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 Community

EASTER SUNDAY 5 -4 - 25
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

This week: Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8, Jn 20: 1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Next week: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pet 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31



A happy Easter.....

Many thanks to all who have helped in our parish celebrations of the death and resurrection of Jesus: those who helped decorate the altar and church in our two communities; musicians and choirs; the young people who practised and took part in the dramatisation of the Passion and of the Stations of the Cross; altar servers; eucharistic ministers; readers; those involved in preparing for and dressing the sanctuary at the Easter Vigil; and a big thank you to all those who

provided palms for our Palm Sunday celebrations and those who contributed to the cost of flowers. A thank you also to our Parish Staff for their involvement & support in all the preparations. And a very big thank you to the members of our RCIA team for their gentle guidance of those who prepared to enter the Church this Easter.

It's a wonderful thing that so many came together to help us to celebrate Easter - and thank you to you all for being here to celebrate as the two communities in our parish.

And of course a huge welcome to our great assembly of neophytes who were baptised (and to Jimmy who was received into the Church) at the Easter Vigil and brought into the Easter life of the Risen Jesus and into the Spirit-filled communion of the Church.

A very happy Easter to you all. *Fr Colin*

Easter Offerings

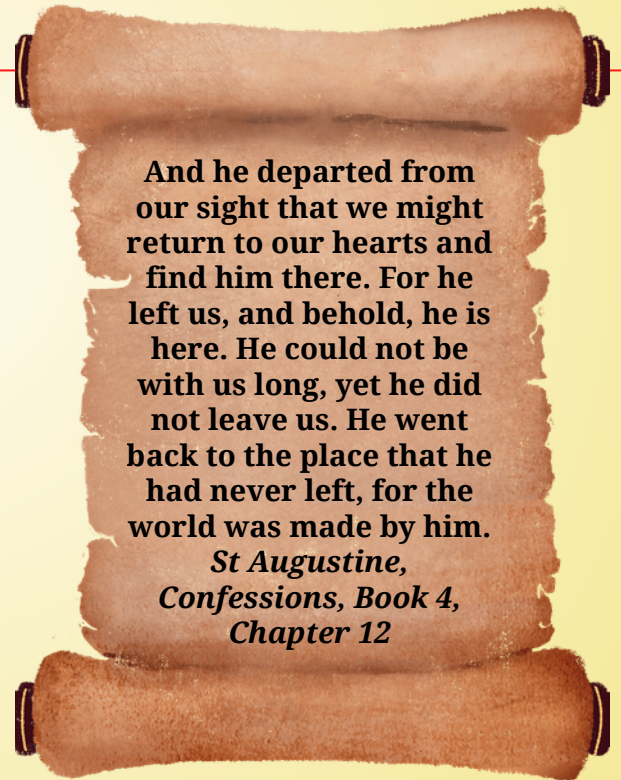


Easter Offering envelopes are available on the pews in both our churches. These can be placed on the plate over the next few weeks.

The Easter Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.



Would you prefer to contribute by credit card? Just scan this code and in the drop-down menu under 'My payment is for' simply choose 'Christmas & Easter Donations'.



And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here. He could not be with us long, yet he did not leave us. He went back to the place that he had never left, for the world was made by him.

St Augustine, Confessions, Book 4, Chapter 12



A huge thank you to those who provided palms for our two churches for Palm Sunday. We had a great abundance. Thank you so much.

Fr Colin

NO HEALING MASS THIS MONTH

Please note that there will be NO Healing Mass this Friday 10th April. Mass will be at 10am in its usual location at Lindfield church. Our monthly Healing Mass will resume in May.

ENROLMENTS OPEN

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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MORE INFO VIA QR CODE

What's an Octave? (if you're not a musician!)

As the two greatest festivals of our Christian year, Christmas and Easter each have an Octave which flows out of the feast day itself.

