

## 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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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year C

17<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

*God our Father,  
as we celebrate the great mystery  
of our faith,  
You invite us, with Jesus,  
in Word and Sacrament,  
to share the joy of His resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE WORD...

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

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

**FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE** Tell three people about the importance of buying only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and beyond. Try some and tell them how good it tastes. Look for this symbol:



*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

**GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm

**WILLOWBROOK MASS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

**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](mailto:office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au)**

#### WEDDINGS:

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

## Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord Year C 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

### PRAYING FOR...

*All who have died recently:*

Terry Potter

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Pat Bathgate, Sinforoso Oracion, Leo Williamson, Linda Lawson, Joseph Starrs, Giuseppe Lotrionte.

**The sick:** Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, 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

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

### GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.  
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING:** There will be **no Friendship Group on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of April**, we will resume on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Please Note: There will be no Prayer Group on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We will resume at 10am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP.** Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** The Parish office will be **closed in the week after Easter, Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, re-opening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am. The Parish Staff wish you a very Happy Easter.

**NEW LECTOR'S ROSTER** a NEW lector's roster is being prepared. If any existing rostered lector is unavailable or would like to request a change, please contact the Parish Office.



**A MESSAGE FROM FR THOMAS:** Easter is a time for new beginnings. It's a time for fresh starts. Easter leads us out of our old sinful ways of slavery to the world and into the freedom of God's children through renewal and personal growth, just as God led the Israelites out of slavery and into freedom. From the moment the Easter Candle is lit, we are invited to follow God's call to leave our old demons behind and walk through the waters of change to embrace a joy-filled, loving way of life. Let us not allow the burdens of the past to prevent us from embracing the future. Because it seeks to change our hearts, Easter lacks the worldly allure and outward display of Christmas. The Easter Candle encourages us to reconsider ourselves, our lifestyles, and how we perceive and treat others. Easter invites us to abandon our arrogance in favour of humility, to abandon our selfishness in favour of charity, to abandon our rage and hatred in favour of love and tolerance. During this Easter season, let us keep our hearts open to God's grace so that we can live in the light of the Easter flame rather than the darkness of this world. May the Easter flame light our way this year, drawing us closer to Christ Jesus and everyone we meet.

Dear friends, during this joyous Easter season, I, the Parish Priest, would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your various forms of support. I want to wish you and your family a very happy Easter! When you come before the Lord, please remember to pray for our parish, myself, and our staff. Please know that we will pray for you, your family, and your intentions. May the Lord, who has risen, bless you and your families now and forever.

God's blessings this Easter and throughout the year.  
Lovingly,  
Fr. Thomas Kuruvila  
Parish Priest.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN CAMILLE** for completing her reception into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday! The Church of God Welcomes you with great joy!

**FUNERAL SERVICE**– The Funeral for the late **Terry Potter** will be celebrated at Heritage & Heritage 733 Boronia Rd, Wantirna, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 10am. It will also be livestreamed via the Heritage Funeral Website. Enquiries PH: 9800 3000

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Thank you to all those who have already returned their Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. If you were unable to return them at the Holy Thursday Mass, please drop them in to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



**MASS TIMES over Easter Break.**  
**THERE WILL BE NO MASS from TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL -THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL.** Normal Mass times will resume on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.

**ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH** will be held in the Quarry Park, Quarry Road, FTG on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April Arrival at the Quarry at 5:45 am - 7:30 am. Parking in nearby streets is limited and it is suggested that those attending should park in Ferntree Gully Village area.

Please bring a torch and if needed, a fold-up chair.

**ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022:** 'The Eternal Dawn' In his Easter message this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites us to go out and meet the Lord, who is the 'dawn of a new creation'. As the Gospel tells us: Mary Magdalene, wrapped in grief and shock, dutifully went to attend to the dead body of Jesus, but what she encountered was the dawn of the risen Jesus – a light that broke into her darkened life. 'The light of dawn also emerges for us, as the dark of night gives way to a new day.' You can watch his message at: [Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's Easter Message... | Melbourne Catholic](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/people-of-god-invited-to-surround-council-in-prayer)

**THE "WALKING IN THE SPIRIT" PILGRIMAGE** has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers. The pilgrimage starts on Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, and leads up to the opening of the second – and final – assembly on Sunday, 3 July. More info at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/people-of-god-invited-to-surround-council-in-prayer>

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & FEAST** Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 marks the Feast of Divine Mercy. **St Luke's** Parish Wantirna invites you to join them for: 1.30pm Divine Mercy Devotion 1.30pm -3pm Confession (3 priests) 3.00pm Holy Mass – Fr Joseph Amal.



### ROSTERS: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April to Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April

Flowers	Genevieve W & Gina P
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Lia U, Kathryn C 9am: Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Peter F 11am: help needed
Counters	Genevieve & George, Bindhu M
Gardening	Tony, Steph, Connie, Peter .