

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34, 37-43

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

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

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

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

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
20:1-9

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.



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**Sunday of the RESURRECTION – Year B**

**3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

*Creator God and Lord of Life,  
You call forth  
from the darkness of death  
all those who love You.*

*We rejoice, on this Easter Sunday,  
in the resurrection from the dead  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD Happy Easter! Alleluia! He is Risen!**

The discovery of the empty tomb – although simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, the death and the resurrection of Jesus.

Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope.

It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'.

Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe.

Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 7.00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION – Year B**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**  
**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently*

*Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*



Archbishop Frank Little, Mark Fabian, Matteo Parente, Oscar Santurini, Christopher Betka, Shiela McDonald, Peter Reed, Omar Foda, John Nash.

*The sick:*, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Cosimo Petraceca, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

**WEEKDAY ROSARY** is held on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 8.45am and Fridays during lent, prior to the Stations of the Cross at 10am in the church. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**  
Date: *first Saturday each month; 10.30a.m.*  
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.



Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING:** is on Thursdays between 10am and 12.00pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a chat, play cards or knit. New members welcome.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** there will be no prayer group on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, owing to the Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. A blessed Easter to all.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS.** Will break for the Easter Holidays.

**SJB PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** Entertainment Membership is back. – not sure you'll get your money's worth? Many local businesses such as Rapture, Forage, KFC, McDonalds, Subway, Sushi Hub, Pancake Parlour or Activities at - Knox Leisureworks, Zone Bowling, Bayswater Roller City, Goodlife Health Clubs, Curves, Genesis Health Clubs, Kreationz Cheer and Dance, Cameo Cinemas, Tunzafun, Timezone offer discounts., just to name a few. Every membership sold contributes to our School's fundraising. It's a WIN WIN! More info at the back of the church, or click on this link; <http://www.entbook.com.au/188321n> to join

Dear Friends,  
There is tremendous exuberance in the stories of Jesus's Resurrection. The disciples are seen running from here to there, not quite sure what the Resurrection means, but filled with joy that Jesus is somehow with them again. Such exuberance is what it means to be a disciple today. We are to take our renewed faith to the highways and byways, running with the Good News that the Lord is risen! Although we are tempted to fear what other people might make of our conviction, we must be bold with our proclamation: Do not be afraid. The Lord has risen as he promised. Alleluia!  
I wish to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have contributed to our Holy Week Liturgies, in particular, to our musicians, lecturers, ministers of the Eucharist, those who cut down palms, those who helped adorn our church with flowers and colour, those who assisted with the clean up after each liturgy and helped set up for the next, and to all who have helped out with ushering, and assisting with the Covid-19 protocols. I wish you, and your families, a very happy and holy Easter.  
Fr Thomas

**THE 2021 COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES PARISH RAFFLE IS BACK!!** Tickets are now on sale. Please buy a ticket or maybe take a book home with you to sell to friends and family. We thank everyone for your support. This year all proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be split between the Social Justice Group and the SVDP Group.



**PROJECT COMPASSION Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**  
Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal. PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** or you can donate directly via the website at: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion or call: 1800 024 413

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

*Congratulations...*



**We offer our sincere congratulations to Michelle Sidwell** who was formally received into the Church this weekend, though the Sacrament of Confirmation, at the Easter Vigil. The Church of God welcomes you with great joy! Please join in congratulating our newly confirmed member.

**PLEASE NOTE**, there will be no Mass on Tuesday evening. Also, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April will be a Communion Service, instead of Mass.

**EASTER GREETINGS,**  
We are truly blessed that we can celebrate Easter within our church communities this year, and then continue celebrations with our families, even though we still have some rules to abide by. Easter in itself is a blessing for 'He has Risen' and may the resurrection of Jesus Christ bring us closer to the new life Christ wishes for all of us. May your Easter be filled with peace, joy and blessings. Mary M

**HEART OF LIFE** is offering a Reflection Day entitled: **'Gifts Differing - Understanding Your Personality Type'**, on **Saturday 17 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 [heartoflife.melbourne](http://heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**ROSTERS: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Mar to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret H, Judy G
<b>Linen</b>	Laurel S
<b>Holy Thur</b>	8.00pm Myra & Priya (registration)
<b>Good Fri</b>	3.00pm Myra, Priya & Gordon (register)
<b>Sat Vigil</b>	8.00pm Myra & Help needed
<b>Lectors</b>	8pm Vigil: Rosina L, Janet R & Pamela 9am: Caroline Q & Gordon 11am: Trish McGee
<b>Counters</b>	George & Genevieve, Bindy M.
<b>Gardening</b>	Patrick S & Harry R