The number 8 is rich with Christian symbolism: in the early Church many baptismal fonts were octagonal - and indeed this is (not accidentally) the shape of the font in our Lindfield church and of the marble podium on which it sits.

Christians saw the number 8 as a sign of completion and perfection: in the symbolic Genesis story the world is created in 7 days. The eighth day is therefore the day of the *new* creation.

And thus the Easter Octave: the eight days beginning on Easter Sunday which conclude the following Sunday (which is known in our liturgy as The Octave Day of Easter). *Each* day of the Octave is still Easter Sunday, the Gloria is said or sung every day as though it were still Sunday, Easter joy overflows, every day of this coming week is prefaced by the word 'Easter' ('Easter Monday', 'Easter Tuesday', and so on) - revealing the irony of the retail world referring to Holy Saturday, the day of utter desolation, as 'Easter Saturday!' Easter Saturday of course is this coming Saturday 11th.

Let's taste the Easter joy with which this week gifts us.
Fr Colin

As we celebrate Easter ...

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION As our Lenten preparations are only just over and we will be still celebrating the Octave there will be NO Reconciliation at the normal Saturday afternoon time this coming Saturday 11th April.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK Please come along to Mass during this Easter Octave as the liturgy continues to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Weekday Mass times for this week are given on p.6. We've spent 40 days of Lent preparing for Easter. Let's not leave it there - we have 50 days of the Easter Season to celebrate!

PROJECT COMPASSION Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend if possible. There are baskets in the church foyers for returning your boxes and envelopes.

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND Please note that there is no Sunday evening Mass tonight, Easter Sunday. Sunday evening Mass resumes next weekend.

AN ECUMENICAL ENTRY INTO HOLY WEEK

Scenes from last Sunday morning when the community at our Lindfield church was joined by members of the congregation from Lindfield Uniting Church for a joint blessing and procession of palms before heading off to our two churches.



As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Finding Easter in the Good Fridays of life....

Confronted with God's silence, Clémence Pasquier, a young woman with an incurable illness, saw the false images she had made of Him die away.....

God is not dead. But sometimes—perhaps even often—God is silent. And His silence resounds in us like an absence. This silence of God became deafening to me when I fell ill with cancer at the age of 21, and He did not seem to want to respond to any of my requests or questions. I prayed for my healing over and over, but nothing came. I also tried to understand the meaning, to see where God was waiting for me in this trial... but I saw nothing.

One day I even got angry. I was at the movies, watching *The Swallows of Kabul*. In one of the couples in the story, the woman had cancer, like me. At one point in the film, a man tells her husband, “If your wife is sick, it’s because she is cursed—repudiate her.” That situation enraged me. I turned against God: “Do you see what Your silence causes? It’s because You stay silent that others can say such atrocities in Your name!”

This silence is often like that of Holy Saturday. It is the one where God seems to have abandoned us, disappointed us, as if defeated by evil, wherever it comes from. It is the one where God is dead. And yet... Easter comes, and we can stand and move forward in faith and hope.

His presence in the details of daily life

God wasn’t dead, no. But what was dying were my false images of Him: the vending machine of graces, the life-insurance God who ticks the boxes if I tick all of mine... In tears, I lost the image of God I had made for myself, to find a new one: that of the Eternal present. A God who walks with us step by step, and who even, in becoming incarnate, walks ahead of us in every aspect of our humanity. A God who seeks us far more than we seek Him, always to enter into relationship, not into bargaining.

Perhaps the most visible journey for me has been around healing. That question weighed on me for a long time, sometimes placing me in difficult inner states. I oscillated between the guilt of not having enough trust in God and disappointment when my hope each day seemed to crash against the wall of reality. Of course, asking God for what is dearest to us and may even be legitimate is beautiful, but sometimes this leads us to miss what is already here, like a missed encounter.

