

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**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!



**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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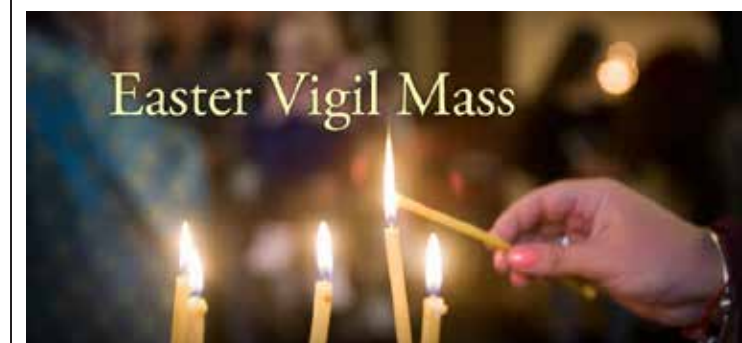
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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.  
MONDAY: 9.30am Communion Service.  
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.  
RECONCILIATION: Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.  
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
Marriage: By appointment.  
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

**EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)  
30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

**Readings:** Genesis 1:1, 26-31;  
Exodus 14: 15-15:1;  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Romans 6:3-11.

**Gospel:** Marck 16: 1-7

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



**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

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	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	TO BE ADVISED	TO BE ADVISED	TO BE ADVISED
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEERS FAMILY
PROJECTION	TO BE ADVISED		TO BE ADVISED
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		LOUISE SPENCER / AMPIE CABANGON
COUNTERS	GROUP 9: VINCE MAMO	CATHERINE MAMO	PATRICIA HO

ALTAR FLOWERS: KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA

APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG



**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.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

**PARISH NOTICES:**

**Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have died recently especially:

**John Seeds.**

We also pray for the departed:

**Sr Fiorentina Ellul, Sr Antonietta,  
Sr Grace and Dario Rumiz.**

And we pray for those who celebrate anniversaries,  
especially: **Neville Braidwood.**

**Easter Vigil Celebration.**

Our community will celebrate the  
Resurrection of the Lord with a catch up  
in the school hall after the Vigil.  
Everyone is welcome to come and  
celebrate together the coming our Lord  
Jesus Christ.



**Blessing of a Home at Easter**

Bottles of Holy Water are available after Mass.

**Please note that it is ONE per family.**

A house blessing at Easter is a special way to stay  
mindful of God's perpetual presence. It is an old  
tradition to have one's home blessed during Easter time.  
This blessing also helps you prepare to celebrate Jesus'  
resurrection and the promise of eternal life after death.  
The family can recite the following prayer whilst  
sprinkling the home with holy water. Use a branch  
blessed on Palm Sunday (or a sprig from the garden) and  
the Holy Water blessed during the Easter Vigil, which  
you can take from the little bottles provided.

Please take one for your family.



**THE BLESSING**

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.**

**Cuppa next weekend**

Next Sunday after the 10am  
Mass our parish will host a  
"cuppa". So, try to come and  
share of coffee with your parish  
friends.



**Project Compassion.**

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**  
Thank you for your continued support through  
Project Compassion. Together, we can help  
vulnerable communities face their challenges today  
and build a better tomorrow, **for all future  
generations.**

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's  
Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.**  
You can donate through Project Compassion  
donation boxes and envelopes from the front foyer.

**Divine Mercy Sunday at St Therese.**

NEXT SUNDAY THE 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024. RECONCILIATION  
2PM TO 2.50PM AND HOLY MASS AT 3 PM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet leaflets and sheets with  
requirements to receive the Gift of Divine Mercy i.e  
the COMPLETE CLEANING of Our Soul like Baptism  
will be left at the entrances of the church.

The Novena of Chaplets to  
the DIVINE MERCY to  
commence on Good Friday.

The special Grace of Divine Mercy  
Sunday is the Removal of all Sins  
and the Punishment or debt of  
those sins. This Grace or Gift is the  
same as a complete renewal of  
Baptismal Grace.

In simple terms the soul of a  
person who receives this Divine  
Mercy Grace would be in a state  
to enter into Heaven at this  
moment. They would not need to  
be purified in Purgatory.



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