

St Therese's Parish Essendon

16 & 17 April 2022
Easter Sunday Year C



First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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.'

Gospel: Lk 24:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

INTERCESSIONS

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

We pray for the Pope: may he be a living symbol of Easter joy and a sign of hope to the world.

We pray for everyone who is searching for meaning in life: may the Holy Spirit guide them to see the light of Christ.

We pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet: may they find the support they need to provide a secure and nurturing family home.

We pray for everyone in our parish: may we value each other and be a living message of peace and hope.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Sr Mary Dennett, Ray Fogarty, Mary Herenson and Dawn Ward.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Santa Passuello and Brian Nunn,

O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO FR TOM CLEARY Although otherwise well, Fr John will remain in isolation until his COVID symptoms are gone. We are grateful for the continued support of the Columbans in Strathmore. We again welcome Fr Tom Cleary to St Therese's who will lead all our Holy Week and Easter services until Fr John returns. Unfortunately there will be no recording of liturgies while Fr John is absent.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES We are grateful for your contribution towards the upkeep of our parish priest, sick and retired clergy, and those who serve in poor and/or the new parishes. Easter envelopes go in the second collection.



PROJECT COMPASSION Please return your weekly envelopes and boxes over the next fortnight, as your ongoing support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to lift the voices of the poor and promote the dignity of each person. Thank you to those who have already returned their project compassion donations, we are extremely grateful for your generosity.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS Our volunteers are the life-blood of this parish and their contributions to our community are sincerely appreciated. We offer special thanks to Sr Regina Millard for organising and leading the reflection sessions during Lent. We also thank Therese Hanna, Carmen Baker and John O'Connor for organising the Lenten Stations of the Cross. A very special thank you must go to our liturgy and music teams who put a huge amount of work into our Holy Week and Easter Masses. We are also so grateful to all the individuals and groups who volunteered over Lent and Easter for your willingness to plan, rehearse, sing, play, read, serve, clean, polish, tidy the church after ceremonies, hold the cross, prepare PowerPoints, wash clothes/linen, and prepare palms, flowers, and the altar. You all do a special job and we are so very appreciative for your help.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JOAN CHITTISTER will speak at the Melbourne Town Hall on 12 May, 7pm-9pm. A parishioner has kindly offered 5 tickets for anyone who could use them. First in, best dressed! Tickets available after 27 April when office reopens.

LITURGY OF THE WORD NEXT FRIDAY Please note that Fr John will be away next Friday 22 April and a Liturgy of the Word will replace our usual morning Mass.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY ONLY NEXT WEEK The office will only be open on Tuesday 19 April next week and will be closed until after the ANZAC Day long weekend.

BULLETIN ELVES ARE ON HOLIDAYS There will be no bulletin next weekend as we take a break over Easter and Anzac Day weekends. Back on the first Sunday in May!

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES AT CATHEDRAL TO BE TELEVISED

The following liturgies at St Patrick's Cathedral will be shown on Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV) and streamed live on the [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#):

- Good Friday** (15 April) 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil** (16 April) 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday** (17 April) 11:00am

To view the full schedule of services at St Patrick's Cathedral during Holy Week, visit the [Cathedral page](#).



PARISH DATES

Friday 15 April	Good Friday Holy Places Appeal Stations of the Cross Veneration of the Cross	10:00am 3:00pm
Saturday 16 April	Holy Saturday Vigil	6:00pm
Sunday 17 April	Easter Sunday Masses	9:00am & 10:30am
Monday 18 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday	
Tuesday 19 April	Parish office open for reduced hours for the last week of school holidays	
Friday 22 April	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Sunday 24 April	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day public holiday parish office closed	
Tuesday 26 April	Term 2 begins (pupil free day) Usual parish office hours resume	
Wednesday 27 April	St Therese's school children back for Term 2	
Sunday 1 May	RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 1 in PACE	9:30am
Tuesday 3 May	Faith Night Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sunday 8 May	Mother's Day	

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- St Vincent de Paul helpline:** 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm
- Mass Online:** Follow this [link here](#)

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.