

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YrA 16 APRIL 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church. **Returns 5 May.**

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3306054>

Or go to website to copy link:

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ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

NO QUINNS PLACE

- **Friday 21st April**
- **Friday 28th April**

Encounter Youth Group begins again: Sunday 23rd April 3pm.

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sun 16th: Divine Mercy Sunday

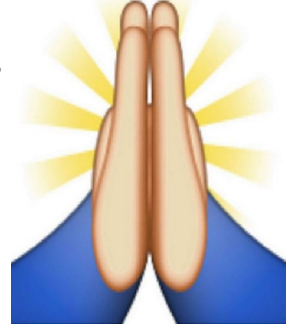
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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said and Joan Watts.

Death Anniversaries: Fr Colin Miller.

Recently Deceased: Lauren Evans and Dennis Sullivan.



First Reading Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.'

Cont... Gospel Jn 20:19-31

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Historical Context

My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

Gospel Reflection

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case

those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Pope: the Devil seeks man's failure but can do nothing if there is prayer

In a previously unpublished interview, contained in the newly released book "Esorcisti contro Satana" (Exorcists against Satan) by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis reiterates that the Devil always tries to attack everyone and sows discord, even in the Church, trying to set up one against the other. The book, published by Piemme publishing house, hit Italian shelves on Tuesday.

In the interview, Pope Francis was asked to comment on the testimony of a young nun, whether he has ever dealt directly with cases of demonic possession and exorcism, and if the Devil can also act in the Vatican and even attack the Pope. Holy Father, in the testimony of the possessed nun, we read that the Devil reportedly spoke about you saying: "I hate him, he always speaks badly of me. Have you seen how much trouble I cause him?" What can we make of these statements? I am not personally familiar with this case and, therefore, cannot comment. But, yes, it is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves, because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. I fail, but he has no chance if there is prayer.



Have you ever dealt directly with people possessed by the Devil? When I was archbishop of Buenos Aires I had several cases of people who came to me saying they were possessed. I sent them for a consultation with two good "specialist" priests: they are not healers, but exorcists. One is called Carlos Alberto Mancuso and he was an exorcist in the Diocese of La Plata. The other was my confessor, Father Nicolas Mihaljevic, a Croatian-born Jesuit. Both of them later told me that only two or three of those people were really victims of diabolical possession. The others suffered from diabolical obsession, which is quite different because they didn't have the Devil in their bodies. This should be specified.

And as a pontiff, have you ever practiced exorcisms? No, that never happened. If it were to happen, I would ask for the support of a good exorcist, as I already did as an archbishop. Several people have said about Benedict XVI that during his pontificate he was attacked by the Devil - who always tempts us - but that, despite having suffered from this, he resisted well. Paul VI in 1972 said that the smoke of Satan had entered the Temple of God through some fissure. Can the Devil therefore also act in the Vatican and attack the Pope? What is certain is that the Devil tries to attack everyone without distinction, and tries above all to strike those who have more responsibilities in the Church or in society. Even Jesus suffered temptations from the Devil, we can also think of those [suffered] by Simon Peter, to whom He said: "Get away from me, Satan". Even the Pope, therefore, is attacked by the evil one. We are human beings and he always tries to attack us. It is painful, but in the face of prayer, he has no chance! And then, yes, it is true, as Saint Paul VI said, that the Devil can also enter the Temple of God, to sow discord and turn one against the other: divisions and attacks are always the work of the Devil. He always tries to insinuate himself to corrupt the heart and mind of man. The only salvation is to follow the path indicated by Christ.

Should we be afraid of the Devil? I think that there are some very dangerous demons and I am talking about "polite" demons. Jesus also talks about this, we read it in the Gospel of Luke: He says that when the impure spirit is chased away, it wanders through the desert seeking relief. But at a certain point he gets bored and so he goes back "home", from where he had been kicked out, and he sees that the house is in order, it's beautiful, like when he was inside. **What happens at that point?** He calls other demons, more wicked than himself, he brings them, they enter the house, politely, they ring the bell, they take possession in a polite manner. The soul, not taking care to examine the conscience, doesn't take any notice, or out of spiritual lukewarmness lets them in. These demons are terrible. Because they kill you. It is the worst possession. Spiritual worldliness covers all these things. There is no escape: the Devil either destroys directly with wars and injustices, or he does it politely, in a very diplomatic way, as Jesus recounts. Discernment is needed.



