



## ONE MISSION, TWO PARISHES

Easter Sunday – year B Sunday 31 March 2024



### Administrator

Fr Dean Mathieson

### Parish Secretary

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Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil

ST: & SL: 6pm

Sunday

St Luke's 8:30am

St Timothy's 10:30am

St Timothy's 5pm (Vietnamese)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Timothy's:

Wed & Thurs - 9:15am

Fri - 10am

1st Wed of the month

@ 10.00am Mass of Anointing

St Luke's:

Tues - 5pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 9:30am

Sat - 9am

Rosary after each morning Mass

### RECONCILIATION

SL: Sat 9.30am-10am

5.30pm – 5.50pm

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SL: Wed 7pm-8pm

## HE IS RISEN

### *Wishing you all a very Happy Easter*

#### New Morning: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

*The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation. At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9–10).*

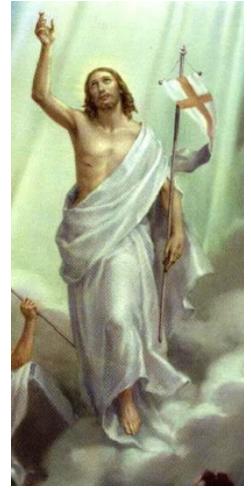
*Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."*

*What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).*

*What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead.*

*We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.*

*We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."*



Scott Hahn

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### Prayer to Saint Timothy

O God, who adorned Saint Timothy with apostolic virtues, grant, through his intercession that, living justly and devoutly in this present age, we may merit to reach our heavenly homeland. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Patron Saint of stomach and intestinal disorders.*

### Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

O St. Luke, you were chosen to reveal in preaching and writing God's love for the poor. Moved by the heavenly Spirit of Love, you detailed the life of Jesus, showing His divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings. Help those who already glory in God's name to persevere in one heart and one mind and inspire all people that they may hear the Good News of Salvation. Amen

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.*

# HOLY HOUR & Confession

## St Luke's Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 6pm SL  
6pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

**30 and 31 March**  
**7.30pm** See separate Easter roster  
**7.30pm** C. Garlick, R. Grealy & V. Vinsonclero  
May McKeown  
Alfred Lee & Andrew Johny  
Mai Le & Youth

**6 and 7 April**  
Godfrey Thong  
Hubert Lobo  
Kana Chelliah  
Alfred Lee & Travis Yee  
Hoa Doan & Nhat Nguyen.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 6pm SL  
6pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

**7.30pm** Margaret Gearon  
**7.30pm** Owen Grealy  
Ian Holmes  
Laura Cigana  
Youth Group

Melina Barcellona  
Susan Chen  
Beryl Chelliah  
Chin L Tay  
Hung Dinh.

### SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 6pm SL  
6pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

**7.30pm** Choir  
**7.30pm** Michelle Chen  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Manny Gonzalez  
Toan Tran

Choir  
Michelle Chen  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Lee Min Yee  
Toan Tran

### SL WELCOMERS 30/31 MAR

**7:30pm** Libby Theodore  
8:30am Joe Brogno  
**ST** 10.30am Volunteer

**SL CHURCH CLEANING**  
13th April – Kellie's Team  
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,  
Toni Wynne & Daniella Manolopoulos

### SL CHURCH FLOWERS

30th March - Joan McHugh  
6th April - Kate Skowronska  
**ST CHURCH FLOWERS**

### SL WELCOMERS 6/7 APR

6:00pm Tony Fernandez  
8:30am Marie Pekish  
**ST** 10.30am Volunteer

### ST CHURCH CLEANING

6th April @ 8am  
Toan Tran, Dao Dinh,  
Hieu Nguyen & Dieu Nguyen.

