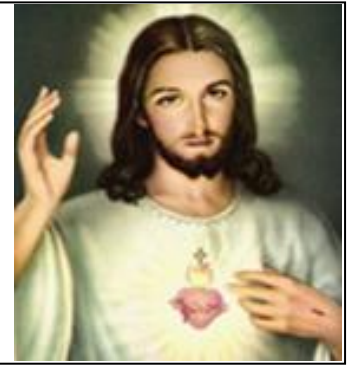




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Saturday: 6:00pm

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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 5 May

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Easter Vigil

Saturday 16 April 2022

Easter Message from Fr Aloysius

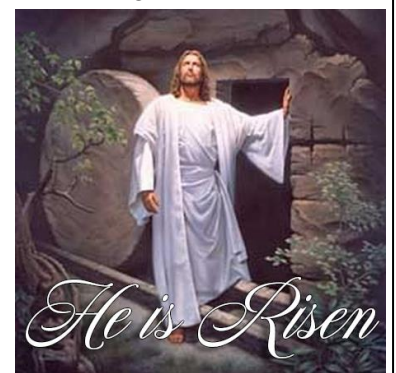
Dear friends,

Happy Easter to you all. And let me extend my warm welcome to any visitors who came to celebrate the Easter liturgies with us. This is the third Easter celebrated under the great distress of Covid-19 pandemic. Living daily life, under the threat of the pandemic, is definitely very challenging. We have to get used to a new life style of the on again and off again lockdowns, keeping 1.5m social distance, facemasks, hand sanitizers, QR Code, and so on. The widespread of the pandemic has claimed many lives too. Probably among them are our family members, friends, and relatives. I have lost a number of good friends in Hong Kong and Indonesia. Due to travel restrictions, I was not able to attend the funeral of my younger sister, Bergita, who passed away in November 2021. Adding to our miseries, our common home remains far from a dream peaceful home. Wars undermine peace and harmony between nations. The climate change has been blamed for many natural calamities. It claims many lives and displaces many people. The flock of migrants and refugees becomes an unavoidable problem.

However, the celebration of the Easter, in the midst of these sad realities, continues to offer us strength, hope and confidence. It deepens our faith that Jesus is truly risen, and having conquered death, invites us to share in His risen life. The Good News of Easter that every Good Friday in our lives can be transformed into an Easter Sunday. No pain, no sorrow, not even death itself, can defeat us. All is made new in the risen Christ. He Himself tells us that 'unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit' (Jn.12:24). Moreover, as we celebrate Easter, it offers us an opportunity to receive a deeper share in His gift of peace: "Peace be with you" the Risen Lord says to each of us. I pray that you receive the blessings of His peace, a peace the world cannot give. I believe a true peace doesn't mean the absence of war, pandemic or climate change. It is about how we live our lives with a full confidence that God never abandons us regardless the situation we are going through. Let us praise Him for His love endures for ever.

In the spirit of Easter, let me take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your generous support and care for our parish, especially throughout Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including the Masses on Easter Sunday! This includes welcomers, readers, altar preparers, servers, extraordinary ministers of Communion, cleaners and all who helped in the preparations for the Easter liturgies. A special word of thanks to the musicians and singers for your hours of preparation and the sharing of your gifts and talents. My heartfelt thank also goes to Fr Albano who has led the Italian Community in our Parish with a shepherd's heart. Last but not least, a special word of acknowledgement to Rachel Costa, our parish secretary, and Pauline O'Day who have helped in the preparation of the Easter Liturgies. I pray that the Risen Lord may impart His special blessings on you and your loved ones. May His love, healing power, joy and peace dwell in your heart and His divine power protects you. Once again happy Easter and please remember:

The Lord is truly risen. Alleluia, alleluia!



