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Easter Sunday

Year B

31st March 2024

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During these last 40 days we have been walking with Jesus as he made his way to Jerusalem, the place of his passion and death. Along the way, there were people who responded positively to his presence. Notable among them was Nicodemus. Others, like some of the Jewish leaders, responded negatively. They needed to be rid of him because he was too challenging for them.



Encountering Jesus does not leave us indifferent. His words and actions are bound to have an impact on us. Thankfully, if we are open to his grace, it will be a positive impact, and will leave a mark on us.

Who knows what went through the mind of his friends as they saw him being scourged, made to carry the cross, crucified and dying! Surely, they would have been devastated, and maybe some, like Peter who disowned him, would have added guilt to their troubled mind. Why wasn't I there for him? Why did I abandon him?

And then, as the sun began to rise on the first day of the week, Jesus was not to be found in the tomb. This first evidence of his resurrection was followed by encounters... with Mary Magdalen, the Emmaus disciples, the apostles in the upper room, to whom he showed the marks of the passion. His appearance was first received with unbelief. How can this be? And afterwards, great joy! The joy of the resurrection! For with Jesus, death is vanquished.

May the resurrection of Jesus bring joy to our life. We need to witness that joy to our beautiful but also troubled world.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

May the Risen Lord bless you.

Fr Silvio

Weekday Masses

Monday 1st

10.00 am

7.30pm

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Polish Mission

Vietnamese Mass

Tuesday 2nd

9.15 am

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Mass

Wednesday 3rd

9.15 am

6.30 pm

7.00 pm

Wednesday in the Octave Easter

Mass

Novena, Rosary followed by

Mass

Thursday 4th

9.15 am

Thursday in the Octave Easter

Mass

Friday 5th

9.15 am

9.45 am

Friday in the Octave Easter

Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30pm and

8.00pm Neo-Catechumenal (Pioneers Hall)

Sunday - 8.30am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am,

12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.

2nd Sunday of the Month 2.00pm (Samoan)

except in November and at Easter time.

Reconciliation

Wednesday Evening - 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Saturday - 11.00am to 12 noon (at the Presbytery)

and 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

Baptisms

By Appointment Only.

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am.



Easter Sunday

Reflect today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of



our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

My resurrected Lord, Your sacred body and soul are forever united as one in a new and glorified state. You now invite all of us to share in Your suffering and death in this life so that we can share in Your Resurrection. Please fill my mind with understanding of this gift in order to fill me with hope so that I will work tirelessly for that day on which I hope to share in Your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in You.

Last Weekends Thanksgiving \$3,595.90



Thank you

Thank you to all those who donated the amount of \$660.00 towards the Easter Flowers, and to the Polish Community for their donation of \$390.00. The total is \$1,050.00.

ALPHA Series

The Alpha series provides an opportunity for individuals to explore their faith in a different way. It reinforces the power of God's unconditional mercy and love and by sharing their journey with others, participants have the opportunity to deepen their faith and love for Jesus.

We are planning to run another ALPHA course this year in our Parish and are looking to start the series mid April. The series goes for about 11 weeks and will once again be face to face. This year the Alpha series has new Australian Street Talks and a new interactive format with discussion questions and breaks throughout each episode.

If you think that you would be interested in being a part of this series, please email Amanda at brownieab75@gmail.com or call her on 0438 514 304.



MY SHOESWALK A MILE IN

Nowadays youth are finding it more difficult to relate with others - in fact the rate of depressed young ones is on the increase. Finding people who try to understand your situation and struggle in life is important as it helps your mental wellbeing.

Preca Community are having a Youth Retreat event for young people 13 years and older on Saturday 6th of April between 10am to 4pm.

The Theme of the retreat is 'Walk a Mile In My Shoes', where we discover we are not alone in life as we try to find our purpose and meaning in life.

Location: Preca Centre 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans.

The day will include: Guest speakers, group discussions, prayer and reflection time, work shops, testimonials, lucky door prizes, BBQ lunch and more. Refer to the flyer on the church notice board for registration. Scan the QC Code or use the link provided or call Phuong on 0434 728 620.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes.



ATTENTION SAMOAN COMMUNITY

Please note that the Divine Mercy Mass for Sunday, 7 April had been **cancelled**.



DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Feast Day is being celebrated on 7 April at :

Resurrection Parish, 51 Gum Road, Kings Park; and

St Catherine of Siena,

28 College Street, Caroline Springs

More information is on the notice board.



First Friday Adoration

Friday 5th April 2024

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by adoration
9.45am - 10.30am



You are invited to spend some time in prayer with Jesus.



Sr Lorraine provided the following link to make you aware of the latest Augustinian Sisters bulletin.

https://www.asjmoz.org/mission-news-feb_mar2024.html



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

The Society is please to share with you their Newsletter called LINK. You will find a copy in the church foyer. Alternatively go to the Society's website: paulistmissionaries.org/australia/ and scroll down to the menu at the bottom of the page.

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April Movie – Friday 12th April

Come along for an evening of faith, fun and friendship.

Our next Movie night will be on Friday 12th of April at 7pm in the **SCHOOL STAFF ROOM**. Please enter via small gate on Willey Street.



The movie for April is called "Jackson's Run"

Jackson Stone is a reckless and troubled teen who rejects faith and the church as he blames God for everything bad in his life. At home, his seemingly uncaring parents ignore him, at school he's an outcast, and his only friend, Gunner, continues to pull him deeper and

deeper into the abyss of trouble on the streets. Jackson struggles to come to terms with his fear of death, and his own mortality as he fights a life threatening illness. After a brush with the law, Jackson is sentenced to community service and placed under the watchful eye of Russell Tecumseh, a tough, streetwise pastor who operates a local homeless shelter. While at the shelter, Jackson forges an unlikely friendship with Nathan, a destitute homeless veteran, and as their friendship something neither have truly experienced - friendship. As Jackson progresses towards faith, he begins to transform from a street hoodlum to a responsible young man, but his fragile faith is rocked when Nathan reveals a shocking secret from his past. Jackson suddenly finds himself at a crossroads, and now must choose between what's easy and what's right as his own destiny hangs in the balance. Jackson's Run is a family friendly, faith-based, "Rites-of-Passage" story that explores life, death, suffering, and God's purpose in it.

Easter Sunday - 31 March

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Saturday 6.30pm: Camilleri & Cutajar Families, Joe Pulis, Louis Xuereb, Stellini & Xuereb Families, Family Bugeja, Antonia Zammit, Tenaglia & Borrelli Family - Joe & Mary Porter, Porter, Fleri, Falzon and Micallef families, Louis & Theresa Galea, Michael Angelo & Rita Gatt, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, Gregory & Joe Pace, Victor, Carmelo & Maria Galea & Family, Carmelo, Rita, Loreto & Damien Grech, Xuereb Family, Grech Family & Special Intentions, Sam Xiberras, Carmelo Mercieca & Grech Family, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, Angelo & Maria Camilleri, Julie Camilleri, Guzeppi & Zarenu Farrugia, All Souls

Sunday 8.30am: Buttigieg & Irons Families, Joseph Sultana, Jerry Sultana, Chris Said & Family, Phillips Family, Borg Family, Oreste Farrugia, Sam, Jane & Nina Zammit, Francesco & Virginia Care, Salvatore & Domenico Monteleone - Laurie Haber, John Muscat, Vernon Browne, Emanuel Spiteri, Rita Cini, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, All Souls

Sunday 11.00am: Rosario Manariti, Maria Grima, Golina & Frank Cini, Michael, Saminu, Wenzu, Joe & Maria Cini, Pace Family, Wistin Dingli & Family, Hili Family - Spiteri & Mercieca Families, Pauline Debrincat, Tony Micallef, Paul Cutajar, Joseph Grech, John & Nina Sultana, Rita Trost, Catherine Wicker, Josephine Borg, Antonia Lawrence & Joe Sultana & Family, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Gregory & Joe Pace, Emmanuel Piscopo & Family, Fred Xiberras, Joseph Vella, John & Geswalda Borg, All Souls

Sunday 7.00pm: - Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, All Souls

Anniversary: Rita Buhagiar

Recently Deceased: Mark Duggan

Sick: Elli Riikonen, Bertti Riikonen, Clementina Leong, Kim Borg, Theresa Vella

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LITURGY OF THE WORD - Easter Sunday

First Reading:

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

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

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31