



St. John the Baptist Catholic

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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER

Monday - 8am
Tuesday - 8am
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:10am
Friday - 9:10am
Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 27/28 APRIL
(Second Sunday of Easter
Year C)

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30pm

Sunday Masses:
8:00am, 10:00am and
5:30pm

4th Sunday of the Month:
5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

1st Friday of the Month:
7:00pm Mass in
Vietnamese

1st Saturday of the Month
Fatima Devotions 7.45am
Adoration/Benediction
8.30am

Reconciliations:
Saturdays — 4:15—5:00pm
Sunday—5:00—5:15pm

Anointing of the Sick
Contact the Parish Office
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year C) 20th & 21st April, 2019

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate. The great day is finally here: Easter, the most important day of the Christian calendar. Many people think that Christmas is the most important day, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; it symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. In other words, Easter is what makes us Christians.

Mary Magdalene reports to Peter and the beloved disciple that the tomb is empty. They in turn run to investigate and, while the disciple reaches the tomb first, he holds back in deference to Peter, the leader of the twelve. It is only when the beloved disciple enters the tomb that we are told an appropriate response to the event —“he saw and he believed”. This highlights how each of us as believers must come to terms with the mystery of the resurrection.

The true meaning of Easter has deep significance in our lives as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. St Paul reminds us that if Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain (1 Cor 15:14). It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life.

That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday evening. And for those of us already baptised, we renew the promises that we made or that our parents and godparents made at our baptisms with full awareness and reflection on the profound meaning of baptism itself. In baptism we participate in Christ's dying and rising to new life.

May this year's celebration of Easter be a true celebration of new life for all of us. May we live our baptism into the Risen Christ with ever greater fervour, and may we share with others the joy that is ours. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!



Fr Richard

Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:



Sick: Camelia ALTAMURA, Danilo DE LEON, Janette SMITH, Jessie TREZEVANT, Jane GALEA, Joseph DEGUARA, Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Concetta SPERANZA, Jessie CONOPIO, Roberto RAMOS, Katie ROBINSON, Luciano ZADRO

Other: Thanksgiving, Rosaria & Pasquale PETRULLA, Giovanni & Carmela BONARIGGIO, Carmelo PETRULLA, Giuseppe PETRULLA, Rosa & Pasquale LETTIERI, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Raffaele CAFASSO, Benito MAZZEO, LETTIERI FAMILY, VITERALE FAMILY and all Souls, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.



There will be Blessed Water available in small containers at the Baptismal font and a home blessing prayer. You are welcome to take one for your family to bless your home and family members.

Thank You

A lot of work has gone into preparing for Holy Week. Many thanks to the Liturgical Committee, the Altar Society, the choir, our musicians, singers, the Acolytes, Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, church cleaners, Nina and Year twelve from Freeman Catholic College for leading the Stations of the Cross. **Well done!**





PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 5th May**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate our Catechumens Aaron Kristan, Tim Jong, Jessica Ngo and Sia who will be received into the Church and the family of Philip JONG who will be Baptised here during the Easter Vigil on Saturday 20th April.



CANDLES FOR THE EASTER VIGIL will be available for sale from the Piety Store for \$2.00 each or \$5 for 3. The candles can also be used when praying together as a family at home throughout the year.

Thank You

We would like to thank Connie Gerace who so kindly donated, designed and made our Parish Pascal Candle which will be lit at the Easter Vigil.

GERACE DESIGN

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Ministries Next Week 27/28 APRIL	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis J Victorino	I O'Connor T Simpson	J Habib N Dubuisson	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Pace J Victorino A Jamieson C Araco L Topic T Micali	D Sullivan J Finucane L Tononcelli S Xuereb D Triganza	E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	28/04/2019 S Peters	05/05/2019 A Portolesi	12/05/2019 J Sultana	19/05/2019 S Shabo
10AM MORNING TEAS	28/04/2019 Group 4	05/05/2019 Group 1	12/05/2019 Group 2	19/05/2019 Group 3

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Children in Years 5-6 are welcome to come together and be involved with the Jordan Youth Group.

The Group will meet next on **Saturday 27th April** from 3.30pm-5.15pm in the Parish Hall and will participate in prayer, reflection, activities and discussion. It's a great way for children to engage spiritually and explore their faith together.

For further information please contact:
Silvana Scamardella 0417 197 357 or
Rosalie Capolupo 0404 276 332.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday 16th June - First Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June - Parish Feast Day and
30 Years John the Baptist Primary School

Saturday 29th June - Men's Breakfast

Friday 13th September - Confirmation

Saturday 14th September - Confirmation

Thursday 3rd October - Ignite Conference

Tuesday 12th November - First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November - First Reconciliation

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Force for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019

Time: 5.30pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

See Church noticeboard for more details.



PARISH SUPPERS - We will be now holding supper after every Saturday evening Mass. You are invited to stay back after Mass and enjoy a cuppa with your community. Please bring a plate to share.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE REQUEST FORM

To become a regular contributor please fill this slip and return it to the Parish Office

Name.....Telephone No.:.....

Address:.....

☐ Yes, Tax deduction required

☐ No tax deduction necessary

If you would like to become a regular credit card donor please complete a credit card authority form found in the church bench.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

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.*

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.*

Next Sunday:

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I have "told" others about Jesus' risen Life in which I share by.....
- ♦ What brings me greatest joy and helps me come to greater belief in the new Life God offers me is..... T
- ♦ The radiant joy I have encountered through others is.....
- ♦ The radiant joy I have brought to others is.....

First reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Responsorial Psalm

17:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

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

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.'

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

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

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

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

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

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

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

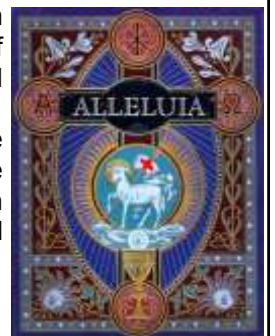
A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord



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