EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

HOLY TRINITY PARISH - 31 March 2024

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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R, v, 24

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

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (*R*.)

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Second Reading Col 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

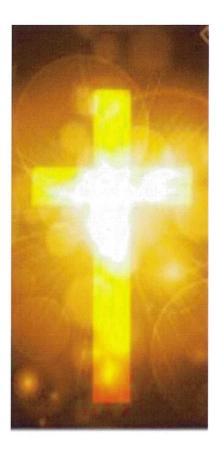
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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. (R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Easter blessings to all our dear parishioners and friends

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 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.

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Oueenscliff We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the

Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

PASTORAL TEAM

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

OCEAN GROVE: QUEENSCLIFF:

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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Please visit our website for all information: https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Anniversaries 31st March to 6th April: David Wood, Bill Whybrow, Bernard Mithen, Maris Leahy, Eileen Murphy, Emanuele. Gozzo, Sam Bonacci, Maria Trimarrche, Rocco Trimarrche, Immacolata Romeo, Carmel Romeo, Teresa Romeo and Domenico Romeo.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 7th April at 9:00am:

(C) Liz Frazer (L) Geraldine Rainey (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy, David O'Connor (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 7th April at 11:00am:

(C) Michael Scott (L) Bel Campbell (SM) Terry Philp (W) Welcomer required

COUNTERS: Tuesday 2nd April at 10:00am:

Sam Sammut and Emanuel Baglileri.

..... ** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/ We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The parish office will be closed from 12:00pm on Thursday 28th March and will reopen at 10:00am on Tuesday 2nd April.

Fr Darien will be away from the parish the week following Holy Week – from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April (inclusive). Please contact the parish office for all matters.

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in Corio: Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be held at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Corio on Sunday 7th April. 2:00pm Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet. 3:00pm Holy Mass. 4:00pm Veneration of Relics. Confessions available from 2:00pm -4:30pm. For more information, contact corio@cam.org.au / 03 4212 0791.

Project Compassion: please continue to donate to Project Compassion.

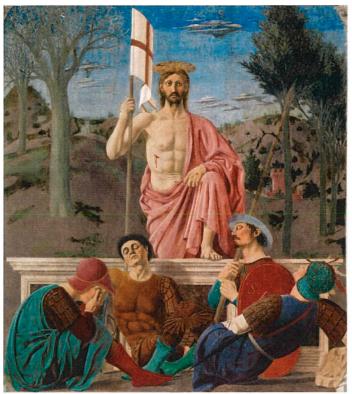
Ladies Social Group: lunch on Wednesday 3rd April at 12-noon at Clifton Springs Golf Club. To book please contact Julie on 0411 578 285. Everyone is welcome.

Morning Tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads: Thursday 4th April at 10:30am. All welcome.

We wish the principals, staff, students & families a happy and restful Easter and school holiday break.

Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use - please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

We wish our wonderful Parish community a great Eastertide. Please keep well and safe.



Piero della Francesca, Fresco 1460s, Public Domain

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 1st April – MONDAY within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday 2nd April – TUESDAY within the Octave of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 3rd April – WEDNESDAY within the Octave of Easter 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 4th April – THURSDAY within the Octave of Easter 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 5th April – FRIDAY within the Octave of Easter 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 6th April – SATURDAY within the Octave of Easter Sunday 7th April – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or of Divine Mercy)

** YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY **

- 1. If an emergency occurs near you, please raise your hand or stand up and speak out to alert the Emergency Wardens. Directions as to what to do next will then be given and assistance rendered.
- 2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest.

Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.

3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

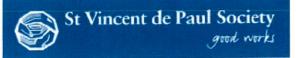
Thank you, OH&S Committee.



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