

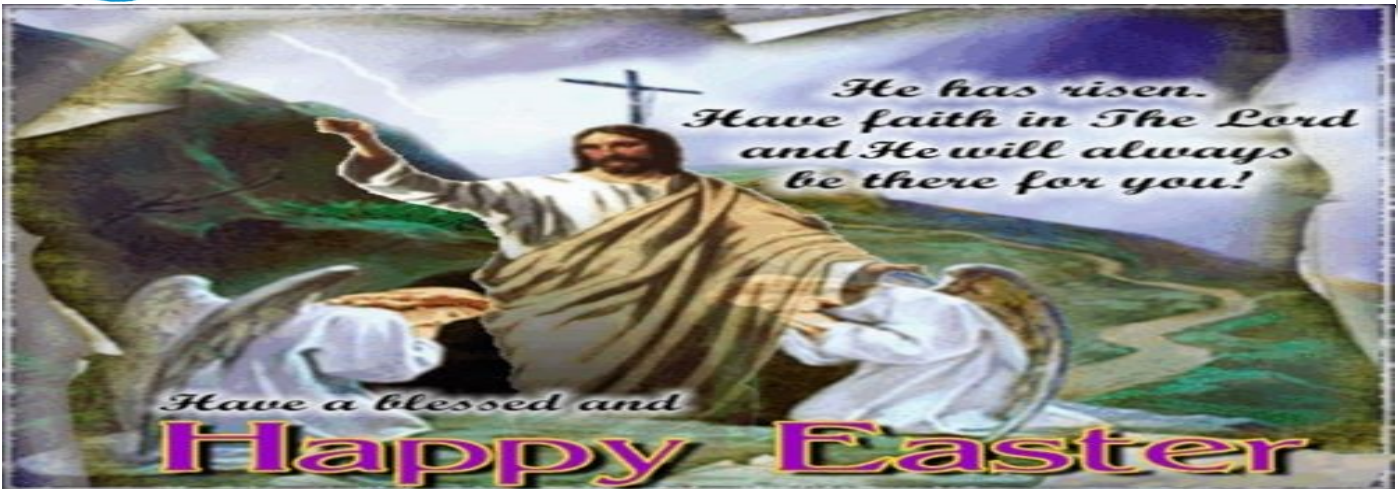
**SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION YrA 9 APRIL 2023**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

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**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 Fri 27th**

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

**Video Sunday Mass**

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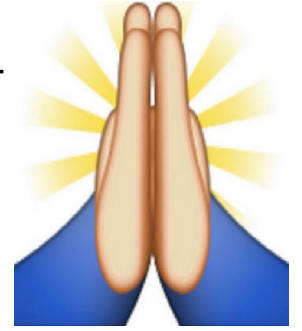
- **Friday 21st April**
- **Friday 28th April**

**NO ENCOUNTER AND YOUTH MASS**

- **SUNDAY 9th April**

## **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.



**Recently Deceased:** Jean McGreath and Marie Elizabeth Staley.

### ***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.'

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

**R.)** This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(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. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

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.

## **Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## **Gospel Acclamation** 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

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.

## **Communion Antiphon** 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## **DIFFERENT View**

### **An empty tomb?**

*There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.*

### **Gospel Reflection**

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

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

### **Historical Context – Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.



## **Pope to return to juvenile prison for Holy Thursday celebration**

*Pope Francis will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday with inmates of the Casal del Marmo juvenile prison located on the outskirts of Rome, the same place he presided over the Easter Triduum service fifteen days after his election in 2013.*

*By Salvatore Cernuzio*

Pope Francis will return to where he celebrated the first Mass "in Coena Domini" of his pontificate, presiding over the Holy Thursday liturgy on 6 April at Rome's juvenile prison of Casal del Marmo. The Holy See Press Office confirmed the celebration, just a few hours after the Pope left Gemelli Hospital on Saturday 1 April. The celebration will not be open to the general public, but live streaming is planned.

