



16-17 April 2022
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—Year C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday—6pm

Wednesday, Thursday and -

Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.15pm—4.45pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation with Funeral Directors.

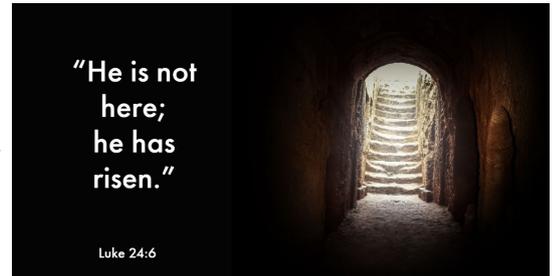
Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate Easter
Sunday of the Resurrection of



The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!” *

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only “the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, “come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth” ([Song of Songs 2:10-12](#)). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

2. Happy Easter and Thank You

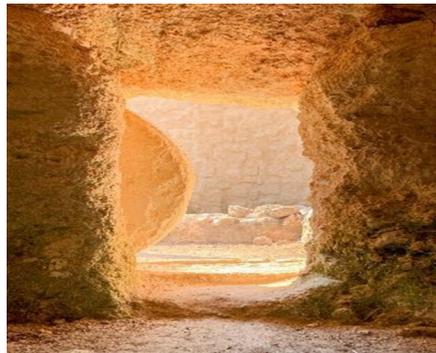
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!!

At this time of Easter celebration last year, we were still under restrictions due to Covid and many could not celebrate the Risen Lord in our traditional way. It is joyful that this year, we were all able to join in the Holy week and Easter celebrations. I hope you had meaningful celebrations in the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish you all a happy and COVID safe Easter.

I thank you all for your dedication and support to our parish. Your daily, weekly and seasonal liturgies, workshops and volunteering have been remarkable to the progress of our parish. Special thanks go to those who have been giving their time and talents when required. In no order of importance, we thank the following persons/groups:

- Acolytes
- Lectors
- Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Altar Servers
- Members of the Choir including Maria Tripodi, Frances Musso, Veronica Casha and their groups.
- The Money counters
- The cleaners who ensure that the church is clean and tidy.
- Church/Altar decorators team led by Faye Palamara. This includes those who helped with the Palms – Joe Cilia, Veronica Leva and St. Anthony Catholic College Students
- Members of the Parish Council.
- Members of the Liturgy Committee.
- The daily Rosary and Legion of Mary team led by Joe Cilia.
- The Lawn Mowers especially John Calarco, Joe Cilia and Joe Vella.
- Kerry De Vries who looks after the gardens and provides us with plants when required
- The Lenten Program group led by Wendy Tourle and Margaret De Vries
- The Safeguarding officer, Natasha Steimbesser
- All the Parishioners who volunteer to support the parish.
- All those who attended the Working Bee organized by Faye Palamara and Joe Cilia.
- St Anthony of Padua, College, the principal Mrs Lea D'Angelis, staff and students.
- John Bonano for polishing our gold hardware.
- All the volunteers who helped in the Easter Triduum.

Thank you all. We are a community – a parish and one family. May you have a blessed and fruitful Easter.



May we continue to follow the necessary protocols in avoiding infection such as keeping some physical distancing in enclosed spaces, staying home and getting tested of Covid if we are ill or symptomatic and by maintaining a good hygiene while in the church and other places. Please note that while wearing of masks are no longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings, they are still recommended.. The liquid sanitizer is at both sidewalls of the entrance to the church to clean our hands when we enter and exit the church. Unfortunately, it would not be prudent at this stage to resume the shaking of hands at the 'Sign of Peace' and reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice during Mass. The alcohol-soaked wipes have damaged some of our pews and we are considering some alternatives. At the moment, please, **DO NOT** leave the wipes on the pews or on any wooden surface as they corrode the woods and fade the paint on them. We have bucket/s at the foyer where you are to dispose them after use. Your safety and our Parishioners' safety are our priority. If you would like to assist in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office who can help you with the necessary paperwork.

3. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Online Program

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27. For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

4. Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 24 April is the feast of Divine Mercy. The weekend Masses will be as per normal but a special prayer and consecration will be conducted starting from 3pm in the parish. All are welcome.

5. St. Anthony's Feast Day

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June 2022. To celebrate, the Parishioners will again mark the feast with a mass, lunch and entertainment on Sunday 19th June 2022 in the parish grounds.



To co-ordinate and organize such an event, we will need to set up a committee. If you think you can assist or for further details, please contact the Parish office. In the meantime, if you are a business and willing to donate items for raffles, or have a stall you would like to set up please contact us. We look forward to celebrating this Parish event with all parishioners and visitors to our Parish.

6. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. We have just bought a new Audio/ Video electronic Mixer to replace the old one that became faulty due to mishandling. If you do not know how to operate them and you need any of it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

7. Parish Project

You would perhaps have noticed the paints on our pews have been badly corroded by the wipes we use to clean them, due to alcohol that is contained in the wipes. There is need to make the pews tidier by repainting them. We have also identified our parish billboard right on the corner of Edmondson and Eleventh Avenues as a project that can improve awareness to the increasing population moving into Austral community. We therefore seek your support by funding the project/s or how best we can source fund for the projects. Thanks to you for your generosity and suggestions.

8. Anzac Day

Monday 25 April 2022 our Parish will celebrate Anzac Day with a mass at 9am followed by a morning tea. All are welcome.



9. Project Compassion

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Project Compassion. If you have not returned your project compassion boxes it is not too late. You can drop it off in the parish office or in the offertory plate during any Mass. All monies will be sent over to Caritas in the coming weeks.

10. Rosters

New rosters for reading and cleaning for the next quarter have been emailed. Please contact the Parish office if you require a hard copy. If you cannot assist on your allocated day, please contact the Parish office. We reiterate that you cannot read at any mass if you have not attended either an online or in person a safeguarding workshop or have a current working with children check in place.

11. Commitment Ceremony /Lectors Meeting

Thank you to the new volunteers in our Parish who will read and/or become Eucharist ministers. The Parish office will contact you to arrange a commitment ceremony. We will also run a lector's meeting for the new readers in our Parish with time and date to be confirmed in due course.

12. Holy Communion

The holy communion program will begin its preparation beginning with an information evening on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 6.30pm in the church. A commitment ceremony will follow on the weekend of 30 April 2022-1 May 2022 during the four weekend masses. Please note that attendance for both these events are compulsory in order to register your child for Holy Communion.



13. Children's Liturgy

We would like children's liturgy to return to the 5pm Saturday mass and the 9am Sunday mass. However, we are in need of some volunteers for this ministry to run. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office. It will run on a roster basis. This ministry requires both current safeguarding certificate and working with children check.

14. Masses

All masses will resume as per normal next week.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Josephine Camilleri, Lenette and Joe Gerardis, Nancy Chelliah, Father Barry Reabow, Ian Farrell, James Dimech, Alfred Casha, Carmela Luppino, Dicembre Antonio Armando

Anniversaries:

Elisabetta Maiolo, Lourdes Ever Juan, Raffela Pelli, Donald Low, Roza and Vella Families, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Tessie Bonanno

Also for:

The Morton, Clark, Drabble, King, Roberts, Tobia and Musso Families, Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Grixti, Victor Vella, Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, Maria Luisa and Domencio Crestani, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, Deceased members of the Vella Family

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose

Real holes in my feet

Jesus says, "I feel like performing a miracle. What should I do?"

Peter says, "How about the walking-on-water gig?"

Jesus agrees, steps out of the boat, and slowly starts sinking as he walks around.

Peter helps him back into the boat and asks, "Why didn't it work this time?"

Jesus replies, "I'm not sure, maybe it's the holes in my feet."

The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

Merciful God of hope and life, during this time of pandemic, May we hold to attitudes and behaviours that profess our faith in Jesus Christ, May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe, May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful. Heal those who are infected by the virus, Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work, Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom, Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org 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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