

Easter Sunday**Sunday, 31 March 2024****Readings
for this**Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-8Readings for
next weekActs 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31**week:**

Liturgical Jottings

Easter & Christian Life

The reforms of the Triduum liturgy, prior to the Vatican Council II, reintroduced to the Church a more complete integration of theology and worship. When experienced as a single action of death-resurrection-mission, the paschal mystery promotes a spirituality that is nurtured by resurrection faith, and seeks to make a commitment to the transformation of the world. Resurrection faith speaks a word of hope, connecting human persons with God's future.

Every Christian community is called to discern how God's fidelity to Jesus empowers the baptised to live as the Body of Christ by a fidelity to the poor, the outcast, and those deprived of justice, and human dignity. Resurrection ultimately points the believers to the power of God's Spirit to animate our human potential as co-creators of the reign of God's new life in every contemporary history.

Focus on the Gospel

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. © Greg Sunter

An Easter Poem by Patrice de la Tour du Pin

Light of the world, O Jesus,
although we have never seen your open tomb,
whence comes this light among us:
this feast among feasts, if not from you, the risen one?

When someone we meet says to us:
where is your Christ today and his miracle?
We respond: whence comes the Spirit
that turns us toward his Passover, if not from him?


Our hearts burn when your love descends
and whispers to us: Love has come;
the day will come in the hearts of all creatures.
And the Lord will appear.

And if someone says to us: Now
show us a worthy sign beyond ourselves!
The sign is that at his return we must do what he loves
in order to testify that he is love.

On the Lighter Side

A scripture scholar had just finished a long article about the different prophecies and accounts of the Lord's death and resurrection. There was a lot of cross referencing."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Rita & Lorenzo De Roso, Robert Toffoletto, Gabriella & Colleen Feehan, Laurie Noonan
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Jillian Taylor

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 1 April

Weekday Mass

Mon 1 April	No Mass
Tue 2 April	No Mass
Wed 3 April	No Mass
Thur 4 April	No Mass
Fri 5 April	No Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 6 April	6pm Mass
Sun 7 April	10:30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon 8 April	No Mass
Tue 9 April	No Mass
Wed 10 April	9:15 Liturgy
Thur 11 April	No Mass
Fri 12 April	9:15 Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 13 April	No Mass
Sun 14 April	10:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 April 5 pm

Easter Message – Fr. Uday

Our Lord risen is the Fount of Life. He is the conqueror and victor.

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Christ is the greatest testimony of Life. God is life, and our God is a “living” God, the Emmanuel, God-with-us. No power of Satan, no fetters of death, no forces of evil, no closure of tomb, can restrain him from rising, or separate him from living with us.

He lives with us forever, because he is Life and ever alive. His rising assures and comforts us that sin and death have no power over him. Evil seems to have a loud and mocking laugh over good, but that is only short-lived. The Final smile is of God and of good.

Thus the Easter Feast is truly a Victory Day. It is not something peripheral or superficial. It is not just God’s victory over Satan, not just Saviour’s victory over the Evil one, not just the Holy Spirit’s over the evil spirit. It is not a “personal score” that is settled between God and Evil. But something fundamental and foundational, crucial and essential.

The victory of Easter involves the whole creation, the whole of humanity. It touches upon the whole life, the whole person, the whole destiny. It is a comprehensive and holistic victory. It is the victory of all of us. It is the victory of our faith.

Let us become “living temples” and not “empty tombs”! Let us constantly die to sin and rise up from our fallen state, rise up from our dissipation, **and live to grace**. Let our daily life be a daily resurrection giving us a foretaste of that final resurrection.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

Fr. Uday

Volunteer Parish Secretary – Vacant Position

We are looking for someone or a few people who can take on the duties as Parish Secretary.

The role requires the person to be competent in:

- The Microsoft suite of packages especially WORD, EXCEL AND POWERPOINT
- One Drive
- Bookkeeping (using both a manual and computerised package).

If you are interested in helping Sacred Heart Parish on voluntary basis as parish secretary please speak to me.

This role will require approximately 9 hours per week.

Fr Uday

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

\$717.15

Piety Stall

Thank you to Connie for making the items for the Piety Stall and also for everyone who purchases gifts from there.

This is a great fundraiser for our Parish, and recently raised \$400.00.

Reflection Questions for Easter Sunday

<https://young-catholics.com/>

In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life?

What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?

How has the message of Easter transformed your life?

What areas of your life need transformation through the Resurrection?

How can you share the message of the Resurrection with others effectively?

How has the Resurrection brought you hope during difficult times?

What steps can you take to deepen your faith in the Resurrection?

In what ways can you live without fear, trusting in God's presence in your life?

How can you be a source of new life and hope for those around you?

How can you keep the joy of Easter alive in your heart all year round?

Where do you turn for guidance and clarity when life becomes confusing?

What practical ways can you spread the Good News of the Resurrection in your daily life?

Let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

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Attention all Volunteers

Just a reminder if you are a volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish you need to have the following:

- 1) a current Working With Children's Check that is linked to Sacred Heart
- 2) completed the Sandhurst Safeguarding Training.

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you have any questions speak to our Safeguarding Officer is Debbie Turvey 0407 804 317

Positions Opened for the Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Uday is seeking additional people to join the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC Provides support and advice to Fr Uday in fostering the spiritual growth of the parish.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PPC you will need to have or a willing to obtain a Working With Children's Check and undergo a formal interview including reference checking. For more information, please speak to Fr Uday.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Rosters

Saturday 6th April - 6:00pm

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Domelina Phelan
Gospel Procession: Shelia Gregg
Gifts: – J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Special Minister: – Not required

Sunday 7th April – 10:30 am

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – Dean Filgate
Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai
Gifts: – A Basile & M Sgammotta
Special Minister: – Ross Kelly

Sunday 13th April – 10:30 am

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Ann Marie Nihill
Gospel Procession: Domelina Phelan
Gifts: – P Moroney & D Corrigan
Special Minister: – Steve De Lai

Saturday 20th April - 6:00pm

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
Gifts: – J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Special Minister: – Not required

Sunday 19th April – 10:30 am

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
Gifts: – D Phelan & TBA
Special Minister: – Anna Ciavarella

If you can help out by being a reader or commentator over the next few months please talk to Trish.



Easter Sunday

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 by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