On behalf of Fr Jude and myself,

I want to say how privileged we both feel to serve this wonderful community of St Macartan's, especially over this recent Easter period.

I estimated some 2000 people attended one or more of our Easter services from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday and what a delight these services were. But none of them could have happened without the work of many of you involved in:

- Liturgy Committee: A special thanks to Patricia Duryea and her magnificent team! Especially all those who rehearsed and prepared for some intricate liturgies.
 - Musicians
 - Choirs and Conductors
 - ♦ Readers and Commentators
 - ♦ AV (Audio & Visual) and Livestream operators
 - ♦ Altar servers and Sacristans
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 - ♦ Collectors and Counters
 - ♦ St Macartan's Primary School and Padua College
 - ♦ Ushers, Tea Trolley volunteers and Cleaners
 - ♦ PPC (Parish Pastoral Committee) and Finance committee
 - ♦ Parish office Secretary, Grounds Keeper & Caretaker
 - ♦ Child safety and OH&S
 - ♦ Those extras working behind the scenes: you know who you are.

And most of all - those active of faith who attended.

Yes, quite a large contribution from a lot of people, which I think is tremendous!

Well done - one and all, and may God continue to bless and grow this Parish of ours.

Fr Geoff

Some links below from Palm Sunday and Easter which you may not have seen and which are terrific viewing.

ENJOY :)

PALM SUNDAY short video: <https://youtu.be/-nxC2pYGbqo>

PALM SUNDAY Full procession: <https://youtu.be/BN8y8XcGpJk>

PALM SUNDAY MASS: <https://youtu.be/twyVqY6rbfk>

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: <https://youtu.be/aUtFjxKBE0k>

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: <https://youtu.be/g4BBOXMULLQ>

EASTER SUNDAY 9am MASS: <https://youtu.be/A5N8RawqwAg>

Or simply go to our Parish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Geoffrey Lane was our top tipper for Round 4 with 8 winners.

Geoffrey is the passionate past administrator of our Competition and boasts a fine collection of Bulldogs memorabilia. All other tippers tipped 7 or less. Carolyn The Saint (Carolyn Meier) maintained her lead and is two ahead of Geoffrey, Debra 1974 and Molly Meier.

The round saw the Saints continue at the top of the ladder and 2 very happy Priests see their Blues maintain their winning run. This week is the AFL Gather Round when the nine-match, one-city footy showcase will happen in SA.

New members can still enrol in our Comp at ESPN Footy Tips, password "drake". Existing members continue to enjoy your tipping. Any queries or help [James:](mailto:james@bigpond.net.au)

jflob@bigpond.net.au /0418 491781 , [Spencer: sanddmeier@bigpond.com](mailto:spencer.sanddmeier@bigpond.com) /0448 602 288 . The cost of \$ 30 for the whole season can be paid to Spencer as soon as possible please so we can confirm your "membership" and work out our prize pool.

DID YOU KNOW---one of our tippers is an MCG tour guide and a 63 year member . He would love you to "tour" with him. Interestingly, in the last 12 months there has been over 150,000 tour visitors to the G from all over . You will see there a special highlight in the change rooms only introduced last week.. He can also remind you that the MCG is one of the most environmentally friendly stadiums in the world after major changes to their energy usage. The G is now powered 100 percent by renewable energy.



Men's Night

"The Irish Tourist Board in conjunction with St. Macartan announce that the next Men's Night will be held at 5.00pm on Thursday the 20th April 2023, at the Community Centre. Its aim is to provide a friendly and relaxing place for like minded people. BYO. Still only \$2.00 Donation. What Value!!"

Slainte, The three Amigos



Jokes of the Week



Some late EASTER jokes that are typical Dad jokes!

Q: What does the Easter Bunny say when it does a burp?

A: Eggs-cuse me!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?

A: It might crack up!

Q: Why don't you see dinosaurs at Easter?

A: Because they are eggs-tinct!

Q: Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

A: No bunny knows!

Q: Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs?

A: From an Egg Plant.

Q: What do you call an Easter Egg from Outer space?

A: An Egg-stra-terrestrial!

Q: How does Easter end?

A: With the letter 'R'

Q: Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

A: He saw the chicken doing it and thought it looked egg-citing!



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2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – 15th & 16th April 2023

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

3rd Sunday of Easter – 22nd & 23rd April 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Patrick Guest

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

4th Sunday of Easter – 29th & 30th April 2023

6.00 pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00 am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

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