Little by little, I stopped asking God to change my life and began asking Him to come live it with me, which He had not waited to do. I became more attentive to

His presence in the details of daily life... Looking back, I can see it: there was never a lack of grace; He always gave me what was needed at the moment it was needed.

This can be very concrete things like meeting someone, receiving a proposal from another person, receiving a letter, or attending a much-anticipated retreat... but also just that inner surge that makes us live through something we would have felt incapable of handling. But this is only experienced in the moment, in the present instant. That’s how I understood that in times of trial, more than ever, we must go step by step, day by day... grace by grace.

Not fleeing reality

Moving forward, grace by grace, allows me to experience a living God. I see in it the expression of His gentleness, delicacy, and sometimes even humour. I receive in it the force of life that unfolds. I feel in it His presence embracing everything I live.

When one comes up against a silent God, the liturgy can act as a reconciliation with God’s silence, day after day. How can we find God silent when He offers us His Word each day, given like manna in the desert! This Word is always providential: sometimes it speaks to me and reaches me directly... and sometimes not at all! But then I have the certainty that this Gospel speaks to others, that the emotions of this psalm are someone’s today... Praying with the Word allows me to be in communion, not to remain focused on my own expectations or immediate needs. Once again, God invites me to go beyond myself to enter into a relationship!

God does not answer all my questions, but He is there. I quickly understood that asking “why” I was going through all this was fruitless. Today, I try instead to understand “for what”: not to flee reality but to discern the fruits. It remains a mystery. The answer—we will have it, but only in Heaven.

(from La Croix.

Clémence wrote this last year while in palliative care.)

The Piano



Our own Belinda Wong from our parish (who plays the keyboard for the Children’s Choir for the twice-monthly Children’s Masses) is soon to appear on the ABC show ‘The Piano’ -- on Easter Sunday evening in fact (or of course you can catch up on iView).

Congratulations Belinda!



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You can also contribute online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1300 024413 or use this QR code.

Donations are 100% tax deductible.



Hymns for Easter Sunday morning

ENTRANCE HYMN: BRING, ALL YOU DEAR-BROUGHT NATIONS

Bring, all ye dear-brought nations, bring,
Your richest praises to your King.

Alleluia, alleluia!

That spotless Lamb, who more than due,
Paid for his sheep, and those sheep you:
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That guiltless Son, who bought your peace,
And made his Father's anger cease,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, Life and Death together fought,
Each to a strange extreme were brought:
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We, Lord, with faithful hearts and voice,
On this thy rising day rejoice;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh thou, whose power o'ercame the grave,
By grace and love as sinners save:
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

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HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: BY YOUR KINGLY POWER, O RISEN LORD

By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored:
in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Let God's people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. *Refrain*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1. This is the day of new beginnings.
This is the day when heaven meets earth.
This is the day filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

Refrain: Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. This is the day Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
empty for all to see. *Refrain*

3. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth. *Refrain*

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A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT PARISH FINANCES

We're all feeling the financial effects flowing from the war in the Middle East - and parish expenses are no exception.

If everyone could just add another dollar each week to their first and second collection contributions we would be able to absorb the dent to our financial situation.

Many thanks for considering this.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to the cost of Easter flowers for our two churches.

NEXT SUNDAY

is the Octave Day of Easter, bringing the Easter Octave to its conclusion and launching us into the remainder of the 50 days of this beautiful season of our church year. May we be an Easter People to all whose lives we touch.



A COMING FAREWELL & A BIG THANK YOU

Our Youth Minister, Kate Falzon, will be finishing her role at the end of April.

Kate has done a wonderful job setting up a ministry for the younger children of our parish - especially their involvement in liturgical ministries in the Children's Masses, the COG ('Children of God') activities after those Masses, and the youth page in the bulletin.

Our parish income allows us only a very small budget for youth ministry and the Parish Pastoral Council has discerned that, with activities for the younger children now well established we should move our focus to the senior youth/young adults

We therefore need your help. As I've said, Kate has established the junior youth ministry so well we hope that it can be continued in a voluntary way. If you've valued the involvement of your children in the Children's Masses and/or the COG activities could you help us in continuing these?

