

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 second 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.

Alleluia



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year A

15th / 16th April, 2017

*God our Father,
Creator of all life and hope,
as we contemplate once again
our Easter joy,
fill us with the glorious light
of Your Son's Resurrection.
In His rising
we have been born to new life.
May we be real and effective signs
in our world, of that peace
Christ has bestowed on us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



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.

*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 17 th April to Sun 23 rd April 2017	
Flowers	Sue N., Lynne K.
Altar Servers	6pm: Kiara, Nicholas
Linen	Susan
Welcomers	6pm: Louise D, Peter G. 9am: Sue & David W., Thelma B. 11am: Kath & Andrew W., Maria
Lectors	6pm: Raul C. 9am: Peter F. 11am: Sarah M.
Counters	Peter & Dawn, George & Genevieve
Gardeners	Dennis, Patrick, Harry

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year A
15th /16th April, 2017

PRAYING FOR ...

All who have died recently: Matteo Parente

We remember the anniversaries of:
Sinforoso Oracion, George Barlow, Raffale Prosdocimi, Giuseppe Lotrionte, James Starrs, Catherine Lizza, Brian Russell, Peter Ward



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.

Prayers for the sick – Keith Scutt, Pat Bathgate, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charles Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Fran Middlebrook, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, 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, 6th May, at 10.30 am**
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome
Contact: Pauline Barlow.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP We meet **every Tuesday at 10.05 am** in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Tineke 9763 1096, Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

There will be prayer group Tuesday 11th April and Easter Tuesday 18th April, **but no meeting on ANZAC Day 25th April**

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on **Tuesdays from 9 am to 10 am** during school term in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the office.

MELBOURNE CATHOLICS - April issue is now available in the church foyer. \$4 a copy.

Dear Friends,

My prayer this Easter, is that our families, our wider Parish community, in union with the Church throughout the world, will be transformed, once again, by the saving grace of God, revealed to us in the Paschal mystery that is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As an Easter people, may we celebrate with joy, that **'Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**

I'd like to sincerely thank all who have given of their time and effort to our Holy Week liturgies. We can all appreciate that things don't just happen by themselves. Once again, it's the generosity of many that contributes to the substantial richness and prayerfulness of our liturgical celebrations.

Thank you in particular, to our musicians, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, those who cut down palms, those who helped prepare our church, those who cleaned up and set up again for our different liturgies, and all those who assisted with hospitality

I wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Easter.

– Fr Alan

Congratulations...

We offer our sincere congratulations to Rebecca, Glenn, Julie, Raymond & Jacinta, who were formally received into the Church this weekend, though the Easter Sacraments. Following the Easter Vigil, all are invited over to the School Hall to continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, and to congratulate those newly received into the Church.

LOWER CARPARK CHANGES

Dear Parishioners,

The safety and welfare of our children in our Parish School of St John the Baptist is our highest priority. For this reason we have installed bollards in the bottom carpark to stop cars from driving through the playground during the school day.

I am aware that this will impact our Parishioners after Mass who drive through from Forest Road to Selman Avenue. The bollards will be removed for your convenience over the Easter break but as of the beginning of the Term 2, they will be in place.

Thank you for your understanding of this addition to our carpark to ensure the safety and security of our children.

Cathy Mason PRINCIPAL

PROJECT COMPASSION If you haven't done so, could you please remember to hand in your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, so that we can finalise our contributions, and send all donations off to Caritas Australia.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2017

There are wonderful prizes to be won and only by buying tickets can you win and drive one of the amazing cars.. *Tickets are on sale at the end of each weekend Mass until May 5th, 2017. \$2 ticket/\$20 a book of 10*



THE FTG ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH will be held in the Quarry Park, Quarry Road, FTG on **Tuesday 25th April, 2017.** Gather at 5.30am at the parish car park for a silent walk to the Quarry Park for the short service starting at 6.00am. Bring torches and, if you wish, something to sit on. Coffee and tea will be served after the service, in the Parish Hall, courtesy of the FTG St Vincent de Paul Conference. Please bring food to share. Inquiries to Margot Anne Boyd (9758 8278), or the Parish office.



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

ANNUAL EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART.

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/melbournes-archbishop-releases-his-2017-easter-message>

A text version (not identical) is in the April edition of Melbourne Catholic magazine !

ALPHA COURSE LAUNCH PARTY

When: Wednesday 19th April, at 7pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 25 Orange Grove, Bayswater

The Alpha Course helps us to have a closer relationship with Jesus and with others who attend. Please come with your friends, family and neighbours for a free dinner, a 20-minute talk and a chat in the Parish Hall. The Alpha course runs for 10 weeks every Wednesday until 3rd June.

Details, registration, RSVP: Roger or Margaret on 9723 6240 or Andrew on 0459 991 867. Download the flyer at the following link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2016/documents/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU9-29March2017/AlphaBayswater.pdf>