

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

30 / 31 March 2024

Year B



Dear Parishioners, I greet you all with great joy; the joy of “Alleluia! Christ is truly risen.” On behalf of Fr Noel, Daniel (our seminarian), and myself, may I wish you all a happy and holy Easter. This Easter is truly a time of extra-Easter-joy for our parish as we welcome eighteen of our brothers and sisters into the Catholic faith. As I have said before, this is such a gift from God and a real sign of the Holy Spirit at work in this community. To the “eighteen”, I say, “welcome home!” Today, by becoming Catholic, you have opened your heart and mind to receive the inestimable gift of divine grace that comes to us through the sacraments. We hope, wholeheartedly, that you will never take this gift for granted. Deep down, we all know that we

cannot truly grow in holiness unless we get the basic rights: (1) fulfil the Sunday obligation and receive the Eucharist as much as possible; (2) to confess our sins regularly; (3) to continue to study the intellectual richness of the Catholic faith; (4) to be witnesses to truth and mercy in our world by loving our neighbour and even loving our enemies. The best use of our time, therefore, is to put God first!

I must express my gratitude to Fr Noel and his expert team of parishioners who have helped with the formation of our catechumens and candidates. I know I am so blessed as Parish Priest to have such incredible support in our mission to save souls here in Gymea and beyond. Thank you!

I have been inundated with texts and emails from parishioners, expressing how beautiful our Easter triduum has been this year. This is in no small part due to the heroic efforts of our united parish choir. On that score, I must thank Daniel O’Kelly (our seminarian) for his vision and expertise, along with Clare Cowley for her sage advice and leadership. But, most of all, I want to thank the choir members themselves for their time and service to our parish. I firmly hope this tradition will continue and that we will also continue to build up the musical life of our parish more generally. Beauty signs truth! Thank you so much again to everyone who contributed to our giving glory to God this Easter.

Finally, if you are reading this and you are someone who has been away from attending Mass, I want to say to you too, “welcome home”. Easter is a time to “resurrect” our relationship with God. Please come and introduce yourself to Fr Noel and myself and I hope and pray you might ask yourself: Am I now ready to commit to God? Life is too short not to consider and reflect upon the greatest questions of all. Christ and His Church love you; we want you to be part of this family; we want you to find salvation; we want you to discover the truth. Life may be busy, yes, but if we say we are too busy for God, then we are yet to discover how beautiful and life-giving our Catholic faith is.

Happy Easter to you all, once again. With my love and prayers for you all: Fr Greg (Parish Priest)

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Charie Maria Fordham, Anthony James Witt, Cohen Hinchliffe, Joan Abel, Sue Grant, Joan Clare Hill, Beverley Young.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Bartolino Alessi, William Roy Barnes, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Brian Dooley, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Joan Edna Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Jane Murrells (50th Anniversary) Adolfo Noche, Joe & Anna Natoli, Angela Nugent (30th Anniversary) Antonio Sorbara, The Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, **The Holy Souls.***

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:

Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuni, Gerry Banister, Arthur Benson, Fr. Briffa, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Shirley Cashman, Peter Cobcroft, Noeline Conyngham, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D’Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, John and Rona Harris, Maree Hinton, Martin Iffland, Phoebe Jablonski, Louisa James, Matthew Johnston, Deidre Jones, Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Peter Logue, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Maree Norton, Ritchie Perez, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Jill Rosel, Leovie Rosel, Tony Ryan, Adela Santos, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Karen Trang, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOT (A PRACTICING) CATHOLIC? We are a proudly Catholic parish family who hold firm to the teachings of Jesus Christ because they are the one timeless source of truth and mercy. We believe that every human being has an intrinsic dignity, created in the image and likeness of God, and, as such, every human being is welcome in this parish. We are truly one family. If you are not Catholic – or if you have been away from the practice of your faith and want to know more –, why not reach out to one of the priests and come and have a chat? In a world of such confusion, we all need the spiritual clarity and intellectual genius of the Catholic faith more than ever.

