

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.*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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**HOMILY****RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES***Replaces the Profession of Faith.*

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

P. And all his works?

All: I do.

P. And all his empty show?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL****LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:***R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.**PREFACE I OF EASTER***After the Preface, we sing or say:*

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unflinching love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**THE EASTER VIGIL****I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL**

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle.
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-2:2
RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1-18
RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING Exodus 14:15-18
CANTICLE From Ex 15

R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.

FOURTH READING Isaiah 54:5-14
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1-11
CANTICLE From Isa 12

R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SEVENTH READING Ezekiel 36:16-28
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 41

R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mt 28:1-10

III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES***(see far left column)***IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***(see middle column)***A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / A

12 APRIL 2020

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

DAY MASS**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 138:18, 5-6
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of unseen God: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.**GLORIA**

Gloria to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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. (or Alleluia!).

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God**SEQUENCE***The sequence may be said or sung.*

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

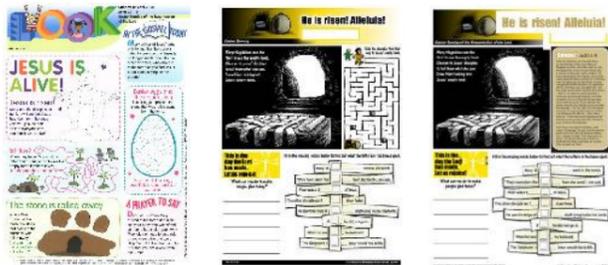
1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

KIDS CORNER

Click on the images below to download the activity sheets for this week.



Family Discussion Starters:

What do you have that is new?

How do you feel when you have something new?

Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us. How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?

FAMILY & FAITH WEBSITE

Bernice Wong, our Family Educator at the St Francis of Assisi Primary school has created a fantastic resource which is **available to all families in our community**. You do not need to have a child enrolled at St Francis School to use this site! Visit the website by clicking the Family & Faith icon for prayers, activities and more!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (PARISH BASED) POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Following advice from the Sydney Archdiocese our Sacramental Program for 2020 is now on hold. We will contact families who have returned forms and/or expressed interest when new dates become available.

Are you looking for more activities to do with your kids at home? We can send you age appropriate materials from our Catechist & Sacramental programs. Call or email Ruth: 0410 470 678 or administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com For those who have already requested home study/activity packs these were sent out this week.

RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE

All who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to call the Parish Office and make an appointment.

The Parish Office renovations have been completed and there are two suitable rooms at the front of the office where the sacrament may be received. Please note physical distancing will be maintained as per Department of Health guidelines.

Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.



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Sunday 12 April 2020 : Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A

Welcome to this Easter Sunday 2020 edition of our Weekly Bulletin. This special edition includes contributions from throughout our community. Please make sure you scroll past the usual two pages to enjoy the beautiful artwork from the kids in our parishes and the reflections shared by our parishioners. Thank you to all who have contributed.

The Lord is Risen! Yes indeed, the Lord is Risen! In these uncertain days it would be easy to downplay the joy captured in these words. What does the **Lord is Risen** mean to you? To me it means there is no power on earth that can ever cast a shadow over the Goodness of God. This is a God that in allowing his Son to suffer gave to us through the Resurrection the gift of eternal life. Mary of Magdala was reminded to look for the One she loved amongst the living.

We too are given that same challenge today; to look for God amongst the living, to look for God in our neighbours and to look for God within. This Easter calls us on an inward journey. At a time when we are used to celebrating with others Easter 2020 calls us to celebrate the Risen Christ in a personal and intimate way. I will be celebrating Easter at a table of one and yet I will be celebrating in union with all those who also believe in the Resurrection and look forward to celebrating the great banquet in the Kingdom to come. Easter is a recognition and an invitation to the banquet of eternal life. — Fr Paul

"Women why do you weep?"

When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb she wept. "Where have you put Him?" Meeting Jesus thinking He was a gardener, she asked "where have you put him so I can care for Him."

