

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

12 April 2020



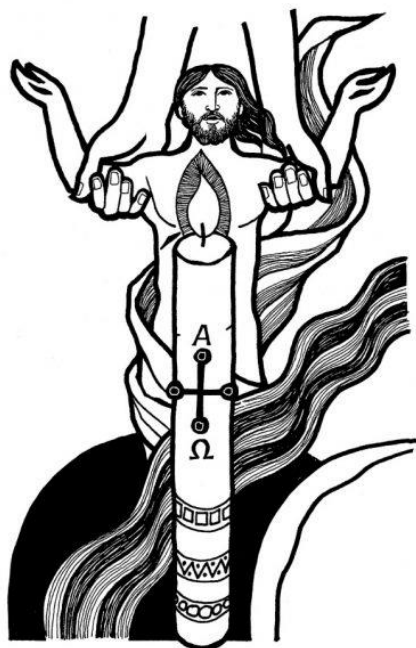
Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or
Matt 28:1-10



Readings for next
Sunday

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Urbi et Orbi Blessing

At Christmas and Easter each year the popes give a blessing for the city and the world (Urbi et Orbe) to both the large crowd gathered in Rome and all people who see on TV and online. This year, however, Pope Francis gave this blessing two weeks early. He meditated on the calming of the storm (Mark 4:35-41) during the prayer service on the steps of St Peter's Basilica last Friday evening. St Peter's square was eerily empty.

Quote for the Week

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Vivian Greene, author

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Looking at the Readings

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Francis Easter Blessing 2020

"When evening had come ..." (Mk 4:35-41). The Gospel passage begins like this. For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

The full text of his meditation is found on www.vaticannews.va/en.html

On the Lighter Side

Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.

Everything will be all right in the end, if it is not all right, it is not the end.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Cecilia Bannan

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES AND BOXES

Please either mail your cheque for your Project Compassion Donation to

PO Box 110, Tatura VIC, 3616

or alternatively you can drop them into the Presbytery on Wednesday 15 April, between 10 am and 11am

EASTER OFFERINGS

If you normally give an Easter Offering you can still do so by:

Mailing a cheque made out to Sacred Heart Parish to the Presbytery

PO Box 110, Tatura VIC 3616

Or deposit it into the Sacred Heart Parish Bank Account BSB No: 083-543 Account No: 58775 2454

PLANNED GIVING

Your Planned Giving envelopes and receipts will be mailed after Easter and we encourage you to organise a direct debit via your credit card or bank account. Please call Mary on 0484 332 397 if you have any questions

Dear Parishioners

I just wanted to say hello and that I am missing seeing all your wonderful faces in our beautiful Church as I celebrate Mass.

You and your families are in my prayers every day and I pray that we will soon be celebrating Mass together again.

Thank you also to everyone who has dropped in your messages over this Easter period and I cannot express how much this means to me.

I hope you have enjoyed the Mass services that we have put on our website and Facebook page and trust that you are able to share it with your family and friends.

Don't forget if you have an anniversary to be included in our bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful please drop a note into the box on the Presbytery door by Wednesday or call Mary on 0484 332 397.

This year more than ever it is important that we live in a continual Easter spirit with our thoughts on heavenly things with Christ.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. (Col 3:4)

God bless you this Easter
Fr John Paul



Easter Sunday

12th April 2020



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Sandhurst Prayer Resources During Corona Virus Pandemic

Faith @ Home Resources to support personal and family prayer.

HOLY WEEK@ HOME EASTER TRIDUUM & PENITENTIAL LITURGY@HOME prayer pages from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

For adults, young adults and families with young children. Each resource pack contains a guided reflection for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday:

- [A Penitential Liturgy @ Home](#)
- [For Adults: Holy Week @ Home - Easter Triduum](#)
- [For Young Adults: Holy Week @ Home - Easter Triduum](#)
- [For Families with Young Children: Holy Week @ Home - Easter Triduum](#)

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24400/Easter-Triduum-Resources>

HOLY WEEK AT HOME from Liturgy Brisbane <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer>

- Family Prayer pages for: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/learn/liturgical-documents/holy-week-at-home/>
- For Children: 'Family Prayer' for children with activities:
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer>

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES LIVE-STREAM OR TV

- Mass Streamed from St Kilian's Parish Bendigo. Holy Week Ceremonies www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au and <https://www.facebook.com/stkiliansparish/videos/201775217751135/>
*St Kilian's Facebook page also live-streams Daily Mass and further Prayer Times
- HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES ON TV FROM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY - CHANNEL 7 TV
https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/channel-7-to-broadcast-st-marys-cathedral-easter-liturgies-nationally/?fbclid=IwAR0jcw2MMsNRZGUc_gwHTj5JgSKEu-Ol-oi8XuDpKgDreoJOYmyu3SIIHXk
- HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES FROM MELBOURNE live streamed or TV Channel 31 (community channel for those able to access this, also Ch 4 digital TV).
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24393/Holy-Week-Liturgies-Televised-Live-Streamed>

MORE FOR HOLY WEEK

- SPIRITUAL COMFORT FOR TROUBLED TIMES & HOLY WEEK from Emmaus Productions <https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020/>
- [EASTER TRIDUUM virtual prayer service with music of Dan Schutte](#) https://www.danschuttemusic.com/wordpressstore/easter-triduum/?fbclid=IwAR0kh9susC4fHLB1CAgCb6jQe1-mX_M1DFdvNcviK65F94ZeNxy4qOZ_kt8
- 'Good Friday in a Time of Pestilence' reflection by Fr Michael Casey OCSO of Tarrawarra Abbey Yarra Glen [https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/good-friday-in-a-time-of-pestilence/?ct=t\(allsegments-GoodfridayMichaelCaseyapr2020\)&mc_cid=5a9c2025ab&mc_eid=abca67fecc](https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/good-friday-in-a-time-of-pestilence/?ct=t(allsegments-GoodfridayMichaelCaseyapr2020)&mc_cid=5a9c2025ab&mc_eid=abca67fecc)
- [EASTER REFLECTIONS](#) from the Sisters of St Joseph https://www.sosj.org.au/easter-reflections-2020/?fbclid=IwAR2FkO-2ziSYzWckwaKzu-8wXcOz2AYWSM2IOB_P0wjE52VEm6_h6l7YzP8

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR HOLY WEEK

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fr Rob Galea View online at: https://www.frgministry.com/stations-of-the-cross?fbclid=IwAR0VeBjyi4gFjoPU_5XsI5WjhSUV1Wl6fEbviTb-XA1_IeP96SQj7el3ByY
- WAY OF THE CROSS Redemptorists https://www.cssr.org.au/pray_with_us/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=263
 - Way of the Cross by Fr. Anthony Kelly, C.Ss.R., STD (or PDF [download](#))
 - Way of the Cross by Fr. Kevin O'Shea, C.Ss.R., STD (PDF [download](#))
- 'WAY OF LOVE' (WAY OF THE CROSS) <http://www.lagleder.net/easter/lent/stations.htm>
- WAY OF THE CROSS AND WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN – slides, words and music Monica Brown: <https://www.icatholic.ie/emmausproductions/>
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/stations-of-the-cross-for-marriages-and-families/>
- THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Carmelites: Printed traditional with historical background. <http://www.carmelites.ie/Stations%20of%20the%20Cross%202013.pdf>