### ST COUNTERS

This week Team 8:  
Fela Colasanti & Chin L Tay  
Next week Team 1:  
Owen Grealy & Anthony Yeo

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, especially Bernadine O'Meara, Maura, Kit Bing Fan, Tony Keaney, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Stewart Davis, Mark, Jerry Donoghue, Margaret Hayes, Kevin Bolton, the Italiano family and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who have died, for the casualties of war in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Ronald Schnellbeck, Jack Stephenson, Marion Deakin, Verna Dughard, Mary Hosking, Delia Di Campi San Vito, John McEwan, Janelle Madigan, Lois Whiteoak, Yolanda Wong, Keith Henry, Maria D'Astoli, Giovanni & Nunziata Panettieri, Enzo & Amelia Capizzi, Adriano Isola, Claire Mayo, Maurie Willmott, Lilian Chapman, Maria Villani, Shirley Hammond, Liz Rava & Maria Lobo. May they rest in peace.

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PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion Boxes can be left at SL in the basket near the picture of St Joseph and at ST in the basket near the Holy Oils cabinet on the sanctuary. [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800 024 413. Thanks for your generosity.

Resources ....

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: [Walking the way of the cross this Holy Week](#)

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: [No stranger to suffering - an Easter message](#)

THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord's Easter message; let us hesitate no longer. Mother Hilda says the good news is that there's a God who wants only your happiness and your peace. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron and Francine Pirola, and Fr Joshua Whitehead. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

A.C.U. ONLINE TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Enrolment is now open for this program which runs weekly from April 9th to 14th May. Further details can be found: [acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training](http://acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training)

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Would you like to volunteer overseas? An In-Person Information session is happening on April 22nd at Sacred Heart Primary School, Oakleigh. More information [palms.org.au/current-opportunities](http://palms.org.au/current-opportunities)

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#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

*The First collection is for the priest and retired priests*

*The Second collection is for parish expenses*

ST: Weekly First Collection Presbytery Envelopes: \$204

Thanksgiving Stewardship Envelopes this week: \$185

Vietnamese Donation: \$265.15

SL: Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$419

Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$298

#### **Parish Groups & Contacts**

##### **Volunteers and Rosters**

ST: Corrie Quimbo 9412 8499

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##### **Church Cleaning & Flowers**

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##### **Church Linen**

SL: Beryl Kanagalinggam

##### **Parish Garden Maintenance**

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Anico Yee & Vietnamese Community

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(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

##### **Parish Contacts:**

ST: John McCoy

SL: Tony Lobo &

Steve Kilroe-Smith



**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.

**Response to the 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!

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**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.

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# CATHOLIC FAMILIES Network

Would you like to meet other young Catholic families  
striving to live out their faith?

At many parishes across the city The Catholic Families Network will be an  
opportunity for young families to gather for formation and fellowship.

If interested, email: [truthgoodnessbeautyproject@gmail.com](mailto:truthgoodnessbeautyproject@gmail.com)

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday  
7th April

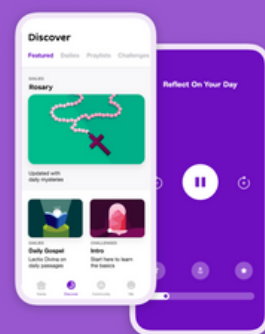
Divine Mercy celebrations at many Parishes  
throughout the Archdiocese

See [divinemercy.com.au](http://divinemercy.com.au) for more details



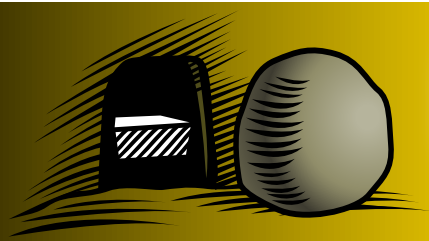
## Hallow App

Hallow is a  
Christian prayer  
app that offers  
audio-guided  
meditation  
sessions to help us  
grow in our faith &  
spiritual lives and  
find peace in God.