LENTEN TALKS: Thankyou to all who attended the Lenten Talks over the past four Tuesday evenings. It was great to have such a solid turn out at each of the talks. We pray that you came away a little closer to God - experiencing His truth and mercy -, and perhaps a little more eager to grow in the knowledge of your faith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS–ST CATHERINE LABOURE PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend Year 4 Dramatisation of The Stations of the Cross. **Stations 13- 14 & Short Liturgy: Tuesday 2 April @ 8.50 am during morning assembly.**

SUNDAY MASS 5.00 PM COLLECTORS: We require **two or more** collectors specifically for this mass to kindly volunteer. If you regularly attend this Mass please contact the parish office urgently or email: office@stcaths.org.au.

READERS FOR WEEK DAYS MASSES: We are looking for more readers for week day masses to please volunteer their “Proclamation of the Word” skills. Please contact parish office.

RESURRECTION PARTY: To warmly welcome our 18 new Catholics into our parish family, we would like to invite the candidates, sponsors, and immediate family to a “Resurrection Party” immediately **following the Easter Vigil Mass** in presbytery. An invitation is also extended to the members of the choir who generously sung throughout the triduum.

DECEMBER 2024 PARISH DINNER PREFERENCES: Our parish dinners, held at Doltone House in late November, have been wonderful opportunities to gather and celebrate this blessed parish family and form new friendships. Given this is our third year, Fr Greg and the organising committee would like your feedback on the possibility of hosting this year’s dinner on a Sydney Harbour cruise. The format would be much the same, and the parish will provided busses for all parishioners into the city and back. If you would like to express your opinion on this, you can indicate your thoughts

CATECHIST MEETING: The next Catechist Meeting will be held on **Friday, 5 April 10.00 am** in the Parish Conference Room.

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: **Sunday 14 April 2024** at St Mary’s Cathedral. **The Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognised as the Day of the

Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother Mary’s womb. **10.30 am MASS**–St Mary’s Cathedral, **12 noon ANGELUS**–followed by prayerful STREET PROCESSION. Led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and Bishop Umbers. Followed by an address at Parliament House by Guest Speaker; Archbishop Julian Porteous. **1.30 pm BENEDICTION**–St Mary’s Cathedral.

CARITAS–PROJECT COMPASSION: Please return donation envelopes/boxes next week. You can place in either collection or bring to Parish Office. *Thank you for your support.*

EASTER MASS OFFERINGS: You will find donation envelopes on the pews. Your donation supports the Archdiocesan Pastoral Revenue Fund, which, among other things, supports all the priest of the Archdiocese, both serving and retired. Many thanks for your donations.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Next Sunday, commencing at 2:30pm, our parish will host special devotions for the Feast of Divine Mercy. In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930’s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. **Program includes: Exposition, Veneration of DM image, Confession, Chaplet and Holy Rosary, Benediction.** Divine Mercy **FREE** bookmarks will be at the back of the church for anyone to take. You are welcome to stay (or return) for the 5pm Mass afterwards.

MEN’S RETREAT–LAST WEEKEND: Following our two very successful and well attended Advent retreats for women, last Saturday we hosted our first Lenten retreat day for men with over 100 in attendance. We were blessed with several excellent talks, time for prayer, and their was a great fraternal atmosphere. It was particularly moving that there were so many men going to confession at the conclusion of the day. We are all very grateful to the hard work of those who organised this and look forward to our next retreat in Lent 2025. Please take note of the fact that our parish hosts regular events for the formation of men including a monthly men’s breakfast (third Saturday of the month, 20th April) and a monthly men’s night, which will take place this Wednesday 3rd April with a special celebratory (Eastertide) dinner. Please come along!