### **Holy Week celebrations**

Having just been discharged from the hospital where he was treated for infectious bronchitis, the Pope is set to resume his Holy Week agenda. He is scheduled to preside over the Easter celebrations. Holy See Press Office director, Matteo Bruni, confirmed that the Holy Week liturgies "remain unchanged," explaining that the Pope will preside over the celebrations with a cardinal at the altar, even on Easter Sunday. This is a practice that has been in force for some time.

At the Palm Sunday Mass Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, vice dean of the College of Cardinals, will celebrate. From Holy Thursday, the Holy



Week celebrations will get fully underway with the Chrism Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica followed later in the day with the aforementioned Mass of the Lord's Supper, with the ancient and always moving rite of the washing of feet.

# St Macartans Palm Sunday Event

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Fr Geoff, Fr Jude, and my wonderful Events Team, for all their hard work on Sunday to make our Palm Sunday a very special one for all who attended. Lots of happy children, their parents and grandparents joined in the fun. Chester the donkey was on his best behavior, and we had the early arrival of some bunnies to put smiles on the faces of the children. Our puppeteer was a huge success, and he kept the children enthralled with his presentation. Thank you to all those people working away behind the scenes to ensure that no-one went away hungry or thirsty. A great team effort.

A HUGE thank you to Temptation Pies and Subway for their food donation.

Jody Kerrins.

Chairperson PPC.



PS - I too, on behalf of Fr Jude and myself want to thank all involved especially our terrific Chairperson Jody Kerrins. Without her inspirational leadership and her events team, it would not have been as successful as it was.

Blessings Fr Geoff





# HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT



This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing.

Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spir-



## Parish Footy Tipping Competition



2023 is proving very difficult to pick winners in our AFL. For the third week in a row we have a new leader. Carolyn The Saint (Carolyn Meier) is now one ahead of Maggie 1976. Carolyn was one of only 3 who tipped 6 winners. The others were Doggies DF (Delina Frank) and Molly Meier. Everyone else could only manage 5 or less.

Week 3 of the season saw the Saints at the top of the ladder while celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the reigning premiers become the only team for 47 years to start the season 0/3 after their premiership the year before, Richmond kick their lowest first half score for a long time and 2 very happy Priests watch their Blues maintain their winning run.

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—iflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:james—iflob@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---when Caulfield Grammar School opened their memorial hall they featured an opera especially composed by Norman Kaye called Bullumbimbi? Its subject was AFL/ VFL football showing the extraordinary popularity of our football.

DO YOU KNOW---which team was the last before Geelong to start the season as premiers and get to round 3 with a record of 0/3?



## Jokes of the Week



**1) He picked it up and returned it to the bench:** Many years ago, a sticky situation arose at the wedding ceremony for the Duke of York. All the guests and the wedding attendants were in place. Majestic organ music filled the sanctuary of Westminster Abbey. But something was wrong. As part of the marriage ceremony, the Duke and his bride were to kneel on a cushioned bench to receive a blessing. A nervous whisper spread through the congregation as guests noticed that one of the cushions from the kneeling bench had fallen on the floor. Most of the attendants standing near the kneeling bench had royal bloodlines; at the very least, they were all from the upper crust of British society. To reach down and pick up the pillow would have been beneath them. They all pretended to ignore the misplaced pillow until finally the Prince of Wales, Heir to the Throne, who was a groomsman, picked it up and returned it to the bench. — That may not impress us very much, but in a society that is as class-conscious as British society, this was an extraordinary act. No wonder Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

**2) Meaningful Explanation:** A man came to a priest and wanted to make fun of his Faith, so he asked, “How can bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?” The priest answered, “No problem. You yourself change food into your body and blood, so why can’t Christ do the same?” But the man did not give up. He asked, “But how can the entire body of Christ be in such a small host?” “In the same way that the vast landscape before you can fit into your little eye.” But he still persisted, “How can the same Christ be present in all your Churches at the same time? The priest then took a mirror and let the man look into it. Then he let the mirror fall to the ground and break and said to the sceptic. “There is only one of you, and yet you can find your face reflected in each piece of that broken mirror at the same time.”



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5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

### **Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

8pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Bridie Sexton

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



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