

EASTER SUNDAY.

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

RESPONSE: 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.'

Response.

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

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

Response.

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

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

Response.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE – read by the reader.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



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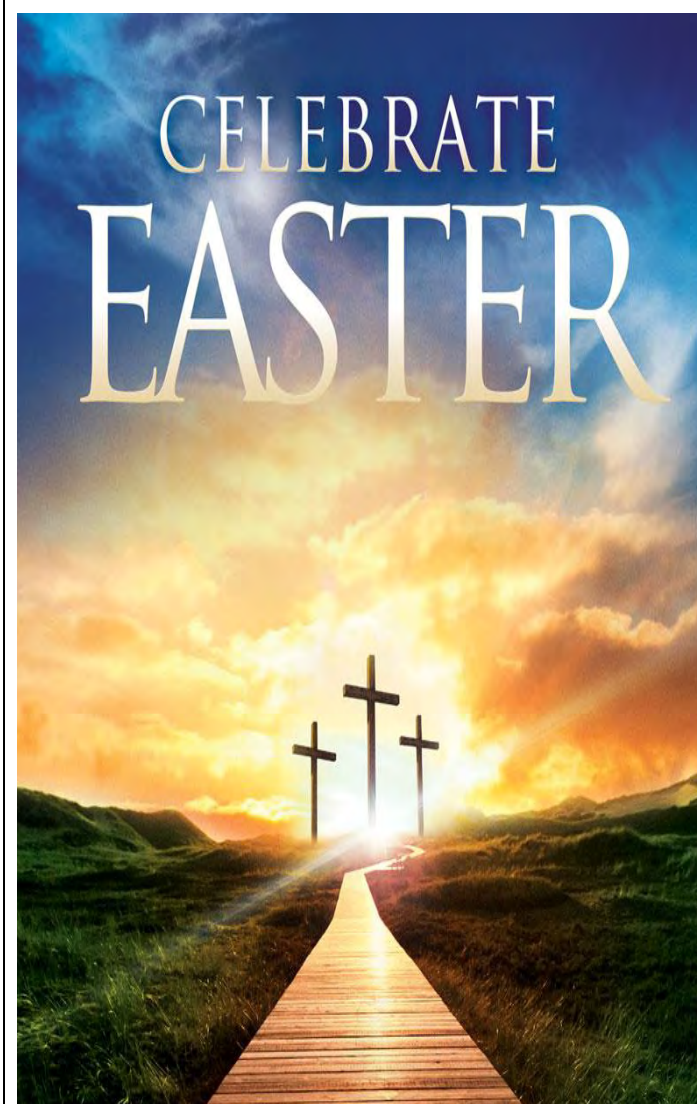
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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30 am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

EASTER MASSES (Year C) 16th / 17th April 2022



EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Readings: Genesis 22:1 - 18
Exodus 14: 15-15:1;
Isaiah 54:5-14
Romans 6:3-11.

1. Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium:
2. Blessing of the Fire, Procession, Exsultet
3. The Liturgy of Word:
Reading / psalms / prayers, Gloria, Homily
4. Baptismal Liturgy:
Litany, Blessing of water, Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Renewal of Baptismal promises
5. The Liturgy of Eucharist:
Preface of Easter 1
(Easter Communicantes)
6. The Concluding Rites: *Dismissal with Alleluia*

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	SATURDAY 6.00 PM	SUNDAY 8.00 AM	SUNDAY 10 AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE DECIDED	NIL	TO BE DECIDED
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER ROBERTO

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish everyone today, a happy and peaceful Easter. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Together with the whole world we sing Alleluia, because we rejoice at the news that Jesus who died on the cross, was buried for three days, has come back to life. Everything that happened on the site of his burial, was the beginning of an explosion of a new and glorious life, the fulfilment of his words: *“The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead.”* (Mark 9:31)

This truth of our faith in the resurrection is not just words that we say to ease the pain and sorrows of this life. We know the problems that are happening in our world. And there have been so many. Apart from the pandemic that struck hard on the world, there have been other terrible ordeals: bushfires, floods, and now we have the war in Ukraine that seems to threaten the whole world with the spectre of a potential third world war. There are other difficulties that have been badly affecting the world, inflation and economic problems, the increasing violence and the erosion of moral values and the abandonment of Christian values and faith. And countries worldwide continue in their unabated quest to build up of their arsenals and armies.

