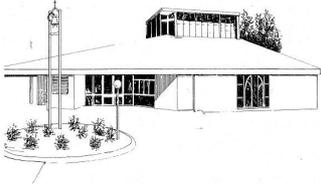


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Sunday of the Resurrection — Year A 9 April 2023

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.

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

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

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The garden in which Jesus is buried in the Gospel of John recalls the first creation. With the Resurrection, John tells of a new creation.

On Easter Sunday "everyone" comes to church. We see familiar faces, visitors, doubters.. And if we look closely, we will notice our deceased loved ones, our favorite saint, maybe even a cherished pet or two. Resurrection is the re-creation not only of one species but of the entire cosmos. Alleluia!

By Flor McCarthy SDB



Easter Message ..

Hopes and dreams are a wonderful part of life. As we live and develop relationships with others, these dreams and hopes develop. Parents have dreams for their children. People in love have dreams for the future they will share together. We all have dreams of what we would like to achieve and become. Dreams are precious.

Sadly, though, sometimes our dreams and hopes can be shattered. Things do not work out the way we have longed them to be. Relationships can hit hard times and break down.

Children can lose their way in life and make very hurtful choices. Illness, accidents and our own mistakes can bring dreams to an end. As precious as dreams and hopes are, they can also die.

But, there is something so strong in the human heart, that even after "dreams die" gradually hope can start to grow again.

Hope for a new beginning after tragedy and heartache. Hope for peace and healing after a break down. Hope for new life after death itself.

This hope that keeps rising in the human spirit slowly believes that there is more to life than darkness and loss.

This hope is Easter hope.

Easter is the conviction that even in darkness and death, something new and creative can break through. Easter gives us hope because there can be a new beginning. Easter celebrates the new life that rises from the ashes of our suffering and loss.

Easter celebrates the most powerful force at work in our lives and world is the power of creative, healing love. This love breaks through even the darkest of moments. Have we not all seen a "new beginning" come from a time of great struggle and suffering.

Yes, our dreams can die. But Easter declares the presence of a love that always seeks to renew us, and give us new hope. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. He shares his love and spirit with us, and gives us hope even in darkness.

A hope filled Easter is what I wish for each and every one of you on behalf of Fr. Thomas and the Parish team.

Fr Gayan



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Parish of Richmond



*'This is the day the Lord has made
 let us rejoice and be glad'
 As we celebrate this great feast
 May the joy of Easter fill your hearts
 and homes,
 May the peace of Christ be with you always
 'For we are Easter people
 and our song is ALLELUIA'*

Announcements

Welcome and Congratulations: We joyfully welcome into our community Luke O'Brien and Michael Skinner as they are baptised and received into full communion with the Church. A special thank you to the R.C.I.A. Team who have walked with them sharing their faith over the past months. We also thank the facilitators who led sessions discussing matters of faith and sharing their insights. We still haven't quite finished yet and will continue following the school holidays. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and celebrate the great feast of the Church, from the Second Rite of Reconciliation, Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum. Many working behind the scenes preparing prayer spaces, cleaning and decorating, organising rosters and liturgies. Our young people touching hearts and drawing people into prayer with the presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The musicians and choir who lead us 'to pray twice over' as we sing and reflect. Our Priests and all who serve at the Altar, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, who have led us reverently to reflect on the great mysteries of our faith. May God bless you all.

Anointing of the Sick will take place next Friday 14 April during the 9am Mass at St Monica's.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter, 16 April. Devotions will take place at St Monica's at 3pm.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day Mass 9am at St Monica's.



We encourage parishioners to turn off their lights for an hour over the weekend of 22nd-23rd April as a practical symbol of our commitment to reducing power consumption and the associated environmental impacts.

You're warmly invited to our Parish Foundation Multicultural Dinner ..

Let's come together to reconnect, build our parish community and celebrate our diverse cultures. Please bring a dish from your cultural heritage or a family favorite to share with others.

When: Friday 12th May at 6.30pm.
Where: St Monica's (Old Church)




Sacraments News...

Wishing all our candidates and their families a blessed Easter. Please remember to send any missing information and a photo of your child to sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au . Up coming dates for **Instruction** begins Sunday sessions from 23rd April, Monday 24th April, Tuesday 2nd May, Wednesday 26th April, Thursday 27th April and Friday 28th April. **Please keep the date for REHEARSAL free. Thursday 25th May 7pm**

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's
 Saturday: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am
St Gregory's
 Saturday: 9am
 Sunday: 8am
St John of God
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
 St Monica's:
 Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.
 St Gregory's:
 Saturday after 9am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass
 Second Friday of the month, 9am at St Monica's or by arrangement with the priests.

