



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Mass
Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
Thursday 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 9.00am Mass

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am


10.00am—Mass with Fr Rob Galea
<https://www.youtube.com/frrobalea>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME
10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnG8gGMQg>


11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/>

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Maintain safe distancing

*Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
*Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.
MAXIMUM CAPACITY in the CHURCH = 220 ppl

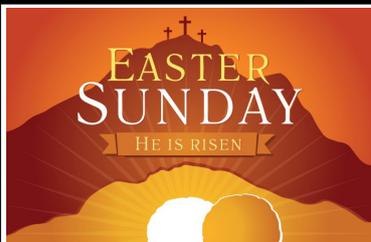
REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Easter Sunday

There are many new experiences and images to help deepen our appreciation of Easter this year. This time last year there were completely empty churches, which was something like the empty tomb. Like those first witnesses at the tomb, they did not know what this would mean for them and how life would change. Many people during the last year went through their own 'empty tomb' experiences of emptiness, of loneliness, of heartache at loss of loved ones. Some people have never recovered from this empty feeling of loss. It is sad that some people have not stayed around to hear the resurrection message of the angel either: "He is risen. He is not here!" Hope again returns. One of the great images from the book of Revelation is about Jesus standing at the door knocking. Pope Francis reinterprets this not as Jesus wanting to come in, but rather as Jesus wanting to get out, get out into the streets where it is muddy and dirty. The pandemic taught us that the Church can be found also beyond the walls of the building in the hearts and homes of our family and neighbours. We are being asked to encounter Christ in our daily lives. We are people now filled with a new hope for the future, for a new church with new life.



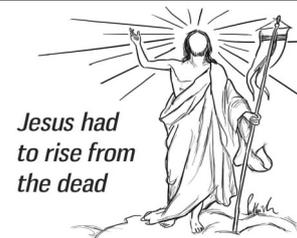
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

EASTER SUNDAY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

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

Peter began to speak: "You know the message that 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 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 who 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 117: 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;

his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." R.

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord. R.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eyes. R.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Brothers and sisters: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9 (shorter version)

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

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 wrapping 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.

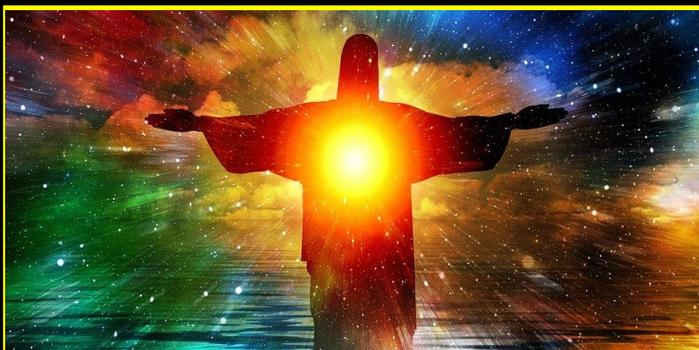
The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2021— SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6 **Gospel:** John 20: 19-31



Alleluia

O Christ who suffers with us, hold us close
Deep in the secret garden of the rose,
Raise over us the banner of your love
And raise us up beyond our last repose.

(Malcolm Guite, *Quarantine Quatrains*, 2020).

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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RECENTLY DECEASED:



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 28th March 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta \$ 684.05
 2nd Collection—for parish expenses \$ 1,911.20

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make a donation towards the Diocesan Priests' Pastoral Revenue, i.e. 1st Collection, you can do so via:
Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 004265
Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation
- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:
Commonwealth Bank
Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
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Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Donations via credit-card/ EFTPOS now available! Simply 'tap' your card to make a \$10.00 donation (Note: donations are made in multiples of \$10.00. E.g. if you would like to donate \$30, simply tap your card three times).

SCHEDULE:

Prayers & Sacrament of Reconciliation 2.00pm

Holy Mass 3.00pm

Divine Mercy



Feast Day Celebration Sunday 11th April Holy Family, Emerton

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO at EASTER!

Easter Vigil



This Mass is the high point of the Liturgical year. And rightly so! An annual celebration of the Lord's Resurrection dates back to the first generation of Christians chose the night to celebrate their religious experience of

victory over death, using the symbol of light. Today our Easter Vigil celebrations begin by lighting the Easter fire. From this fire the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolic of Christ who being raised by the Father has become the light of a world in darkness. During the great Easter hymn of praise, *the Exultet*, the faithful receive the light of a world of darkness overcome by light!

The Liturgy of the Word is a central focus for the Easter Vigil. It takes us on a journey through the entirety of our salvation history: a journey from creation to restoration. Through many of the times that our God has tried to restore the people of Israel, the Prophets who called the people back to God, and culminating, for us as Christians, in the sacrifice of the cross, drawing us once and for all into salvation. The Gloria is sung, bells ring out our joy, and the Gospel is proclaimed! Jesus is alive! He has risen as he said! Alleluia! Easter is here.

It is also during the Vigil that those who have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation are received into the Church, through Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. It is truly the greatest joy to witness and welcome these new Christians into our Parish community.

EASTER SUNDAY

It is now the first day of the week, the day of Resurrection. With great joy we recognise the new life here in our midst, the tomb is empty and Jesus lives! We celebrate Mass with all the trimmings! The Penitential Act is replaced with a Sprinkling Rite, reminding us of our own Baptism when we became new creations in Christ. The Gloria is sung again after a long Lenten wait. The Easter Sequence is recited, telling us that Christ is truly risen from the dead as our victorious king, we hear Alleluia ringing through the Church and the Gospel of the Resurrection is proclaimed. The Paschal Mystery is enacted before us in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but now with renewed hope, and we receive the very same



Easter Sunday

Christ who rose again, in our lives today. We are an Easter people! And our Presider sends us forth with joy singing "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!" and we can't help but respond "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!".

HAPPY EASTER

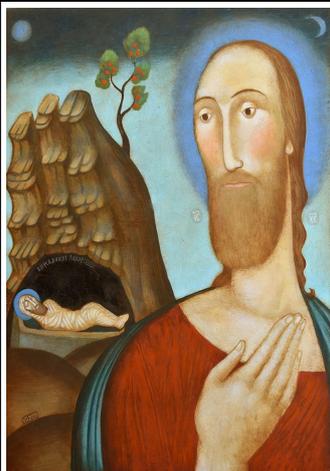
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Envelopes and boxes are still available at the back of the



Nothing.

I must come to understand what it means to hold on to nothing - it is the ultimate experience of faith. There is nothing left, only God, only God and me— my little self in God.



Text: Edwina Gateley, *Growing into God* (2000).
 Image: Julia Stankova, *The Buried Lazarus* (2012).

He Is Risen!

10 WAYS TO

CELEBRATE EASTER at HOME

1. Bask in the light of Christ

Bring out the baptismal candles of your children and pray around them after dinner or before bedtime. With the aid of photos, remember and retell the stories of the special day of their baptism.

2. Live the Easter Gospels

The Easter Gospels are full of vivid and wonderful stories of the risen Jesus appearing to his disciples. Bring these scenes alive by reading them in a creative setting which reflects the story: rise to greet the dawn (Jn 20:1), barbeque some fish on the beach (Jn 21:9), pray on a mountain top (Mt 28: 16).

3. Greet one another

Instead of the standard 'G'day' or grunt, greet one another on Easter morning with a traditional Christian greeting: 'He is risen!' 'He is risen indeed.'

4. Play Easter Music

Bring out all your favourite 'easter' music and sing plenty of alleluias and songs of praise during this joyful season.

5. Use Symbols of Life

Creatively use easter symbols in your home: water, light and signs of life. Light candles, fill a bowl with water, decorate your front door with boughs of greenery. Shock yourself with a cold shower one morning—just to remind you of the waters of your baptism and the bracing freshness of the gospel! If you have expecting or have a newborn babe your home is indeed a sacred sign of the gospel of life.

6. Easter Activity

Enjoy a simple easter activity with your children: paint designs on hardboiled eggs, plant a seedling, with rocks and plants create an 'empty tomb' scene the garden, perform an easter play. As you get creative, talk about the meaning of Easter and tell the 'Jesus' story.

7. Share Good News stories

Around the dinner table, share one of the great blessings of your life. How has God gifted you with love, faith, new life? Set up a Good News list on your 'fridge door. Invite people to jot down all the blessings of their week.

8. Be a missionary

You don't have to go overseas to be a missionary. In your own home pray for the world, that the saving love of Christ may be felt by every person. Offer Christian hospitality. Envelop visitors in the faith of your home, perhaps 'breaking bread' with them at a family meal. As a family take part in social justice project or a neighbourhood outreach.

9. Welcome a Newcomer

By this time many people on the RCIA journey will have been baptised in their local parish. Share in the welcome with a warm greeting and an invitation to visit your home for a cup of coffee. Ask about their faith journey and listen carefully—the newly baptised are in a unique position to proclaim the Good News.

10. Spread Christ's Peace

During the Easter season focus on giving warmer handshakes, bigger smiles, tender touches. Laughter, humour and good plain fun are also key ingredients to experiencing the joy of the risen Christ.

"The "Breaking of the Bread" was the first name given to the Mass.

The Eucharist is the Easter sacrament.

Christ is not just a memory.

He lives in our very midst and awaits our invitation to come into our lives.

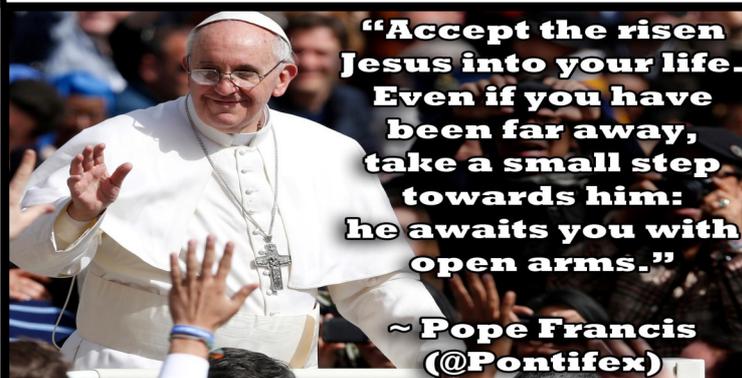
As with those two disciples, even a study of the Scriptures is not enough to fully convert us.



It was the Mass that opened their eyes, for in the Mass Christ is fully present.

Ideas do not change our lives. People change our lives.

(Monsignor Graham Schmitzer)



"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms."

~ Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

AWAKEN ME

Risen One,
come, meet me
in the garden of my life.

Lure me into elation,
Revive my silent hope.

Coax my dormant dreams.

Raise up my neglected gratitude.

Entice my tired enthusiasms.

Give life to my faltering relationships.

Roll back the stone of my indifference.

Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life.

Impart heartiness in my work.

Risen One,
send forth as a disciple of your unwavering love,
a messenger,
of your unlimited joy.

Resurrected One,
may I become
ever more convinced
that your presence lives on,
and on, and on, and on.

Awaken me!
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