**If you can please email or phone me
(colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au; 0475 558500).**

We'll update you soon re the establishment of a senior youth/young adult ministry (unless the actions of a certain President destroy our parish budget).

In the meantime, a big thank you to Kate for all that she has done. She will be with us at the Children's Mass on 26th April.
Fr Colin

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE PSALM

Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good,
for God's love has no end.
Let the children of Israel say:
'God's love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
God's right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the Lord's deeds.

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

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

THE EASTER SEQUENCE

(To be read together after the Second Reading.

Please remain seated):

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father
reconciled.

Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what you did see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

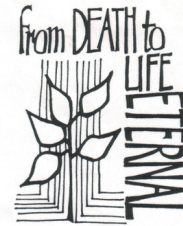
The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting,

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, your mercy show!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: EASTER AS AN ON-GOING CELEBRATION

CAC Dean of Faculty Brian McLaren encourages us to make Easter an expansive celebration of resurrection.

What might happen if every Easter we celebrated the resurrection not only as the resuscitation of a single body nearly two millennia ago, but more—as the ongoing resurrection of all humanity through Christ? Easter could be the annual affirmation of our ongoing resurrection from violence to peace, from fear to faith, from hostility to love, from a culture of consumption to a culture of stewardship and generosity ... and in all these ways and more, from death to life. What if our celebration of Easter was so radical in its meaning that it tempted tyrants and dictators everywhere to make it illegal, because it represents the ultimate scandal: an annual call for creative and peaceful insurrection against all status quos based on fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence? What if we never stopped making Easter claims about Jesus in AD 33, but always continued by making Easter claims on us today—declaring that now is the time to be raised from the deadness of fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence to walk in what Paul called “newness of life”? What if Easter was about our ongoing resurrection “in Christ”—in a new humanity marked by a strong-benevolent identity as Christ-embodying peacemakers, enemy lovers, offense forgivers, boundary crossers, and movement builders? What kind of character would this kind of liturgical year form in us? How might the world be changed because of it?

Retired Episcopal bishop and Choctaw citizen Steven Charleston offers this celebratory song for the coming of new light and new hope:

Rise up, faithful friends. Wake up, sleepers in the shadows. Wake up to see bright banners on your horizon. Wake up to see your redemption coming to you, the answer to so many of your prayers, the fulfillment of your dream from long ago. Rise up, faithful friends, to shout the good news to the morning sun: justice has arrived at last, mercy has returned, love has won the day. Rise up, good people of many lands, for this is the moment of change, the time when hope starts to be real and truth begins to speak to every courageous heart. Wake up, rise up, and rejoice!

McLaren imagines the impact of the ongoing recognition that we meet the risen Christ in all we encounter:

I can imagine Easter opening a fifty-day period during which we constantly celebrate newness, freedom, change, and growth. As we would retell each year the story of the risen Christ appearing in the stranger on the Emmaus Road, so part of every Easter season for us would mean meeting and inviting to our tables strangers, aliens, refugees, people of other religions or no religion at all, to welcome them as we would Christ, and to expect to meet Christ in them.

Killara Church
5:30pm Vigil
9.00am*

Lindfield Church
8.30am 10.15am**
12noon Chinese Mass
6:00pm Youth Mass***

* Morning Tea follows 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sunday.
** 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, and is followed by morning tea.
*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday.

Weekday Mass this week
THE EASTER OCTAVE

Mon.	8am	Killara
Tues.	8am	Killara
Wed.	10am	Lindfield
Thur.	10am	Lindfield
Fri.	10am	Lindfield (NO Healing Mass)

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross
(gathering in our church at Killara):

Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)
Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon
Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

SATURDAY Killara 5:30PM	4 Apr. 7:30pm: Easter Vigil: Fr Colin	11th Apr. Fr Colin
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	5 Apr Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Francis Ching No Mass this week	12 Apr Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Anselam Fr Anselam

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Ways that you can support our parish

1. Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy):
BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection:

(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):
BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections

3. Periodic payments from your credit card: Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.



APRIL

Online Meditation Group every Wednesday

8:00-8:30am.

