

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 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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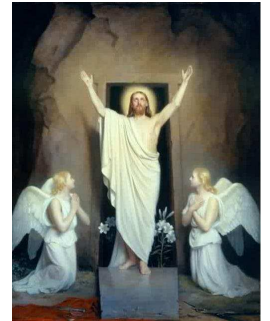
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year C

27th March, 2016

***God our Father,
as we celebrate the great mystery
of our faith,
invite us, with Jesus,
through Word and Sacrament,
to share in the fruits of His resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***



EXTRAORDINARY HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: **8th Dec 2015 to 20th Nov 2016**

Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

Pope Francis officially began the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8. It will run until the Solemnity of Christ the King later this year (November 20). During this period, the Pope has asked us to extend mercy to others, as a way of bringing the "goodness and tenderness of God" to them. "We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future." (Par 5)



FOCUS OF THE READINGS

The first reading is a proclamation of the Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead! Peter gives witness to those who killed Jesus, and his witness is based on experience: "We have seen him." It is based on the command of Jesus: "to preach to the people." And what they are to preach is that Jesus has overcome death and his resurrection brings forgiveness and salvation to all who believe.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ lives among us.

*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 at 5.15 pm

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 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.

ROSTERS: Mon 28th March to Sun 3rd Apr	
Flowers	Carole, Andrea
Altar Servers	6pm: Kiara 11am Tim
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne, Myra 9am: Enid, Marg, Adrian, Anastasia 11am: Patrick, Angie, Coral
Lectors	6pm: Louise 9am: Stephanie 11am: Tony D
Counters	Tony, Sasty, Una, Steph, Sue
Gardeners	Frank, Michael

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Year C
27th March, 2016

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently.

We remember the anniversaries of –
 Giovanni Cavarra, Adam Brown, Dean O'Brien

**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.

We pray for the sick – Ron Prince, Henry Brohier, Peter Commons, Monica Commons, Patricia Quinn, Charles & Lynda Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Malcolm Mendonsa, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Wilma Neville, Kayden McDevitt, Lorraine Loel, John Kolmus, Troy Chapman, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Glenda Fraser, Beryl Turner, Brian Russell, Bernard Guerin, Gordon Byrne, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Mary Brimelow, Lorna Feeney, Fran Middlebrook, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Paul Hilder, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Bev McNamara, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Margaret Smith, Edward Osborne, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *Saturday, 2nd April, at 10.30 am*
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet *every Tuesday at 10.15 am* in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on *Tuesdays at 9 am* during school term in Nell's Cottage. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING

** Come and join us this Thursday.**
 and *every Thursday between 10 am and 1 pm* in the Parish Hall for friendly card playing, chats over a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome.



May Christ, our Risen Saviour, always be there to bless us most abundantly and be our loving guide.

My sincere thanks to the many people who have given their time and effort to our Holy Week liturgies. We can all appreciate that things don't just happen by themselves. It takes the generosity of a number of people to make possible the richness of our liturgical celebrations. Special thanks to our musicians, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, to those who cut down palm leaves and prepared the Church, to those who set up and cleaned up for our different liturgies and for those who assisted with hospitality
I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter.
 Fr Alan

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join the fun. Don't need to be an expert.

Date: *Saturday 16th April*

Venue: *School Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.*

Cost: *\$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one.*

Tickets on sale this weekend in the Church Foyer or phone Patrick on 9752 3524. Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the "Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation" (via the Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations welcome.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES Your new sets of envelopes commencing 3rd April along with your giving statements are available for collection from the Church foyer. For those who give by credit card or direct debit, please collect your statement. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY – 1ST APRIL

10am–Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.
11 am–Holy Mass. Please stay for a cuppa after Mass.

LECTORS' ROSTER: The new roster is now available in the church foyer for collection. Thank you for your dedication to this church ministry.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROSTER

A new roster is being prepared and will be available on the weekend of 16th /17th April. If you require any changes, please contact the Parish Office.
We also need new Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Training and support will be provided.

REMINDER: Victoria's period of Daylight savings will end next Sunday, 3rd April. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass, this Tuesday night, 29th March.

IGNATIAN RETREAT: INTERIORITY: HEAR FEEL INSIDE OUT Saturday 2nd April 10.30am to 2.30pm Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville. Join this special Ignatian Retreat Day, designed to help you rediscover yourself. The day has been specially designed for young people, but all are welcome. Cost: \$10 (lunch included).
 Details: Iain at radvan73@gmail.com Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/190086>

STRENGTHENING PARISH SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

Saturday 16th April 10am-4pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
 The Forum aims to share information among parishes and agencies about the needs of asylum seekers and the ways that parishes can support them. Guest speakers include Bishop Vincent Long; Sr Brigid Arthur csb, Coordinator, Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project; Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre and Chair, Refugee Council of Australia. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and resources) RSVP:12th April. Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WEEKENDS: 8 to 10 April, 17 to 19 June, 19 to 21 August, 11 to 13 November St Paul's Missionary College, Norton's Lane, Wantirna South. Invest in your most precious asset - your marriage. Explore the divine nature of your relationship. There is no group sharing. A priest will be present during the weekend, which is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Commences 7pm on the Friday. Ends 5pm on the Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Details: Marianne and Marcel on 97330997 or vicbookings@www.wvme.org.au.
 Cost: Application fee \$55 plus secret donation (within your means) to cover the expenses of accommodation, food and materials for the weekend. Don't stay home because you aren't sure you can afford it!