

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 from the tomb 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
He is
Risen



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EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR B

1st April, 2018

*God of us all,
You gather us today
helping us see that Jesus lives among us.
Send us your Holy Spirit
to open our hearts and minds
to believe your Son is truly risen
from the dead,
and also lives with you
and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Happy Easter! Alleluia! He is Risen!

The discovery of the empty tomb – although simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, the death and the 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.

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 Parish 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.

Easter Sunday - Year B
1st April, 2018
YEAR OF YOUTH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Fr Bob Coghlan; Stephen Murray.



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dante and Lidia Segato, Giovanni Cavarra, Oscar Santurini, Margherita, Damiano, Gilda and Luigi Coviello, Angelo, Federico and Silvia Zarro.

The sick: Angela Sawyer, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Catherine Turner, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Sasty Sastradipradja, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: **Sat, 7th April, 2018 at 10.30 am**
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while..

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.

Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP We are having a break over the School Holiday period, and will resume to pray together from Tuesday 17th April at **9.00am to 10.00 am each Tuesday during school term** in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The Autumn Edition is available for [free](#) on the trolleys.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: April issue now available, in the church foyer – **\$4 a copy.**

Dear Friends,

The great joy of Easter defines us as Christians, and I pray that we 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.

Let's celebrate with joy, that **'Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**, for we truly are His Easter people.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all who have given of their time and effort to the planning and celebration of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. It's worth remembering that things don't just happen all by themselves! Once again, the generosity of many comes to the fore, contributing to the richness and prayerfulness of our sacred liturgies.

Thank you in particular, to our musicians, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, those who cut down palms, those who helped adorn our church with flowers and colour, those who assisted with the clean up after each liturgy and helped set up for the next, and to all who have helped out with hospitality

I wish you, and your families, a very happy and holy Easter.

Fr Alan

PROJECT COMPASSION Please remember to bring in your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible so we can forward your donations on to Caritas Australia.

LECTORS' ROSTER - The new roster starting April to June 2018 is available in the church foyer for your collection. Thank you for your dedication to this Church Ministry.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST The new roster for the period 21st April to 14th October 2018 has been sent to all with email addresses. Copies are available in the church foyer for those without email addresses. Thank you for your continued commitment to this church ministry.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

MUSICAL PLAY Vincent Pallotti, powered by infinite love at Hennessy Hall, 5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley. is an uplifting musical, written by Fr Patrick Jackson, SAC, (*pastor emeritus*). As a young priest, Vincent Pallotti recognised the awakening of the lay Catholic faithful and felt that they should be involved in the apostolic work of the Church, an ideal he pursued passionately. Powered by 'God's Infinite Love', he established the Union of Catholic Apostolate, inspiring many to demonstrate loving kindness and compassion. He was canonised in 1963. This musical has been produced with the support of highly experienced actors. It will be a quality production and an inspiring experience for all who attend. Performances are on the **4th & 5th May, 2018**, from **7.30pm – 9.00pm**.

Cost:\$15.00 Adults, Children and concession: \$10.00 Bookings: www.trybooking.com/URDB

For more information contact:

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THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES' RAFFLE – 2018 There are wonderful prizes on offer and only by buying tickets could you win, and drive away in one of the amazing cars.

Tickets will be on sale after of each weekend Masses, until Sunday 6th May.

Jenny Keating & Patrick Sawyer

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday 1 June, 7pm to Sunday 3 June, 5pm St Paul's Missionary College, Nortons Lane, Wantirna South Here is a magnificent opportunity to join other couples and spend a weekend together investing in your most precious asset, your marriage. This is an intimate residential weekend for couples, exploring the precious nature of marriage.



| ROSTERS: Mon 2 nd to Sun 8 th April | |
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| Flowers | Ann P & Connie B |
| Altar Servers | 6pm Nicholas D. |
| Linen | Jean B |
| Welcomers | 6pm Sue N., Anna M. 9am Rosa L., Laurel & Terry S. 11am Gina M., Pat O'B. |
| Lectors | 6pm Rosina; 9am Gordon; 11am Peter |
| Counters | Peter & Dawn G., George & Genevieve W. |
| Gardening | April: Patrick S & Harry R. |