Let's get together to discuss where to from here, who will lead and what can we manage these days with the support that is available.

WHERE: Presbytery - **WHEN:** 15th April 2018 - **TIME:** After 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS IS BACK! Do you shop at Coles? If you do **this is another way to support our Parish Primary School.** Please deposit your "Schools voucher" in the box provided on the notice table in our foyer.

PARISH AUTUMN GARDEN WORKING BEE: Organised for Saturday April 27th from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** – BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED? After Mass most times in our Church People like to spend some further time in prayer, yet others like to catch up and chat. Do you think those who want to chat could withdraw to the Church foyer to do so, enabling those who want to stay and pray to do so in the quiet of the Church? *A both/and – or, a win/win for all ...*

A CHANGE IN PRACTICE: Some People have made it known that they are finding not having the Prayers & Responses on the screens in our Church to prompt them a challenge. *When was the last time you required prompt cards to have a conversation with a member of your family or with God?* The Prayers and Responses are much the same each week so remembering them ought be second nature; this exercise in memory may prove to be more beneficial than some people realise, for the Celebration of Mass is all about remembering; *"Do this in remembrance of me,"* Jesus says (Luke 22:19).

THE YEAR OF YOUTH 2018: Young People, Faith and Vocational discernment. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details regarding separate standing invitations to Young Women and Young Men.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am.** Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing lmf@cam.org.au Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

7 AND 8 APRIL 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Debbie Brown

14 AND 15 APRIL 2018

Monica Hodder
Engelina Nyhuis
Elizabeth Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

7 AND 8 APRIL 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Ken D'Souza
	10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon

14 AND 15 APRIL 2018

Bernie Brennan
Godfrey Thong
Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

7 AND 8 APRIL 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly

14 AND 15 APRIL 2018

Lorraine Kermond
Don McKenzie
Pam & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

7 AND 8 APRIL 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Mary White
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

14 AND 15 APRIL 2018

David Prabha
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

7 APRIL 2018

- Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

14 APRIL 2018

Team 3 (Maree's Team)
Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,
Rita Gibb & Nancy Stephen

MAINTENANCE

14 APRIL 2018

Team 7
(Steve Brennan, George
Brodawka, Bernard O'Malley)

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Principal Tina Apostolopoulos warmly invites all past staff and students of Our Lady of Sion College to attend an afternoon of reunion and reminiscing. Catch up with colleagues and friends, enjoy a tour of the College to see what has changed and enjoy afternoon tea with musical entertainment from our award-winning ensembles.

What: Welcome Back to Sion Day; **When:** Saturday 19 May 2018, 2.00 – 4.30 pm; **RSVP:** For catering purposes please RSVP at www.trybooking.com/335414

Contact: For all queries, please contact Robyn at paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au
We look forward to welcoming you back to Sion.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER: 88TH Annual Mission Concert – 2.00pm Sunday 15th April 2018. St Peter Claver Hall – 154 Cotham Road Kew. Please see parish noticeboard for more details.

'VINCENT PALLOTTI: POWERED BY INFINITE LOVE' will be performed at Hennessy Hall, 5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley on 4th and 5th of May, 2018. Our aim is for the show to touch the lives of as many people as possible by having a large audience. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

POPE FRANCIS 2018 EASTER MESSAGE, SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER: Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday that comes after the full moon subsequent to 21st March of every year. This is known as Easter Sunday and the Friday preceding it is Good Friday. People attend Good Friday to honour the crucifixion of Jesus Christ while Easter Sunday is celebrated to mark the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Celebrations include a Church Mass followed by the traditional Easter festive meal. Easter is associated with giving and gift-exchanging forms an integral aspect of the celebrations with Easter eggs and bunnies featuring in a large way in the gift giving. Eggs are colored in varied hues and made in differing sizes to perk the interests of the recipients alongside chocolate bunnies. Sometimes plastic eggs are filled with edible goodies and this acts as a surprise gift in place of the usual chocolate Easter egg. Easter gift hampers or baskets which have fruits, dry fruits, candies, cookies and dark chocolate varieties can be included and for those wanting to go the non-traditional way, small pieces of jewelry, perfume samples etc can also form a part of it. The simplest form of exchanging Easter gifts is through Easter cards. Varied cards having heart touching Easter messages are available in the market and these can be sent to family or friends. You can lend the personal touch to all gifts by including your handwritten message or a family photo.

Many fun games related to the Easter theme are organized on this festive occasion. You can obtain ideas for these from the internet which have several interesting and fun-filled games for kids and adults alike. Egg race, Counting the eggs, Fruit basket game are just to name a few of them. Interactive indoor games such as decorating the Easter egg-drawing, Easter bingo can be devised for those who do not want to move outdoors.

Summarizing: Easter is the time to make your family and friends know how special they are in your life. So, make the most of this opportunity!

<https://christmas-new-year-quotes.com/pope-francis-easter-message-2018/>

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, & Rosters**

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Pastoral Council &

Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Whitehorse Deanery

Finance Council

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Marilyn Robert – 9877 2292

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Judy Noy – 9894 1506

Church Sacristan

Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers

Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance

Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

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to the housebound

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Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

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Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

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Parish School

Parents' Association

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Society

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:

Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?