Fri 17 th	11:00am Seniors' Social Group
Sun 19 th	Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass
Wed 22 nd	7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Sun 26 th	10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea

MAY

Wed 6 th	11:00am Scripture study (online)
Thur. 7 th	9am Playgroup
Fri 8 th	10am Healing Mass at Killara
Sun 10 th	10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea
Wed 13 th	7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri 15 th	11:00am Seniors' Social Group
Sun 17 th	Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass
Wed 20 th	11:00am Scripture study (online)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NO celebration this coming Saturday 11th April.

Our Chinese Catholic Community

耶穌復活主日

5.4.2026

中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 我們在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:34,37-43

那時候，伯多祿說：「你們都知道：在若翰宣講洗禮以後，從加里肋亞開始，在全猶太所發生的事：天主怎樣以聖神和德能，傳了納匝肋人耶穌，使他巡行各處，施恩行善，治好一切受魔鬼壓制的人，因為天主同他在一起。

「耶穌在猶太人地區，及在耶路撒冷所行一切，我們都是見證人。但是，他們卻把耶穌懸在木架上，殺死了。第三天，天主使他復活了，叫他顯現出來，不是給所有百姓，而是給天主所預先揀選的見證人，就是給我們這些、在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲的人。

「他吩咐我們向百姓講道，指證他就是天主所立：生者與死者的判官。一切先知都為他作證：凡信他的人，賴他的名字，都要獲得罪赦。」

——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

【答】：這是上主所安排的一天，我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。(詠118:24) 或領：請你們讚頌上主，因為他是美善寬仁，他的仁慈永遠常存。願以色列家讚美說：他的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領：上主的右手將我高舉；上主的右手大顯威能。我不至於死，必要生存，並要宣揚上主的工程。【答】

領：匠人棄而不用之廢石，反而成了屋角的基石；這是上主的所作所為，在我們眼中，神妙莫測。【答】

讀經二 (你們就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:1-4

弟兄姊妹們：

你們既然與基督一同復活了，就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。

你們該思念天上的事，不該思念地上的事，因為你們已經死了，你們的生命，已與基督一同藏在天主內；當基督、我們的生命，顯現時，那時，你們也要與他一同，出現在光榮之中。——上主的話。

復活節讚歌

領：各位基督徒，請向逾越節羔羊，獻上讚頌之祭。

眾：羔羊贖回了羊群；聖潔無罪的基督，使罪人與天父和好。

領：生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥，生命的主宰，死而復活，永生永王。

眾：瑪利亞，請告訴我們，你在路上看見了什麼？

領：我看見永生基督的墓穴和他復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮布。

眾：基督、我的希望、已經復活，他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

領：我們知道，基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王，求你垂憐我們。

眾：亞孟。亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌必須從死者中復活。)

恭讀聖若望福音 20:1-9

一周的第一天，清晨，天還黑的時候，瑪利亞瑪達肋納，來到墳墓那裡，看見石頭已從墓門挪開了。於是，她跑去見西滿伯多祿，及耶穌所愛的那另一個門徒，對他們說：「有人從墳墓中，把主搬走了；我們不知道他們把他放在那裡。」伯多祿便和那另一個門徒出來，到墳墓那裡去。兩人一起跑，但那另一個門徒，比伯多祿跑得快，卻沒有進去。跟著他的西滿伯多祿，也來到了，進入了墳墓，看見了放著的殮布，也看見耶穌頭上的那塊汗巾，不同殮布放在一起，而在另一處捲著。

先來到墳墓的那個門徒，也進去了，一看見就相信了。

這是因為他們還不明白，耶穌必須從死者中復活的那段聖經。——上主的話。

彌撒後，請各教友參加午餐聚會
Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)

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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Anselam Lakra's mother Scholastica, who died recently in India.