Jesus replied "MARY"

When Jesus called Mary by name she recognised Him. Jesus calls each of us by name and invites us into God's garden. The garden of Eden where God calls each of us by name, "Adam where are you?"

The Resurrection of Jesus announces The New Creation. The good news the Kingdom of God is here. This very day- "This day you will be with Me in Paradise"

In this time of great turmoil and suffering may we always remember that we are called to share in God's kingdom of Justice, peace, compassion and love. Then let us rejoice -

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Peace be with you. —Fr Piotr

PHONE TREE

If three parishioners call three parishioners each week and those parishioners then call another three and then another three and another then there will nobody will feel alone. Which three people will you call this week and will you remind them to call another three? - Fr Paul

REGARDING PLANNED GIVING

We truly appreciate the numerous phone calls and emails from parishioners who would like to contribute to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our community via the second collection. If you would like to continue your contributions there are two ways to donate via credit card.

Recurring Monthly Donation:

Sign up for automatic direct debit via your credit card by completing the forms available on our website at: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/planned-giving/ or contact Ruth at the Office and she will send you a form via email or post.

One Time Credit Card Payment:

Visit our website to make a once off credit card payment: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/other-donations/ Please include your planned giving number if applicable. You can also make a donation by calling us on 9331 4043 and Ruth will process your credit card payment over the phone.

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Our Community of Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay is now online! Join us for latest updates from the parish office and to share updates with one another as well.

For many of us this is a time to learn new means of communication and togetherness. As Pope Francis said in his Holy Week message this week:

The creativity of love can overcome isolation.

If you need help starting your own Facebook page give the Parish Office a call and Ruth will help you over the phone.

To find our Facebook & Twitter click the symbols below to visit our pages. Or if you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to join to receive updates (and this bulletin!) via email click the Join Our Mailing List link below.



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WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community. Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

OUR PARISH

Paul Ghanem ofm - Parish Priest
Piotr Rzcudlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm - Assistant Priests
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Nicole Smelders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold - Safeguarding Support Officer
Nicole Hudson - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.

Recently Deceased: John Rockey, Jim Evans, Jean Groves, Karl Hallenan, David Barrett, Clare Carter, Winifred Simshouser, Nancy Rickard, Junior; baby of Jono Allatt & Sarah MacMahon, Tim Chew, Cathy O'Connor, A. O'Sullivan, Peter McMurray, Lois Squadrato, Rae Collins, James Cummings, Patrick Whooley, Juliet McCormack, Caroline a'Beckett, Elizabeth Hammond, Michael Rock Dean, John Fordham, Margaret Quade, Norma Castaldi, Adrian Lynch, Danielle Linkson, Wilma Muriel Nesbitt.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Quinnett, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Jean Groves, Judy Debien, Mary Di Bello, Karen Tighe, John McCue, Joyce Dingwall, Vinz Napoli, Caterina Maiurana, Judy Petrosian, Margaret McCaffrey, Valerie McPhee, Susan Griffith, Katharina & Manfred Lemech Conley Family Intentions, John Kelly, Aquino Lanojan, Kevin & Ann Nicey, Ian Stewart, Andrew Georgiou, Nancy Jordan, Yiu Lam Kwan, Gaetano Carone, Faye Anderson, Anne & George Duncan, Adeline Lee, Sr Mary Hereward, David Roderick, Tino Ordenez, Giuliano Family, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Francesco Labbozzetta, John Newman, Giuliano Family, Ann Kaine, Dennis Kiernan, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Shannon Whelan, Kathy Nemeth, Kiernan Family, Avery & Roche Families, William Dikson, Jean Malouf, Maria Satoh, Hector Destro, Concepcion Family, Hector Barbara, Ray Ghanem, Tom Connelly, Nancy Jordan, Odete Desa, Vince Munro, Marian Wojciechowski, Krystna Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Holy Souls.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or on 93905810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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