

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord 3rd - 4th April 2021, Year B

The First Reading: Acts 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

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

Second Reading: 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.

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: 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.

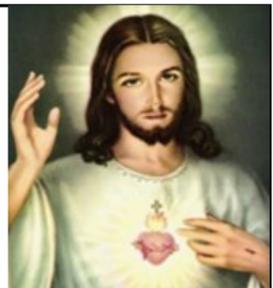
**HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**



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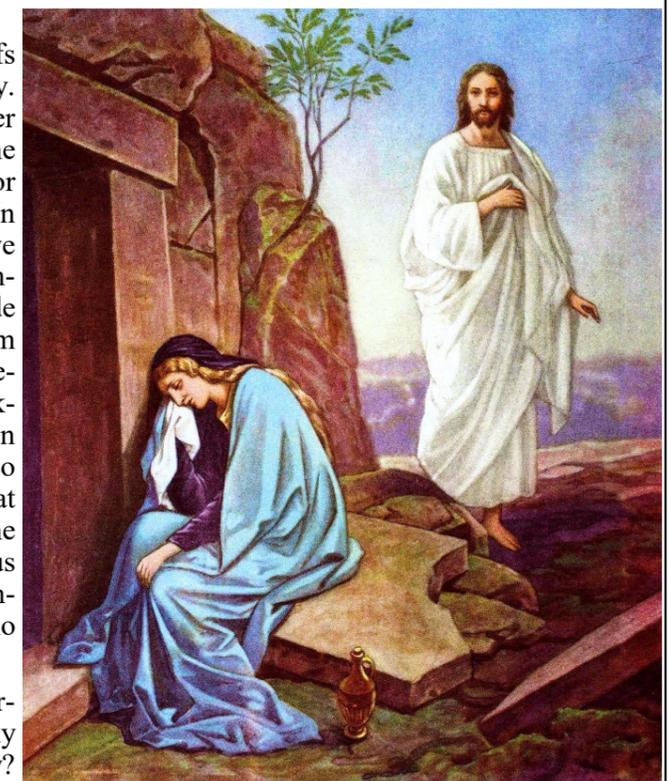
Joy of Eternal Life in the Risen Lord

Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before the dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing — the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. Who would she follow now? So her lament to the disciples was: They've taken my Lord from the grave and we don't know where they have put him. Her lament could express the experience that many Christians are living through today: What have they done with the Risen Jesus? Where have they put him — the Lord in whom we believe: is it a Christ full of the promise of life or a Jesus whose memory keeps fading little by little in our hearts?

We don't need scientific proofs in order to believe more firmly. To experience the joy of Easter it's not enough to turn to the magisterium of the Church, or to study theological books. In order to meet the Risen One we need above all to journey within. If we don't meet him inside ourselves, we won't meet him anywhere. Later, John describes Mary going about looking for information. But when she does see Jesus, she's so blinded by grief and tears that she does not recognise him; she thinks he's the gardener. Jesus just asks her a question: Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?

Maybe we too need to ask ourselves something similar: Why is our faith so sad and low-key? What are Christians today looking for? What do we yearn for? Are we going around looking for a Jesus that we need in order to feel full of life in our communities? When Mary doesn't recognise Jesus, he calls her by her name, with the same tenderness in his voice as when they were walking through Galilee: Mary!. She turns around quickly: Rabbuni! Master!

Mary meets the Risen One when she feels herself personally called by him. That's the core of resurrection faith. Jesus shows himself full of life to us when we feel ourselves called by our own name and we hear the invitation that he makes to each one of us. That's when our faith grows. Our faith in the living Christ won't be revived only by the Easter accounts alone. We won't properly meet him if we don't seek a living, personal contact with him. A combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)
Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment
Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

Easter Message from Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

Dear brothers and sisters!

On behalf of Sacred Heart Parish Community we wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Let us take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your ongoing care and support for our parish, especially throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and throughout Holy Week.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your families and continue to protect you.

Fr Aloysius SVD, Fr Gilbert SVD, Fr Trinold SVD, Deacon Hai SVD and Parish staff.



Dates to Remember

Sunday 11th April: Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am & 6pm



Sacred Heart Primary School 2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make.

Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

On Live TV on Channel 44 (31)

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31)

Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Last Week's Collection: 28/03/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1408.00

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$710.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3dnjx9x> where you can listen anytime!

Easter Message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Happy Easter, friends!

In our time of COVID and the struggles that we've been having over this last year, there is so much that we need in terms of what the Lord offers us in his death and resurrection. The gift of his peace; the gift of his life; the gift of his love. And in making that offering we share in those such that in the midst of our own struggles the Lord comes to us just as he came to Mary Magdalen on the day of the resurrection.

Here is an artwork by a Hong Kongese artist and it captures for me much of what it is that we celebrate at Easter. We have the Lord who has offered himself, sacrificed himself, so that we might have life in him. And in the image you might pick out a number of other faces – face of all sorts of people because all of us come under the love of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

So may that love and the peace that Jesus offers in his resurrection be with you and your families this year and may you all come to appreciate that you too – and all of us – come under the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who gives his life to us.

Indeed, Happy Easter!



Volunteers for Holy Week Masses

A very big thank you to all readers and ministers who volunteered their time during Holy Week Services.

It was much appreciated!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Thank you!

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend

Couples from regional areas may find the virtual Weekend option ideal.

Next On-line weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021.**

Next Residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021.**

Information/Bookings

Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

Roster for weekend of 10th - 11th April 2021

	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Catherine Zanatta
Sunday 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Robert Dullard

WE PRAY FOR:
 The elderly and the sick
 Anthony, Peter Bourke, John Plum
 Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph,
 Ray Mc Veigh and Bronislawa Slobodzian

We Commemorate
 Leo and Teresa Howard

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.




2021 Chrism Mass: Anointed and Sent

Hundreds gathered on Tuesday evening at St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is traditionally held during Holy Week and is a significant moment in the life of the local church.

At the Mass, the people of God come together as priests renew their priestly promises and the local bishop blesses and consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. These oils are then distributed and used in every parish in the archdiocese, signifying the Lord's healing presence and the life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit among the people.

'To my sisters and brothers in the domestic priesthood of Baptism, might each of you find yourselves directed to this calling at home, among your neighbours, and in society. The sacred oils to be blessed and consecrated this evening point to the sacrificial love for others which is the calling of all God's faithful ...

'You, too, have been anointed and sent for this mission within the domestic settings you find yourselves. It is yours to live.'



'Gifts Differing Understanding Your Personality Type'

Saturday 17th April 2021, 10am-3pm.

This reflection day explores the Myers Briggs personality types, and how these influence our communication, relationships and spiritual life. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Facilitated by Peter Malone, msc at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60.

Book and pay via website at www.heartoflife.melbourne
 Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 10th April 2021

Cory and Volunteer
 Thank you for your help!

