



Easter Vigil, Year B

30TH March 2024

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-22

Psalm 103(104) :1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age. You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains.

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You make springs gush forth in the valleys: they flow in between the hills. On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing their song.

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

From your dwelling you water the hills; earth drinks its fill of your gift. You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve man's needs

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How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. Bless the Lord, my soul!

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2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

Keep me safe, Oh God, you are my hope.

3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1

4th Reading: Canticle: Exodus 15

5th Reading Isaiah 54:5-14

Epistle Romans 6:3-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord

ROSTER: Celebrate: Fr Peter Carrucan;
Readers: Liz, Rajiv, Sebastien, Trevor,
Imelda ; MOC: Trevor

Please remember our deceased brothers and sisters, and Percy Cerejo whose anniversary occurs at this time.

If you would like the name of a loved one who is recently deceased or whose

anniversary of death included in the newsletter, please email the office.

NOTICES:

A big thank you to all who have helped over the Lenten season and the Triduum. Special thanks to those who decorated the church and organised all that goes with it. Thank you also to Fr Peter Carrucan for all he has done, by God's grace, for St Augustine's.

Congratulations and Welcome to Grant Goddard as he enters the church today through the sacrament of Baptism, and receives First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Thank you to Fr Peter and Sr Mary Scanlon for their amazing work as catechists at St Augustine's.

Closure: Unfortunately, the church will be closed this Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April, due to urgent church maintenance on the roof and internal drainpipes. Sorry for any inconvenience but we need to get this work completed before the Autumn and Winter rain.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd at 1.05pm. Confessions available on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

BIG THANK YOU to Christine, our faithful parish secretary, who has quietly been in the background ensuring that everything was in place for the Easter Ceremonies.

Christ is Risen,

Truly, He is Risen!

***Wishing all a happy and Blessed
Easter.***