

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118.

RESPONSE:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

1. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures forever'. **R**
2. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds; his right hand is exalted. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds'. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R**
3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 21 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15

Pride is hard to overcome. When a person professes they are right, when in fact they are wrong, and when they are then confronted with their error, the sin of pride will inevitably tempt them to further sin.

Tue 22 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18

Ponder the deep desire in the heart of Jesus that you cling to him with every fibre of your being. He wants to dwell within you, to become one with you, and to transform you in every way.

Wed 23 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35

Spend time with Jesus, immersed in his Word, listening to his voice, so that you will come to believe more fully. Allow his message to burn within you so that you, too, will come to actively follow him.

Thu 24 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48

Allow Jesus to speak to you in the same way that he did to the disciples in today's gospel. Allow him to "open your mind" to understand, so that you may become a "witness" to all he has taught you.

Fri 25 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14

Reflect upon the ways that Jesus comes to you, speaks to you. It's easy to miss his ongoing presence in our lives. Do you recognise him? How do you respond?

Sat 26 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15

Mary Magdalene is the first person to have seen the risen Lord. This should tell us much about how Jesus views a person who has greatly struggled with serious sin but who has overcome it and turned wholeheartedly to God.

Sun 27 Apr 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118; John 20:19-31

"And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here." – St Augustine of Hippo

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

Catholic Link

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord • Year C
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Hope Attained

We journeyed through Lent as Pilgrims of Hope. The great feast of Easter – the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord – is the fulfilment of hope. Indeed, at the deepest theological level, it is the fulfilment of all hopes.

The God of the Bible is the God of hope. God is not the god of the philosophers – Plato's "highest idea" or Aristotle's "unmoved mover" – but the God of the Exodus and of Promise who makes all things new (Revelations 21:5). St Peter in his First Letter 3:15, calls us to be ready to "answer for the hope that is within us", just as St Paul in Acts 23:6 is called to account for his "hope in the resurrection of the dead". Rooted in their Jewish faith, both Peter and Paul understood God as the God of hope who goes before His pilgrim people calling them into untrodden paths. In the English language we do not understand the subtlety of the Hebrew name for God – Yahweh – which has both present and future overtones. Not just "I am who I am" but in a vital sense "I will be who I will be" (Exodus 3:14). In the New Testament, God beckons us to newness of life "in a city which is to come" (Hebrews 13:14) God does not so much "kick-start" us into life from behind but draws us to into life from God's future, which is the goal and end of creation.

Have you ever noticed how much of divine revelation comes in the form of promise? God's words of revelation are consistently

joined to statements of promise. "Do not be afraid, for I will be with you to go before you." (References too many to cite.) How might we understand a promise? Perhaps as a declaration which announces the coming of a reality that does not yet exist. From a faith perspective, that means it is not dependent on possibilities inherent in the present but arises only from that which is possible to the God of the promise. Put simply, it arises from trust in the faithfulness of God. God is forever reminding his people in the Bible how he had been true to His promises. To paraphrase, God might say, "I fulfilled such-and-such a promise in the past. What makes you think I cannot do so again?" So, to be clear, our faith is not so much in the promises, as in the God of promises.

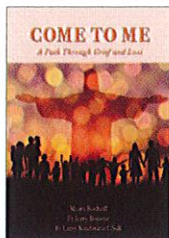
The Feast of the Resurrection, we said, is the fulfilment of every human hope. It is the guarantee that death is not and never will be the last word. God raised his Beloved Son to life, and God raises us, too, in Him. If the resurrection is the fulfilment of hope, it is also the source of our ongoing hope as we continue the pilgrimage of life. It inspires the blossoming of love in marriage, it empowers the sacrifice of love in humble service of others, it heals the wounds of love from broken relationships, and it smooths the paths of love in working for peace in a fractured world. Resurrection is for which we hope (future), and *through* which we hope (present). Happy Easter!



Resurrection of Christ and women at the tomb by Fra Angelico

Taken from Jesus' words, "Come to me all who labour and are burdened...", this book echoes the intimate and encouraging invitation of Jesus to go to him with our burdens.

Moira Boshoff, from her years of experience in care ministry, helps us to name our pains, and Father Jerry Browne's reflections bring us closer to the Jesus who stretches out his hand of invitation. The book also involves readers in the process of reflection by bringing their own experience to bear on the various issues presented.



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St Patrick's Parish: Mass Times	Tues 09h30	Wed No mass	Thurs 17h30	Fri 08h00	Sat 08h00 17h00	Sun 07h30 10h00 17h00	Confessions Thurs 17h00 Sat 08h30
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Holy Week and Easter			
Saturday 19 April	Holy Saturday	17h00	Easter Vigil
Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord	07h30	Easter Mass
		10h00	Easter Mass
		No Evening Mass	

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Easter Sunday

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Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

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." Mark 16

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

We thank everyone who contributed to our preparations for Holy Week and Easter – giving palm branches, making the crosses, the flowers; the choir and band; sacristans; servers and all who helped in any way. God bless you all.

Next **Sunday 27 April** is the Second Sunday of Easter, the Feast of the **Divine Mercy**. Remember that your Easter Confession covers the Divine Mercy Feast.



There will be a **second collection** this coming weekend 26 and 27 April for the upkeep of our parish.

The ladies' craft group thanks you all for your support last weekend. Everything was sold and orders were taken. Congratulations to those who worked so hard to make this possible.