**“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.”**

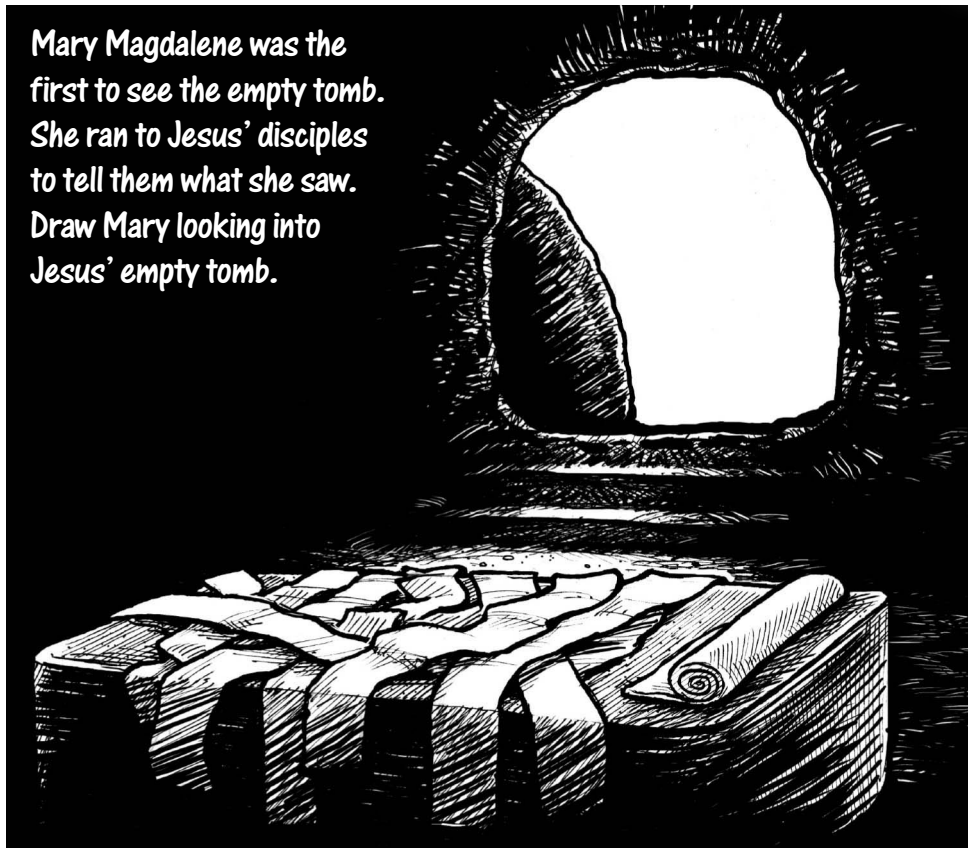
*Colossians 3:2*



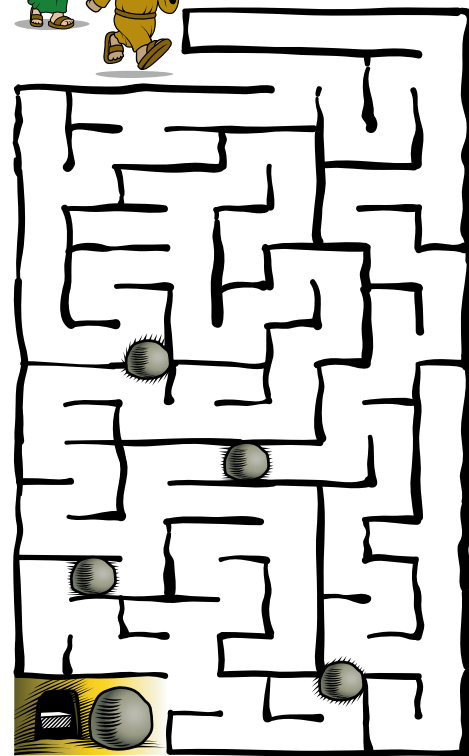
# He is risen! Alleluia!

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.



**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!**



What can you do to make people glad today?

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Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M  went to the tomb.

"They have taken the  from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d  of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f  than Peter.

He saw the strips of  cloth lying inside the tomb.

B  he did not go in.

When he saw  he believed.

The Scriptures s  Jesus would rise to life.

# SUNDAY READINGS

## READ AT HOME

Easter Sunday

Year B

31 March 2024



### Collect

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.  
**Amen.**

### Readings and Commentaries

Our Lenten journey has come to completion. We accompanied Jesus all the way from the desert of temptation to his tomb. We had a sense of direction and the tension grew as we closed in on the city of Jerusalem. Now we have arrived and find that we have crossed a threshold into a different kind of space.

We are not about to leave for a new destination so much as to explore the place where we have arrived. In the much-quoted words from

T. S. Eliot's poem *Little Gidding*: "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." We spend the next fifty days discovering how different the world looks in the light of the resurrection.

This means that Pentecost is not our goal, as if we were deprived of the Holy Spirit until then. On the contrary, we spend the entire fifty days immersed in the Spirit. In partnership with John's gospel, the Spirit leads us into our heart of hearts where divine love dwells. In partnership with the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit sends us out on our mission to announce good news. It's a spirited season from start to finish.



## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34, 37–43

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.'

## First Reading

For the fifty days of the Easter season, as at no other time of the year, the liturgy of the word begins with a reading from the New rather than the Old Testament. Each year of the lectionary cycle presents a progressive selection of passages from the Acts of the Apostles. These run in parallel with the other two readings without any specific connection between them.

Paul is credited with being the "apostle to the Gentiles," but Peter is the real pioneer of this missionary outreach. The whole of chapter 10 is devoted to this and it's well worth reading in full. Peter's insight occurs entirely by divine initiative. He's given a vision while at prayer in the Roman stronghold of Caesarea. A sheet is lowered from heaven three times with creatures deemed unclean by Jewish Law but which Peter is told to eat. He eventually realised this was a sign that Gentiles were not to be regarded as unclean and off limits.

None of this background is contained in the reading for today. What we hear is Peter's preaching to the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household. He presents them with a summary of the good news. Understandably what he has to say is still couched in terms that would have been more intelligible to a Jewish audience, but the conclusion is clear: "all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

Testimony like this is found in several other places in the Acts, underscoring its centrality for the early Christian community and its missionaries. Readers should proclaim this core confession of faith with authority and assurance.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1–2, 16–17, 22–23

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

or

**R.** Alleluia.

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.**

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.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

## Responsorial Psalm

The responsorial psalm for the Mass of Easter Day is identical to that of the vigil service. Psalm 117/118 is also the source for next Sunday's responsorial psalm, suggesting it has a particular affinity with the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. The opening words of the third stanza – "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" – are cited in the synoptic gospels, the Acts and in the first letter of Peter.

In its original form the psalm was a processional hymn to accompany entry into the Temple. It celebrates the victory of an individual (perhaps a king) over a hostile threat. The three verses come from different parts of the psalm. The first is a call to the community to join in giving thanks. The second acclaims the Lord for the deliverance the psalmist has enjoyed, and the third may be quoting a popular saying about how dramatic reversals of fortune can take place.

The references to being "raised up" and the claim "I shall not die, I shall live" have clear application to the resurrection of Jesus, but the passion is also alluded to in the phrase "the stone which the builders rejected." With the triple "Alleluia" serving as the response, this responsorial psalm is a joyous chant of triumph. Readers should be happy to enter into its ardent spirit.

**A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Colossians**

**3:1–4**

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.

*Alternative Second Reading*

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians**

**5:6–8**

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John**

**20:1–9**

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.

**Second Reading**

Each of the two alternative texts for today's second reading has an Easter pedigree. In pre-Vatican II times, the passage from Colossians used to be read at the Vigil service and that from 1 Corinthians on Easter Sunday.