Recently deceased: Patrick Martin, Elvira Rodriguez, Mary McCormick, Juliette El Khouri, Peter Lawrence, Daniel Hodgson.
Anniversary: Joanna Dwyer, Anne Rowena Gray, Maria Ng, Rosa Curtis, Anne Ducker, Angela Ying Fung Yim, Edwina Ridley, Raymond Chegwyn, Helena Ashton, Jack Sullivan, Pierre Pascal.
And for: George & Marion Blayney, Thomas & Eileen Wade.

Please pray for those who are sick: Anne Ridley, Helen Tisdell, Evelyne Jones, Tony Plottel, Elizabeth Wales, Annette Leong, Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan, Barbara and John McMullen

POPE FRANCIS' FINAL WORDS ON THE EASTER MYSTERY WHICH WE CELEBRATE:



Here is Pope Francis' final homily for the Easter Vigil - last year, 2025. As you will recall he was too unwell to deliver it himself and it was read by Cardinal Re. On Easter Monday Pope Francis himself passed into the Easter mystery of the Lord Jesus.

It is night, as the Paschal candle slowly advances towards the altar. It is night, when the chant of the Easter Proclamation invites heartfelt rejoicing, "Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King... knowing an end to gloom and darkness" (Exsultet). It is in the last hours of the night that the events take place that are recounted in the Gospel we have just heard (cf. Lk 24:1-12). The divine light of the Resurrection begins to shine and the Lord's Passover from death to life takes place as the sun is about to rise. The first light of dawn reveals that the great stone placed before Jesus' tomb has been rolled away, as a few women, dressed in mourning, make their way to the tomb. The bewilderment and fear of the disciples is still enshrouded by darkness. Everything takes place in the night.

The Easter Vigil thus reminds us that the light of the Resurrection illumines our path one step at a time; quietly, it breaks through the darkness of history and shines in our hearts, calling for the response of a humble faith, devoid of all triumphalism. The Lord's passage from death to life is not a spectacular event by which God shows his power and compels us to believe in him. For Jesus, it was not the end of an easy journey that bypassed Calvary. Nor should we experience it as such, casually and unthinkingly. On the contrary, the Resurrection is like little seeds of light that slowly and silently come to take root in our hearts, at times still prey to darkness and unbelief.

This "style" of God sets us free from a disembodied piety that wrongly imagines that the Lord's Resurrection resolves everything as if by magic. Far from it: we cannot celebrate Easter without continuing to deal with the nights that dwell in our hearts and the shadows of death that so often loom over our world. Christ indeed conquered sin and destroyed death, yet in our earthly history the power of his Resurrection is still being brought to fulfilment. And that fulfilment, like a small seed of light, has been entrusted to us, to protect it and to make it grow.

Brothers and sisters, during this Jubilee Year in particular, we should feel strongly within us the summons to let the hope of Easter blossom in our lives and in the world!

When the thought of death lies heavy on our hearts, when we see the dark shadows of evil advancing in our world, when we feel the wounds of selfishness or violence festering in our flesh and in our society, let us not lose heart, but return to the message of this night. The light quietly shines forth, even though we are in darkness; the promise of new life and a world finally set free awaits us; and a new beginning, however impossible it might seem, can take us by surprise, for Christ has triumphed over death.

This message fills our hearts with renewed hope. For in the risen Jesus we have the certainty that our personal history and that of our human family, albeit still he will

will not let us falter, or allow evil to have the last word. At the same time, this hope, already fulfilled in Christ, remains for us a goal to be attained. Yet it has been entrusted to us so that we can bear credible witness to it, so that the Kingdom of God may find its way into the hearts of the women and men of our time.

