



## *Easter Sunday*

*11th / 12th April 2020*

### **Parish Clergy**

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### **Holy Week TV Coverage**

#### ***Good Friday & Easter Sunday***

Streamed on Prime 7 in regional areas and streamed on 7 Plus.

#### **From St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**

***Good Friday 10 April—Lord's Passion—3pm***

***Easter Sunday Mass 12 April—10.30am***

Those wanting to view these liturgies online can visit: <https://7plus.com.au/>

**Two Prayer Resources:** located on parish website under "Latest Newsletter"

1. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday resources from Sandhurst & Brisbane Dioceses.
2. Prayers at home - when gathering for mass is not possible.

### **EASTER MESSAGE**

Thanks to Fran Kernaghan & Gemma Whitehead for their diligence and commitment in contacting parishioners by phone or email. So far we have over 150 names on our parish email list!

We intend circulating a newsletter each week which we will email, snail mail or deliver to parishioners who wish to keep in touch. If we have not contacted you, particularly those without a computer or internet access and you would like to be included in our outreach please let us know.

You may have a family member, friend or neighbour who would like to receive our communication (ask them first!)

While the restraints on gathering for public worship remain we will post a weekly Sunday mass celebrated at Sacred Heart on YouTube.

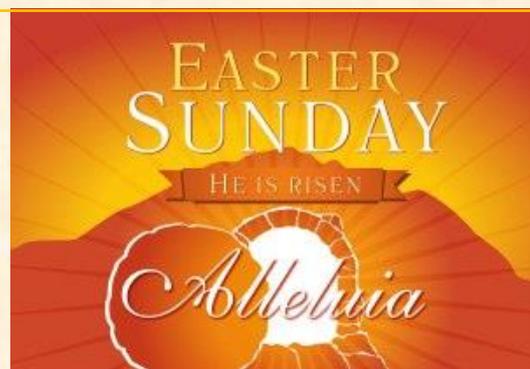
Easter reminds us that God reaches us in human touch. It is in our physical earthy humanity that we heal and save each other. We have learned this from a human God. John placed his ear on the heart of Jesus at the Last Supper, Mary Magdalene touched his feet, Thomas his wounds (Daniel O'Leary, Unmasking God).

There is no doubt that we live in worrying and confusing times. The spread of a mysterious and contagious virus throughout the world, measures regarding social distancing, the request to remain in our home unless absolutely necessary have thrown the normality of our lives into turmoil.

Perhaps these changes, however, can help us prepare for a unique experience of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday there was the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Jesus was feted with acclamation and palms. The disciples must have been smiling broadly, happy to be associated with such a figure as Jesus. On Thursday evening there was a dinner with friends and while there were tensions it passed relatively peacefully. However, by the end of the evening there was violence, fear, denial of what was happening. On Friday there was worse to come with the corrupt trial and brutal death of a beloved son and friend. It must have seemed incredible that things could turn so fast.

The disciples locked themselves away from others wondering what was going to happen to them. Then on Sunday in the midst of grief and despair there was the incredible news of the resurrection. Such joy and hope. As we experience the emotions of the Holy Week and relate it to our time of isolation and fears, let us hold onto the certainty of God's love for us and trust that our time of trial will pass and we will share in the new life of the resurrection.

***Happy Easter everyone!***



# Parish Community



*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Wayne Fulford, Brian Filliponi, Betty Glazebrook, Brian Unthank, Michael Bereza, Anne Whitfield, John Thornely, Mary Nolan, Peter Gill, Gwen Fenwick, Philip Rolfe, Pat Scott.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Murphy, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Larry Foley, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Colleen O'Reilly, David Miller, Les Stewart, Elio Corte, Fr Mel Roach, Harry Hore, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Kerry Faul, Wal Tozer, Joan Godde, Catherine Campbell, Catherine Thompson, Patricia Fisher, Rose Weaver, Erin Corboy, Leo Doolan, Jessie Whelton.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Prayer for the Sick

*We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen*

## Easter Sunday Prayer

***"Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said" (Mt28:5-6)***

*Be opened.....to New Life*

*Risen Jesus,*

*You are the light that the darkness cannot extinguish.*

*You are the peace that the world cannot give.*

*Surround us with your peace Spirit*

*so that we may become bearers of peace and light for others*

*May we live a new life in you.*

*We ask this prayer in your holy name,*

*for you are the Light of the world.*

*Amen.*

## Easter Blessing

*May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness.*

*May Christ, the Morning Star, who knows no setting, find His light ever burning in our hearts.*

*May the Risen Lord enlighten our minds and fill our hearts with Easter joy, to spread the Good News to all around us.*



## Thank You

Thanks to Declan Michael for being volunteered to scale the hall roof to unblock the drainpipe before the guttering collapsed.