The reading from Colossians may seem other-worldly. "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth," the author writes. But the letter as a whole shows that the contrast between heavenly and earthly things is that between a life informed by the Spirit and a life subject to the power of sin and death. This very short passage glows with the glory of the resurrection. Readers should deliver it in this spirit.

*Alternative Second Reading*

Paul's teaching in this text has been prompted by the report of a man engaging in a sexual relationship with his stepmother. This brings the image of yeast to mind. Just as yeast works its way through dough, so can immorality corrupt the community. So, he argues, the immoral behaviour must be got rid of like old yeast. The community must be freed of corruption and live "in sincerity and truth," like unleavened bread that has not been infected with the old yeast. What emerges then out of a problematic situation is a powerful message: "Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast." This is what readers need to make clear to the assembly.

**Gospel**

If the faithful have come to church today expecting a triumphant report of Jesus' resurrection, they are sure to be disappointed. There's plenty of activity – Mary of Magdala "came running to Simon Peter," and Peter and the other disciple "ran together" to the tomb – but to what purpose? In the whole story there's only one brief and rather matter-of-fact affirmation. We are told that when the other disciple went into the tomb, "he saw and he believed."

At this stage neither Mary of Magdala or Peter seem to grasp what has happened. Nor is there much to incite our own faith, only a strange observation about the burial cloths. Has our joyful acclamation in response to the psalm – "This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice" – been premature? We are being challenged to be patient, to take time to share the perplexity of the first disciples, to fast for a while from our ingrained expectation of instant gratification. From early times the Church set aside fifty days for the truth of the resurrection to sink in. In the course of these days we will hear stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances and testimony about life in the Spirit. Sadly, one of the most beautiful of those stories, that of Jesus' encounter with Mary of Magdala (Jn 20:11-18), is never read at a Sunday eucharist.

While today's gospel reading may sound underwhelming, it still deserves to be read with care and clarity.



An alternative translation of the scripture readings is given here from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). This may be particularly useful for those in parishes which use the NRSV Lectionary.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **FIRST READING (NRSV)**

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles                      10:34, 37–43**

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—  
he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
how he went about doing good  
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.

“We are witnesses to all that he did  
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;  
but God raised him on the third day  
and allowed him to appear, not to all the people  
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him  
after he rose from the dead.

“He commanded us to preach to the people  
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him  
that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name”.

### **SECOND READING (NRSV)**

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians                      3:1–4**

If you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on earth, for you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ who is your life is revealed,  
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

#### ***Alternative Second Reading***

#### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians                      5:6–8**

Do you not know that a little yeast  
leavens the whole batch of dough?  
Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch,  
as you really are unleavened.  
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the festival,  
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John                      20:1–9**

Early on the first day of the week,  
while it was still dark,  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb  
and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb  
So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,  
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,  
“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,  
and we do not know where they have laid him.”  
Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.  
The two were running together,  
but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.  
He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there,  
but he did not go in.  
Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.  
He saw the linen wrappings lying there,  
and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head,  
not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.  
Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,  
and he saw and believed;  
for as yet they did not understand the scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.

## **Blessing for Easter Sunday**

May almighty God bless us through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend us from every assault of sin.

**Amen.**

And may he, who restores us to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow us with the prize of immortality.

**Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,  
may we who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on us and remain with us for ever.

**Amen.**

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for the Easter Vigil, Roman Missal p 422)

PRAYER IS LIFE



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*family*





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Talk and Tour Mornings for Term 1

**MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY, 9.30 AM**

**FRIDAY 19 APRIL, 9.30 AM**

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God of all hope,  
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.  
We thank you for the love in our lives that is  
a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent  
and may we take courage to share it, especially with  
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:  
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,  
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,  
showing compassion and acting for justice  
to renew the face of the Earth,  
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.  
Amen.