

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: PLEASE SEE OVERHEAD

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

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

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Week: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

Weekday Masses:

9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to
St Benedict until 8.30pm; Saturdays from
4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:

7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass



Parish Priest

Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:

from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

21 April 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish

Jane Galea, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood,
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,
Philomena Greenwood,

**Bless our sick today so that they may bear
their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and
restore them quickly to health**

Please remember in your prayers

John Denniss, Pietro Di Donato, Luisa Olivieri,
Pasquale Stivala, Luciano Zadro, Francisco
Astroza, Otto Mild, Angela Colusso, Cosimo Cutri,

Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :**

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Elio Fomer,
Giorgio Mascia, Giovanna Vurchio,
Josephine Yelenazza,



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Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert

Every Sunday at 8.30am in the
Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children's Liturgy

Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199

By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199

Any Time

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.

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 Focus

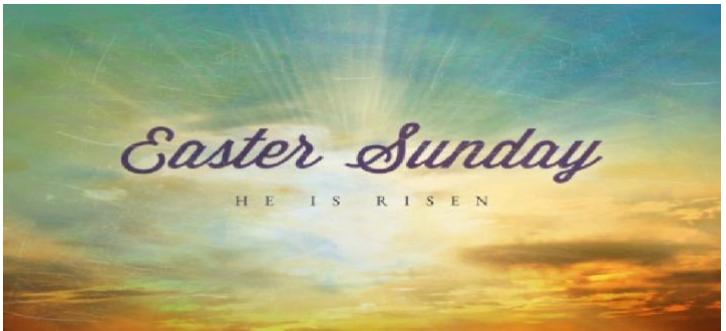
The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 27 April 2019 ~
Group E : Neo Cats

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 14/4/2019
1st Collection \$2,703.80 goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.
2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,054.00 and \$1,999.90 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!



Christ has Risen! Alleluia!
He has truly Risen! Alleluia!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish
 The Resurrection. A story too good to be true? Even Jesus' disciples found it difficult to believe at first. But then the awesome reality began to sink in: He is risen from the dead! Death is not the end. Our sins are forgiven. Peace is a real possibility. Life can be filled with hope which no one, not even the most evil of evils, can take from us.
 With our faith in the Resurrection, we are assured life in the Spirit of the risen Christ, now and eternally.
 May this Easter Season be a time for us to sing out "Alleluia!" from the depths of our hearts and may it be for all of us a time to grow in greater love with God and radiate that love on to our families and friends. Happy Easter!
Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James


Congratulations to the following Adults
 who received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church the Easter Vigil.

Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist: **Brian & Patrick**

Received the Sacraments of Confirmation
Jahleen, Cao, Ben & Jay

Received the Sacraments of Eucharist:
Jahleen, Oriana & Jay

ANZAC DAY ~ Thursday 25th April
Is a solemn day of remembrance
 Masses: 8:00am ~ St Therese's Church
 Solemn Mass: 10:30am ~ St Benedict's Church

 **CHOCOLATE LAMBS FOR SALE @ \$8 EACH**
 By purchasing the Paschal lambs, you are helping the Michaelite Priests bring the message of Christ to the people of Papua New Guinea, as well as supporting our Parish in our fundraising.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES
 Please return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
 #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

EASTER OCTAVE & DIVINE MERCY MASS TIMES 2019

St Benedict's Church

EASTER MONDAY TO FRIDAY (22 – 26 April)
 10:30am Mass
There will be NO EVENING MASS on Wednesday 24th April,
Mass will be at 10:30am on this day.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 28 April
 6pm Vigil (Saturday 27 April)
 8am Italian, 10.30am, 3pm (followed by devotion to the Divine Mercy), & 6pm Mass

St Therese's Church

EASTER MONDAY TO SATURDAY (22 – 27 April)
 8am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28 April - 7.30am & 9pm
 NO MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SATURDAY

FR JOSÉ MARIA'S 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS
 Monday 22nd April at 7:00pm
 St Benedict's Church, Smithfield

Family Day Retreat
 to
Shrine of Mercy
Penrose Park
 Come join us in a day of spirituality, fun, excitement & unity.



Saturday 27 April 2019

Families to organise their own transport

Family Day consists of various activities commencing:

- 11:00 am:** The Celebration of the Eucharist:
- Talk for Parents 'A Daily Meditative Prayer Style – St Ignatius Examen' by Christopher Neaves
 Leader of Learning Adult Faith Formation & Evangelisation;
 Religious Education & Evangelisation
- 3:00 pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Blessing of Families


Please bring a Picnic Hamper to share for lunch, water, comfortable shoes & clothing: (No High Heels)

Please Note:

- Children must be accompanied by own Parent/Carer/Guardian Parents/Carer/Guardians are responsible for the children in their care.
- If you are interested, please add your name & contact details with number of persons attending on the sheet provided in the foyer of the Church & inform Fr Wojtek if you are coming on the day.

Divine Mercy Special Mass
Sunday 28th April ~ 3pm

St Benedict's Church
 followed by devotion to the Divine Mercy including Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Blessing of the image and veneration.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Office will re-open on
Tuesday 30th April

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~
 (No Blessing during April)
SUNDAY 12th May at the 10:30am Mass
 All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of March are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.
 (Marriage Blessings will continue every 2nd Sunday of the month)

INVITATION TO PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS
 Br Dn Jeremy Santoso & Br Dn Zachary Lewis
 will be Ordained to the Priesthood on
Saturday 25 May
 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Penrose Park.
 A bus has been booked for this occasion and if interested, please contact our Parish Office to book your seat. \$23 pp

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

- Parent Meeting – Tuesday 7th May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- First Communion classes will begin 10th May and continue for 4 weeks.
- Reconciliation Rehearsal – Thursday 6th June at 7 pm in the Church.
- Reception of First Reconciliation – Tuesday 11th June, 6:45 pm SHARP in the Church.
- REHEARSALS:**
 - CEREMONY 1** – Tuesday 18th June, 7 pm
 - CEREMONY 2** – Friday 21st June, 7 pm
- HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**
 - CEREMONY 1** – Saturday 22nd June, 6 pm
 - CEREMONY 2** – Sunday 23rd June, 10:30 am

Confirmation 2019
 The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 8th September 2019, at 2 pm and 4 pm. Enrolments will take place at Parish Masses on 18/19 May and 25/26 May. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.
Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin
 Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
 Alternatively, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message.

PASCHAL CANDLES DONATION
 A big Thank you to **Mark Malone** from **Integrity Funerals** who

very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Church & St Therese's Church

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
 Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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.

GREAT NEWS ~ PARISH BINGO
 Numbers called in Italian & English, as well as displayed on a Screen.
Hosted by the ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION Smithfield
 *Bingo is held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month (except April due to Easter)
 Therefore, will be held on Friday the 5th and 12th.
 Followed by coffee, cakes & biscuits for Moring Tea & Bread rolls for Lunch,
 Held in the Montefano Hall 10am to 1pm.

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