Baptism

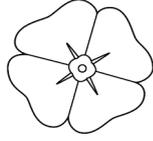
By appointment only.
 St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11.00am.
 St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11:00am
 Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage
 Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required.
 All enquiries please email
 admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 19 April
 2023 at 7pm.
 Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.

ANZAC DAY

St Monica's will host the local RSL Service for Anzac Day on Sunday 23 April at 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Thank you. **Lest We forget..**



STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 02/04/23

1st Collection: \$1976.00

2nd Collection: \$3374.75

Please note that you can make donations via the tap and go found in St Monica's church foyer.

Credit Card Giving: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to set up monthly giving via credit card.

Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Michael Agius
 Leanne Sultana
 Marie Murphy
 Paula Mariani
 Esina Kramhoft
 Frank Agresta
 Luke Andrew Camilleri
 Merla Wood
 David Sanson

... and those we remember at this time.

Joseph & Therese Muscat,
 Saviour, Paul, Carmen Vassallo,
 Alexander, Pawla Muscat,
 John Moloney, Josef Somi,
 Michael John McMahon,
 Anthony & Maryann Xiberras,
 Ronald Horan, Sandra Bezzina,
 Charlie Schembri, Victor
 Bonanno, Br John Gibson,
 Joseph Baldacchino, Julie
 Bennett, Michael Angelo Galea

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Rick Vella, Adam Taha, Roy Anthony Cutrone, Sr Anne Tregillgas,
 Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson, Trishy Rankin,
 Lorraine Smith, Cathy Donnev, Stan Ujmiak, Helen Payne,
 Susan (Payne) Mace, Garth Doyle, Jeanette Farley, Leo Barbagallo,
 Diana Hurley, Ricky Comito, Pat Stanton, Paul Refalo

We welcome the newly Baptised...

Gracie Gilbert



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sue Romano

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rebecca & Mark Camilleri

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The parish is formally establishing a phone ministry, that begun during covid.

If you are parishioner who may be living on your own and would like to receive a call from a fellow, friendly parishioner, please contact the Parish Office on 4578 1410. Alternatively, if you know someone who may like to receive a call, eg an elderly family member or friend, speak with them and seek their permission to contact the Parish Office with their name and contact details. If you are giving the details of family member or friend, please do not do so before speaking with that person.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.
 St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.

Parish Morning Tea

after 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday at St Monica's & every second month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass.

Children's Liturgy every Weekend of the month during Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30am Mass at St Monica's during School Terms.

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Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Table Tennis fortnightly on Monday's

5-7pm in the Old Church.

HYPAR-Benediction & Mass

Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm—7.30pm All Welcome

Suspended until further notice

Youth Group Social

Meet every 1st Friday of the month after 6.30pm HYPAR Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

16 April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

- 6.00pm — C. Alison J. Fewtrell
- 7.30am — S. Duff M. McMahon
- 9.30am — K. Petersen M. Manea
- 5.30pm — C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6.00pm — J. Gorman J. Portelli
- 7.30am — A. Burnett M. Clark
- 9.30am — H. Convey Z. Culican
- 5.30pm — S. Nash

Acolytes/Senior Server

- 6.00pm — A. Moloney
- 7.30am — C. Fleetwood
- 9.30am — A. Brailey
- 5.30pm — P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

- 6.00pm — J. Vella J. Vella
- 7.30am —
- 9.30am —
- 5.30pm —

Data Projector

- 6.00pm — M. Breaden
- 7.30am — C. Thompson
- 9.30am — L. Culican
- 5.30pm — Choir members

Children's Liturgy

- 6.00pm -
- 9.30am -

Cleaners C & A. Salkeld A. Edwards P. Vella

Counters

- 09 Apr — C. Thompson A. Dunbar R. Gallyot
- 16 Apr — R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 10 April 2023

- Reader — F. Crew
- EMoHC — R. Larven

Wednesday 12 April 2023

- Reader — A. Aquilina
- EMoHC — M. McMahon

Friday 14 April 2023

- Reader — D. Bowles
- EMoHC — M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 15 April 2023

- Reader — F. Crew
- EMoHC — M. Ryan

Sunday 16 April 2023

- Readers**
- 8.00am — P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg

Acolyte/Senior Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 8.00am — A. Drew
- Data Projector** H. Gillies
- Altar Preparation**
- Cleaners** J. Bondfiled

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