In the midst of these, the Easter message that Christ is risen Alleluia, comes to us today, to remind us that there is hope in God and that His salvation in Christ has already changed the course and destiny of this troubled world; and it is now pointing out a new and bright future.

The Easter message is one of solid hope. And it is the only message that can give us peace in the face of war, hunger, sickness and death. *“For Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us and He is sitting in the place of honour at God’s right hand pleading for us...No, despite all these things (problems) overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us.”* (Rom 8: 34.37)

Because of Easter, this life we know won’t end up in death. Instead, with the power of Jesus Christ and the power of faith, life will be renewed; life will be changed not ended. Easter is what now gives us the impetus and the force to continue the journey in this life even when situations seem hopeless. With God hope can always be found. And so, these words are for you and for me today. Yes, there are troubles, but with Christ we will conquer the world. Christ has conquered it. With him and with faith we can too.

Let us keep living our Christian life close to him and to one another in the faith that binds us together. Faith that was granted to us on the day of our baptism, the sacrament that flowed from the wounded side of the Lord. Let us continue making every effort to remain faithful to the Lord in the middle of growing problems, practising acts of charity, giving examples of Christian living, and spreading the good news in a world which is in so much need of it.

I take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who contributed generously to the liturgies and to all the preparations and the celebrations of our loving community. A small community in number but with a wonderful spirit and heart. This thanks includes to welcomers, readers, altar servers, working bee team, acolytes, wardens, extraordinary ministers, counters, sacristan, altar linen, flower volunteers, volunteers for our Easter Supper, and those who generously brought wonderful food for all to share, our musicians and singers, projectionist; We have so many terrific people!! To our deacon Aruna, our parish secretary, and many more! THANK YOU ALL! Have a very happy and holy Easter with your families and friends.

Blessings, Fr Roberto Castillo



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Carmel Brereton (*parishioner, member of CWL and altar society*) and John Higgins (*who was a faithful acolyte, Parish Council president and parishioner – funeral on Thursday 21st April at 10.30 at St Therese*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially John Merhi Snr, Toufic Merhi, Amira Merhi, Boutros Norman, Kabad Norman, John Merhi and Martha Merhi.



Congratulations at Easter.

We welcome *Xiuchen, Xiuye, and Shuqing Zhang* who all became Catholics this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



NO MORNING MASSES.

During the coming week there will be no Masses on Monday through to Thursday as Fr Roberto will have a few days off.

Blessing of a Home at Easter.

We Catholics use holy water for blessings for 3 main reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil and as a reminder of our baptism. So at Easter it is a good practice to bring home the Holy Water and use it as a symbol of the family’s renewal in Christ especially on Easter Sunday. It is also great to start the day with a blessing with Holy Water and a reminder that we live for Christ. When we walk out of the front door of our homes, we are ready to bring Christ to the world, and we also feel his protection.



The Blessing Prayer

Let us now pray that the Lord will enter our home and bless it with his presence.

May the lord always be here among us, deepen our love for each other, share in our joys and comfort us in our sorrows.

May our home be a place of love, Filled with the goodness of the Lord.

Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday.

Will be celebrated at St. Therese Church Denistone on 24th April from 2pm-4pm including Holy Mass at 3pm. Reconciliation will be available from 2pm.



In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy Jesus has asked us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for 9 days commencing on Good Friday through to Divine Mercy Sunday. Leaflets/ Images with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer will be available on the tables at front and back of the Church.

First Holy Communion dates.

- Parent Information Evening on Wednesday the 4th May at 7.30pm at St Therese, School Hall.
- **First Holy Communion will be on Sunday the 19th June at 11.30am.** So please add these important dates to your dairies.

Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder. Use the QR code below to sign the petition and oppose the change in the laws.



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.

- Truth? What is that? Archbishop reflects on new Pell case book
- America loves Eileen! Devotion to Sydney Servant of God spreads!
 - Mercy that’s Divine
 - We stand with Ukraine!
 - Movie review: *Father Stu*
 - Monica Doumit: Just be there