As Saint Augustine reminds us, "*The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is new life for those who believe in him; this mystery of his passion and resurrection you ought to know well and to imitate in your lives*" (Sermon 231, 2). We are to reflect Easter in our lives and become messengers of hope, builders of hope, even as so many winds of death still buffet us.

We can do this by our words, by our small daily acts, by decisions inspired by the Gospel. Our whole life can be a presence of hope. We want to be that presence for those who lack faith in the Lord, for those who have lost their way, for those who have given up or are weighed down by life; for those who are alone or overwhelmed by their sufferings; for all the poor and oppressed in our world; for the many women who are humiliated and killed; for the unborn and for children who are mistreated; and for the victims of war. To each and all of them, let us bring the hope of Easter!

I like to think of a thirteenth-century mystic, Hadewijch of Antwerp, who, inspired by the Song of Songs, describes her suffering over the absence of the beloved and invokes the return of love so that — as she says — "*there may be a turning point to my darkness*" (Poesie, Visioni, Lettere, Genoa 2000, 23).

The risen Christ is the definitive turning point in human history. He is the hope that does not fade. He is the love that accompanies us and sustains us. He is the future of history, the ultimate destination towards which we walk, to be welcomed into that new life in which the Lord himself will wipe away all our tears and "death, mourning and crying and pain will be no more" (Rev 21:4). And it falls to us to proclaim this Easter hope, this "turning point" where darkness becomes light.

Sisters, brothers, the Easter season is a time of hope. "There still is fear, there still is a painful awareness of sinfulness, but there also is light breaking through... Easter brings the good news that although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that even though God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road... Thus there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way through life" (H. Nouwen, *A Cry for Mercy, Prayers from the Genesee*).

Let us make room for the light of the Risen Lord! And we will become builders of hope for the world.

Franciscus





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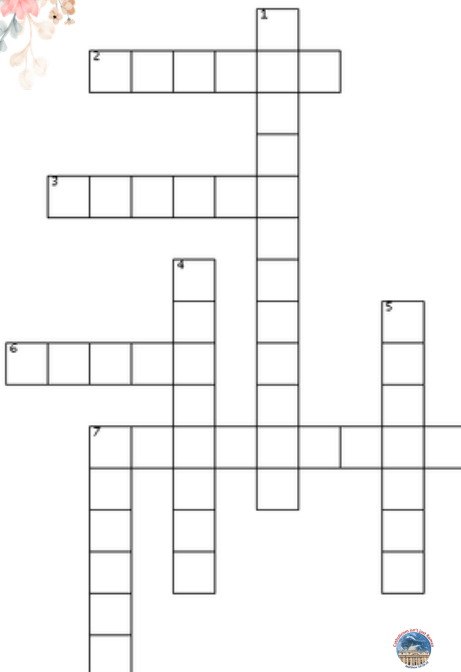
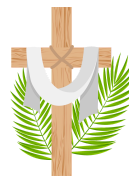
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Happy Easter

Wishing our parish youth community a very wonderful and faith-filled Easter Season!

Easter Activity

Cross Word Puzzle



ACROSS

- Where we hope to go after life on earth.
- Season of the year where we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead.
- What Jesus died on. Symbol of Christianity.
- What we can eat on Easter Sunday to remember the sweetness of the Lord.

DOWN

- The ___ of Christ. What we celebrate on Easter Sunday.
- event in the Bible where the Israelites sacrificed a lamb. Still celebrated by Jews today.
- Born again through water.
- Another name for Jesus.

Let's Go!

Make Disciples

Children's Masses
and Children's
Activities
Resuming Sunday
April 26th



Youth Masses Resume
Next Sunday April 12th at
6pm in the Lindfield
Church

Our Next Community
Potluck will be held on
April 19th

*My lips will shout for
joy when I sing
praises to you; my
soul also, which you
have redeemed.*