UP-COMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MORNING: Holy Family Menai invites all ladies to join them on **Saturday, 20 April** for a morning of community and connection over a delicious breakfast. 9.15 am - Mass, 10.00 am – Breakfast/Brunch

10.45 am -Talk by Deacon Sone – "Living our Lady's Fiat (YES) in Everyday Life

11.30 am -Round Table Discussions

11.50 am – Schoenstatt Response By Sister Elizabeth Foley

Contact: Angela: angandrickbenson@gmail.com

or Andrea: admin@holymenai.org.au

Please bring a plate to share & \$5.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**Saturday, 20 April**) This is a great opportunity for men to catch up over a hot breakfast before hearing an inspirational talk on a topic of our Catholic Faith!

ROSARY ONLINE: Did you know that our parish has an online Rosary every Saturday Morning at 10 am? The Zoom link is as follows: www.stcaths.org.au/onlinerosary (Password: 1234) Please call Patricio on 0423 041 590 with any trouble logging on.

ADORATION: Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 am - 9:10 am.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are **available from Tuesday to Saturday before & after every Mass.** Please approach Father Greg or Father Noel if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP: To be held after the **Monday** morning masses only, at 10 am. Louisa Piccarella wrote 36 volumes about how to live in the Divine Will. We will read from the writings and learn how to live in GOD'S Will.

CENACLE GROUP: The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) is an International Catholic Movement based on locutions received from the Virgin Mary by Fr. Don Gobbi. The group meets after Mass on **Tuesdays** after the rosary to discuss the readings from the book.

CABRINI (A MOVIE ABOUT ST FRANCIS): *Cabrini* is a 2024 American biographical drama, depicting the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. *Cabrini* explores the sexism and anti-Italianism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century. Showing at Beverly Hills cinema.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT US (CASHLESS GIVING):

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Planned Giving-Church



PARISH GROUPS

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR NEEDED: We kindly need a new volunteer for the 9.30am SUNDAY mass. Please contact parish office on office@stcaths.org.au.

ACOLYTES, MINISTERS & READERS: The next Roster is due for May, June, July & August. Please contact Grahame ASAP if there are any changes to your preferences, or time away dates.

ALTAR SOCIETY: The Altar Society assists with the cleaning of the sacred vessels and the beautification of our church. *Our Altar Society urgently needs volunteers, there are two groups who urgently need assistance – please contact the Office if you can help. Training is provided.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REGISTRATION 2024: The CWL group meets monthly and will offer spiritual formation as well as assist with fundraising to help various charitable ventures. Membership forms can be found at the back of the Church and returned to the parish office.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club is a seniors social organisation within the Gynea Parish community. Our membership (currently around 75) comprises both married couples and singles as well as those who are by themselves later in life. Members are mainly from the Gynea parish but also come from other parts of the Shire as well as further afield. We also have a number of non-Catholic members. General Meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbours on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. **We are always on the look out for new members.**

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group have been meeting in our church every Thursday since 1987 at 6 pm reflecting on the monthly messages the visionaries are currently receiving from Our Lady Queen of Peace to the world and they finish with the rosary. **You are most welcome to join them.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. We have one of the largest conferences in Australia. The members are an asset to our parish!

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MASS TIMES - HOLY WEEK

Mondays - Saturdays 9.15 am
Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Saturday
Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
Saturdays 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday
 8:30 am - 9:10 am

*(Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)*



6 / 7 April 2024

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jim Gothard Cathy Bonello Emma Honey	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir Matthew Nugent	Mitch Worsley Andrew Monsiff Carole Venier Michele Anthony	David Gormley Laurence Klein Amelia Paras
1st Reader & Psalm:	Margaret Graham	Judith Rumsey	Sue Day	Ronald Paras
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Lesley Newman	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	Joan Pinto

The Altar Society: Group 1:
 Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker & Maria Black.

In The Counting House:
Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien, Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood, Barry Elliott & Peter Black

Children’s Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am

Deb Worsley & Courtney Grothe

Audio-Visual Pauline /Mark Natalie Hugh

Operators: NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni
 SCHOOL CHOIR

The Clean Team: Group A: Mary Vee Tondi, June Digby, Hazel & Larry Lange.



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.