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others.'

# Parish News

## **MASS AT SACRED HEART NORTH ALBURY**

View Good Friday Liturgy (Stations of the Cross) and celebration of Easter Sunday Eucharist by clicking on the YouTube link provided on our website. Good Friday should be available the day before and Easter Sunday by Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to Nick Manning from the IT department at Xavier, Ed Brown and James Burke (website) for their assistance in this regard.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF SACRED HEART PARISH**

I am conscious that all around us people are losing their jobs and that this will create an unprecedented level of stress and anxiety.

Thanks for your continued support of our parish community through your generous contributions to the second collection. It may be some time before we will be able to resume gathering as a Eucharistic community.

If possible please continue to contribute to the financial security of our parish community through the direct deposit scheme. For those using envelopes, if you are able to put away your regular contribution each week and store it until life as we have known it returns to normal, that would be most appreciated.

Planned giving contributions can also be left at the Presbytery during office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am—2.00pm following coronavirus social distancing and medical protocol.

## **Sacred Heart Bank Account for Parishioner Depositing**

### **Church Account Second Collection**

Pays insurance and utility accounts. Covers all maintenance and pastoral/liturgical activities expenses.

### **Internet Transfer**

Account Name: Sacred Heart North Albury Church

BSB: 066-789; Account Number: 100005574

Description: Surname & Envelop or Planned Giving No.

### **Presbytery Account First Collection**

Pays for household expenses and Priest's Stipends.

### **Internet Transfer**

Account Name: Sacred Heart North Albury Presbytery

BSB: 066-789; Account Number: 100005575

## **Please Note Changes to St Vincent de Paul Services**

Due to Commonwealth and State new rules about meetings, and the ages of our volunteers this Centre can **NOT** continue to open as it has in the past.

We are offering **BASIC STANDARDISED** food packages on a **STRICT** appointment basis.

For an appointment, please ring **0460 740 990** between 10.30am—3.00pm Monday to Wednesday. Give your name and I.D. details on the phone. You will be given a time to come and pick up your food package. Vinnies North Albury Care & Support Centre.

## **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Your generous support for Project Compassion helps end poverty, promote justice and upholds dignity.

You may wish to keep your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes until parish masses resume.

Or you could make your gift online at [lent.caritas.org.au/donate](http://lent.caritas.org.au/donate)

## **UPDATE ON PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS**

Contracts have been signed with the successful tenders for the replacement of the church roof and the installation of heating/cooling in the church.

Hopefully, once materials have been sourced this extensive project will be able to commence.

## **ECUMENICAL PRAYER FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.**

***We have been invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day***

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.

We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.

We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Online Mass and Prayer Resources**

### **Options for viewing Mass online:**

**Website:** [northsydneycatholics.com](http://northsydneycatholics.com) then 'Mass on Demand' (Mass 9.00am every day) can be viewed anytime after that. Lavender Bay, North Sydney.

**1. Daily Mass:** Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn: [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au) *Mass celebrated specifically for viewing online.*

**2. Daily Mass:** Archdiocese of Melbourne: <https://Melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**Daily Mass:** *The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.*

**Sunday Mass:** *On Sundays, the 11.00am Mass is streamed & also available as a recording on demand.*

**Prayer Resources:** **Located on parish website under "Latest Newsletter" from Brisbane & Sandhurst dioceses.**

# Liturgy of the Word



## Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
- <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.
- <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.
- <sup>4</sup> The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.
- <sup>5</sup> Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.
- <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
- <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”
- <sup>8</sup> Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.
- <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.
- <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” This is the gospel of the Lord.

## 1st Reading – Acts 10:34A, 37-43

<sup>34A</sup> Peter proceeded to speak and said:

<sup>37</sup> “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

<sup>40</sup> This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

<sup>41</sup> not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” This is the Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

**R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

## Gospel – John 20:1-9

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

<sup>4</sup> They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;

<sup>5</sup> he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

<sup>6</sup> When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

<sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

<sup>9</sup> For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord.