



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Easter Sunday - Year B - 1st April 2018

Dear friends

"Now if Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself cannot have been raised, and if Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless... But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep." (1 Cor 15:12-14,20)

Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "feast of feasts," the "solemnity of solemnities" (CCC 1169). Jesus Christ, risen from the dead is so central to our faith as Christians. As St Paul articulates for the community in Corinth and for all of us, Christ rose from the tomb, thereby shattering the chains of death for all of us.

The splintered, coarse, heavy and dead wooden cross that Christ was terrifyingly nailed to has now been transformed into green, supple, light and alive, tree of life. In the Gospel of John this reality is made evident.

John emphasises that the cross is placed in the middle: "There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle" (Jn 19:18). This alludes to the tree of life in the garden in the Book of Genesis: "The tree of life was also in the middle of the garden (Gen 2:9). Death is transformed into new life, the life of the resurrection.

Happy Easter to you and all your families. My prayer for this Eastertide is that the extraordinary power of the resurrection will fill our hearts and minds so that we will come to grasp the width, length, height and depth of God's love. Amen.

God bless

Deacon Tom

Parish Diary:

Monday 2nd April

7:00pm Rosary

Tuesday 3rd April

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 4th April

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

Thursday 5th April

No Reconciliation

No Mass

Friday 6th April

9:30am Anointing Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 7th April

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 8th April

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mass

'He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.'

- St Augustine



This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 – *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
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(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 – *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 – *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

Next week's Readings

First: Acts 10:34,37-43

Second: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm.
Wednesday Closed.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Winifred Linton, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Celsa Obligado, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Denise Hodgson, Patricia Haines, Kathy Stone, Christine Inch, Belinda Wheeler, Jim Gair, Cely Salisbury, Anne Delamere, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Dianne Charlton, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, John Schoites, Corrie Roser, Amelia Ramsay, Betty Reagan, Mary Chylewski, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Jeanette McNamee, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Hazel Webster, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Neville Davis, William Johannes, Ray Murphy.

Anniversaries & Remembrances April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabiguez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Margaret Harrison, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Roster 7th & 8th April

Junior Ministers		Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Music		
6:15pm	Isabelle L Volunteers	6:15pm	(1st) Therese E (2nd) Siobhan E (POF) John E	6:15pm	Dcn Tom, Lesley L, Paulina P, Matty M, <i>Volunteer</i>	6:15pm	Gp 2 8:00am Gp 3	
8:00am	William E Volunteers	8:00am	(1st) Julie C (2nd) Margaret C (POF) Loretta M	8:00am	Dcn Tom, Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Mark C, Elaine H	6:15pm	Alan B 8:00am Chris M	
						Counters: Gp 2 Maria S & Tania M		
						Cleaning: Volunteers needed		
Weekend Mass Times			Week Day Mass Times			Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Saturday	Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm		St John Vianney Manly Ph 3131 2610 Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am			St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm		
Sunday	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am		St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Ph 3822 2139 Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am			St John Vianney Manly Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm		
			Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday			St Jude Gumdale Sunday following 7:00am Mass		

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to help with the Easter Celebrations.

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the church on **Friday 6th April**. Morning tea to follow in the parish centre. All parishioners are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

Weekday Masses there will be no weekday Mass celebrations at Birkdale or Manly on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week. Parishioners are welcome to attend Mass at the Carmelite Monastery celebrated at 7:00am every weekday.

Parish Office will be closed from Friday 30th March and will reopen at 9:00am on Monday 9th April. Telephone messages will be checked regularly.

Manly Parish Fundraiser ‘Take Time for East Timor’ - A fundraising breakfast will be held on Sunday **27th May 2018**. All proceeds will go to our East Timor mission. Further details will be advertised in future newsletters.

Little White Books – are now available from the Welcome Desk. The books cover the Easter period and walk you through the Sunday Gospels of Easter with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is **\$5.00**.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2018**

Lenten appeal You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion 2018 Thank you for all the donations so far. Please remember to bring back your compassion boxes and donations in the next couple of weeks. Project Compassion boxes can be placed in the basket provided in the Church, envelopes can be placed on the collection plates.

Volunteer with Palms Australia - Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don’t do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

Arts, Spirituality, Care for our Common Home A Workshop on the Care of Creation – **Saturday 16th June, 2018, Santa Teresa, Ormiston**. Registrations close on Friday 8th June. Enquiries, including requests for a flyer for the workshop, can be made to Peter Hunter at peterandhelen190@hotmail.com or phone 3286 1494. More details on the noticeboard.

NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME! If you are new to our Parish, you are most welcome. Please fill out the form below and place on one of the collection plates.

NAME(S): Mr / Mrs / Miss _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____