

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.



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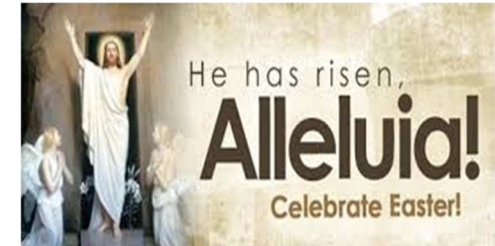
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Sunday of the Resurrection – Year A **8th /9th April, 2023**

*Loving God,
We celebrate Your saving work
Through our ancestors in faith,
The Resurrection of Your Son
and in our own lives today.
Give us the courage to confront
the darkness of this world,
Knowing that the Risen Christ
brings light and life to all.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. 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.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened. Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship? Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

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 7.00pm
Wed & Thurs 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd 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 A
8th /9th April, 2023

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Mark Fabian, John Alston, Giuseppe Feleppa, Estre Maidre, Gina Gallenti, Bernadette Jackson, Peter Dixon, Domenic Lizza, and Archbishop Frank Little.

The sick: Elsie Johnson, Peggy Spencer, Alan Alcock,, Ann Good, Ben McLacy, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, 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.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

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 The group meets informally every Thursday, at 10am in the Parish Hall. Please drop in for a cuppa, a chat, or perhaps a game of cards. All welcome

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP in the Parish Hall from 10.15am Tuesdays, followed by a shared lunch. All welcome. On, the 11th April there will be **no meeting** owing to the Easter Break.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP 9am-10am, in the Parish Office. There will be **no Mother's Pray Meeting over the School Holiday Period.**

LECTORS ROSTER: A new roster is being prepared for lectors for the months of May to September 2023. Could those who are currently on the roster please notify me if they are unavailable during that period or if there are any other changes required. Please contact the parish office before Tuesday, 4th April. Details: 9758 1029 or email

marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au.
Thank you to all our volunteers.- Mary Makarucha.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE The parish office will be closed from Mon 10th Apr – Fri 14th Apr. Easter blessings to all our Parishioners.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR THOMAS,
Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, I'd like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone. Easter is a season of rebirth, hope, and faith. It is a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and to rejoice in his victory over death achieved through his resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus reminds us of the transformative power of love and forgiveness. It is a message of hope that encourages us to look beyond our current situation and see the possibility of new beginnings and fresh starts.

We have faced many challenges this year, but Easter reminds us that there is always hope, even in the darkest of times. We can find hope in the knowledge that Jesus conquered death and rose from the dead, and that we have been given the gift of eternal life through his sacrifice.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on our many blessings and to renew our faith in God's love and mercy. Let us also remember and extend our love and compassion to those who are less fortunate than us. Let us remember the importance of love, kindness, and compassion for one another as we gather to celebrate this special occasion. Let us reach out to those who are struggling or feeling alone and provide them with the help and comfort they require.

Also, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your hard work, dedication, and support during this Easter season. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping to make our church community a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

May this Easter bring you and your loved ones much joy and peace. May the light of the resurrection guide us through our trials and inspire us to live lives of faith, hope, and love. Let us keep spreading love and kindness in our community and making the world a better place for all.

Wishing you a blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr Thomas Kuruvila

MASS TIMES over Easter Break.
THERE WILL BE NO MASS from TUESDAY 11TH APRIL -FRI 14TH April. Normal Mass times will resume on Tuesday 18th April.

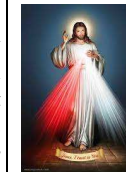
CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILLY MATTSSON, we joyfully welcome you into full Communion with the Church.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI'S EASTER MESSAGE 2023 Entitled: Recognised, healed and sent', can be heard on the Melbourne Catholic Website at: [Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023:...](http://ArchbishopComensoli'sEasterMessage2023...|MelbourneCatholic) | [Melbourne Catholic](http://MelbourneCatholic)

FERNTREE GULLY VINNIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The SVDP shop, located at: Unit 7/1821 Ferntree Gully Rd, FTG, is in **desperate need** of more helpers. Please contact Diane on 9758 8501 if you are able to help out. **BAYSWATER VINNIES, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Bayswater SVDP shop is in **urgent need** of volunteers to assist them in the Op Shop. If you have a few spare hours, and would like to assist, please contact the Manager on 9729 6317. All help is gratefully accepted.

Caritas PROJECT COMPASSION AUSTRALIA Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for collection as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

The ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH the Ferntree Gully Rotary Club invites our Parishioners and Friends, to join the **ANZAC DAY Dawn Service**, which will be held on **Tuesday 25th April, 2023** at Quarry Park, Quarry Road, Ferntree Gully. Arrive at 5.45am, for a **6.00am start**. Bring a torch and chair if needed.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & FEAST Sunday the **16th April, 2023** marks the Feast of Divine Mercy. Parishes across Victoria will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on the first Sunday after Easter. Confessions will be available before Mass, and there will be recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All welcome! [FOM2023 Vic Celebrations.indd](http://FOM2023VicCelebrations.indd) (melbournecatholic.org)

ROSTERS: Mon 10th April to Sun 16th April 2023	
Flowers	Genevieve & Gina
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm: Myra N & Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Lorraine, Peter C 11am: Priya H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm Louise D 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Shami Aponso
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Peter F
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R