

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4 April 2021



Readings for
this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-8



Readings for
next week

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Easter Fire

The Australian/NZ Ordo gives the instruction: "The Lucernarium at the bonfire begins the celebration with a joyful proclamation of the Christ's Resurrection." (page 54). The Roman Missal gives the rubric: "A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church." The Liturgy of Light is also called the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium - the Latin title.

It is not a small fire. Its significant size symbolises its importance in the liturgy: burning away evil, purifying our minds, inflaming our hearts, and showing forth the glory of God. The New Fire provides for the lighting of the Paschal candle from which all candles are lit for the Vigil Procession and renewal of Baptismal promises.

Focus on the Readings

The First Reading and Gospel both come from oral traditions. Peter is talking to Cornelius, a Roman centurion relating and explaining our Lord's life, ministry, death and resurrection. Cornelius would have passed the message on, St Peter would have repeated this account to others. Luke then records this dialogue in the Acts of the Apostles.

The four Evangelists give their own accounts of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. It would have been handed down to them verbally, hence some variations by different witnesses and also from the constant retelling over the years before it was finally written.

The fact of the empty tomb is attested but more importantly the faith of the witnesses and the joy of the apostles and companions are attested by not in just the written word but in the proclamation of the resurrection and transformation of the witnesses lives. They live the Good News that "Jesus is Lord." We can imagine that the followers wanted to hear the story again and again and at the same time share the exuberance, joy and happiness of the narrators. Despite no celebrations last year we want to hear the story again and celebrate Easter again and again.

The Second Reading, the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, is originally written. Paul encourages the young church at Colossi to seek Christ, his life and his glory.

Quote from Pope Francis on Easter

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence). This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: *Easter 2020*

An Easter Prayer

[We] give you thanks, Lord holy Father because the world of the past has gone and the fullness of life is restored in Christ. So in joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound in gladness; and the angels and the powers of all creation sing the ageless hymn of your glory: Holy, Holy ... *Preface for Easter Sunday*

On the Lighter Side

Young Isaac was watching his father, a Vicar, write a sermon for the Easter Sunday service. "How do you know what to say?" Isaac asked. "Why, God tells me", the father replied. "Oh! Then why do you keep crossing things out?"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Alesandro (Alex) Minicozzi
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antoon de Kleijn, Pat and Vera Kerrins
	Our sick and their carers	Carmel Trevaskis

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 10 April	Sunday 11 April
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Denise Woodman
Reader	Sheila Gregg	Kaye Gaffy
Presentation of Gifts	J Webster A Ciavarella	M Normington M Sgammotta
Screen/Organ Operator	Debbie Worm	Trish Warnett



Mass Timetable Week commencing 5th April

Weekday Mass

Monday 5 th April	No Mass
Tuesday 6 th April	No Mass
Wednesday 7 th April	9:15 am Liturgy of Word
Thursday 8 th April	No Mass
Friday 9 th April	9:15 am Liturgy of Word

Weekend Mass

Saturday 10 th April	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 11 th April	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 24th April 11:30 am

Plenary Council Zoom Reflection Session.

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, Wednesday 28th April. We will be reflecting on the question "HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic? All are welcome to participate. Please register for the zoom link:

plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2

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