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.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
16-April 7:30pm Holy Sat Vigil	volunteers	Terry Murphy
23-Apr-22	Rohan Lemos John Kmaid	Mary Harb
30-Apr-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
24-Apr-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
01-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard
24-Apr-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
01-May-22	Robert Dullard Volunteer	Margaret Bannan

Cleaning Roster:

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

We Commemorate

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



HAPPY EASTER

BUONA PASQUA-Italian

CÁISC SHONA DUIT-Irish

SRETAN USKRS-Croatian

UNARUTHANA SHUBHAKANSHALU-Telugu

PASCA PARAB-Hindi

ISTARAPARVANAH SUBHECCHAH-Sanskrit

WESOTEGO ALLELUJA-Polish

EL MASEEH QAM-Arabic

MANUIA LE ASO TOE SOFUA MAI-Samoan

ÓFA KEMOU MAÚ HA TOCUÚ FIÉFIÁ-Tongan

CHÚC MỪNG PHUC SINH-Vietnamese

MALIGAYANG PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY- Filipino



L-GHID IT-TAJJEB-Maltese

FELICES PASCUAS-Spanish

JOYEUSES PÂQUES-French

FROHE OSTERN-German

BOA PÁSCOA-Portuguese

FÙHUÓJIÉ KUÀILÈ-Mandarin

Last Week's Collection: 10/4/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1095

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$785

Thank you for your kind generosity!



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANC.



The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and the cross: it is taking responsibility for others. Indeed, Christ took on himself our evil, sin and death. In this way he freed us. His peace is not the fruit of some compromise, but rather is born of self-giving.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The message of this Sunday's Eco Gospel invites us to look at Jesus in his self-emptying and self-giving to the extent of death on the cross, and from there to situate ourselves in our role and place in the world. We have been called to be stewards of the common home, but this does not mean supplanting the Creator. To intervene indiscriminately in the created world is a temptation to "want to be like God". Laudato Si' will tell us: "We are not God. The earth was here before us, and it has been given to us." (LS 67).

Altering the existing harmony in our world will take a heavy toll that we may never be able to pay. While we must assume our role as stewards of the common home, we cannot take advantage of it and destroy what has been given to us.

With our intelligence, wisdom, and heart we must give ourselves and serve the flourishing of all forms of life. This requires inner freedom, otherwise, it is difficult to overcome the voracity that ruins the world. God gives us inner freedom.

If we allow Him to dwell in us, we will be able to go beyond mere "administration"; we will contemplate our world with a grateful attitude and praise our Creator who lives among us and in what surrounds us (cf. LS 225). (Sr Gladys De la Cruz Castañón HCJC: Laudato Si' Movement)

The Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle wishes you a blessed and joy filled Easter. Christ is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia!



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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EASTER VIGIL

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night.' Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven.' Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let

them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

Psalm

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

RESPONSE

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

SECOND READING

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Canticle

Exodus 15

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

THIRD READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,

a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,

those unknown will come hurrying to you,

for the sake of the Lord your God,

of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord
who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return
without watering the earth, making it yield
and giving growth to provide seed for the
sower and bread for the eating, so the
word that goes from my mouth does not
return to me empty, without carrying out
my will and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.

Canticle

Isaiah 12

*You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FOURTH READING 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 any more. 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.

Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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.’

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first
sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with
the spices they had prepared. They found
that the stone had been rolled away from
the tomb, but on entering discovered that
the body of the Lord Jesus was not there.
As they stood there not knowing what to
think, two men in brilliant clothes
suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified,
the women lowered their eyes. But the two
men said to them, ‘Why look among the
dead for someone who is alive? He is not
here; he has risen. Remember what he told
you when he was still in Galilee: that the
Son of Man had to be handed over into the
power of sinful men and be crucified, and
rise again on the third day?’ And they
remembered his words.

When the women returned from the
tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to
all the others. The women were Mary of
Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of
James. The other women with them also
told the apostles, but this story of theirs
seemed pure nonsense, and they did not
believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the
tomb. He bent down and saw the binding
cloths but nothing else; he then went back
home, amazed at what had happened.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the
Paschal Mystery we have been buried with
Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk
with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is
concluded, let us renew the promises of
Holy Baptism, by which we once
renounced Satan and his works and
promised to serve God in the holy
Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us new birth by water and
the Holy Spirit
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our
sins,
keep us by his grace,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for eternal life.

Amen.

