



# Parish Matters

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | 11TH / 12TH APRIL 2020

*The Catholic Community of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.*



Fr Paul will say Mass

Facebook Live

*Catholic Community of City South*

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday:

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Pasion

Easter Vigil: 6pm

Easter Sunday 10am

Mass for you at Home

6am Sunday on



Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 10.30am

Live from St Mary's Cathedral  
on



White Angel by the Tomb of Christ, an art work by Michael Galovic, tempera on board, 140 x 79cm, 2016.  
contact: [www.michaelgalovic.com](http://www.michaelgalovic.com); [michaelgalovic@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgalovic@gmail.com)

*White Angel by the Tomb of Christ by Michael Galovic*

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |  
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**If you are having trouble getting out to do shopping  
please contact the parish office and we will be able to help you.**

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Recently Deceased:** Ornel Lobo.

**Anniversary:** Joseph Mizzi (12 Apr); Laurie Beach (14 Apr).

**Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel:** Mio Family; Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

**Those who are sick:** Ron Hawkins; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

**Birthdays:** Jemaimah Pettybourne, Philip Khoe (11 Apr); Paul Wong (12 Apr); Brian Fong, Joseph Farrugia (14 Apr); Julia Villanueva, Margaret Allen, James Allen (15 Apr); Dominic Walker, Tim Smyth (16 Apr).

**Wedding Anniversary:** Gina and Eric Di Cristo (16 Apr).

### Chocolate Paschal Lambs

We have a huge supply of Chocolate Paschal Lambs for sale. Please contact the Parish Office to purchase yours. Your support is greatly appreciated. **\*\*Please ring before you come.\*\***

If you have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, please consider giving online directly to Caritas at [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), where you can securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque directly to Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively please return your Project Compassion boxes/ envelopes to the Parish Office.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please ring before you Come\*\*\*\*\***

### Facebook Live Mass

I want to acknowledge all those who joined me on Facebook Live for Mass last weekend. Using this technology is certainly testing all our IT knowledge! If you are having any technical issues can I suggest you call someone in your family who is under 30! They will certainly have the answer. For those who said they are not on Facebook, you might consider signing up so you can access our Mass. Signing up to Facebook is fairly simple. Again if you have any issues I would call a digital native (someone

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### Rosebery

**Account Name:** Rosebery Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

#### Redfern

**Account name:** Redfern Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

#### Waterloo

**Account name:** Waterloo Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

**Whilst the Church building is closed, if you are still able to donate, especially to the first collection which supports our priests, please find methods of doing so:**

- \* **Direct deposit into Church Accounts as listed above. Please email instructions of splitting your donation between 1st and 2nd collection.**
- \* **Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office 9353 6300 for more details.**
- \* **You can place your cash donation in an envelope and leave in the Parish Office letterbox (74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery) which is locked.**
- \* **Come in person to Parish Office, however you must call first (in keeping with social distancing regulations). You can use the Tap N Go facility, pay cash or credit card.**

Due to COVID-19, all rosters have been cancelled temporarily. However, our newsletter will still be published on our Catholic of City South Website <https://www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-matters/>

If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office.

# Triduum



Dear Friends,

The Easter Triduum (or 'three days') is the highpoint of the Church's year. It is one liturgy, which takes place in three parts: 1) Mass on Holy Thursday evening, in which we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist; 2) Good Friday 3pm, where we remember the Passion and Death of the Lord; and 3) the Easter Vigil (Saturday night), which is the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The Easter Vigil starts after dark, which is why it will be held at 6:00pm this year, so that we can welcome the light of the Risen Jesus as part of the Mass. These three liturgies will obviously look a little different this year, but we pray that it will be a rich experience for you nonetheless.

**Holy Thursday Reflection** 7.00pm (Parish Facebook Live )

**Good Friday Reflection** 3.00pm (Parish Facebook Live & Network 7)

**Easter Vigil** 6.00pm (Parish Facebook Live)

**Easter Sunday Reflection** 10.00am (Parish Facebook Live or Network 7 10.30am from St Mary's Cathedral)

This Easter will be like none before. For the first time in over 100 years we will not be able to physically gather to celebrate Easter because of the Coronavirus pandemic. This crisis highlights the tension that exists between personal presence with distance.

Our faith and Sacraments are by their nature tactile, hands on. This reflects the spirituality that God became man and walked among us. In Jesus we see, touch, feel and even smell the presence of God.

Each Sunday we celebrate in the Mass this reality; God continues to walk with us. He is close to us. He feeds us and heals us. The closing of our churches has meant great distress for us. As Fr Andrew Hamilton says " the privileged ways in which God is present that cannot be fully replaced by other forms of presence." Yet many of us have found ways to overcome the distance that has become the new 'normal'. Our use of technology has offered us an opportunity to see each other, to virtually celebrate Mass and know we continue to be in solidarity with one another.

In the life, death and resurrection of Christ we see how God comes close to us. We see how in His death which could be seen as a distance God breaths his life and presence.

Even though what we celebrate this weekend historically occurred over 2000 years ago, when we are connected to the Eucharist we relive and celebrate in real time that God is close to us. This can still be true by our use of technology. "The quality and reality of people's electronic presence to one another depend on the richness of their imagination. By imagination I mean the way in which we see the detailed qualities and connections of our lives and world. Our imagination can represent things and people in a blurred or homogenised way, or can catch the tactile detail and the multiplicity of facets present in our face to face contact." (Fr Andrew Hamilton)

In time we will once again be able to meet physically for Mass and other activities. But this experience has taught me the pastoral benefits of greater use of technology. Going forward I plan to continue live streaming of Mass so that it might bring comfort and connect to those who are always distant because of age or non practice. It may be a portal where the curious engage with the life giving message that God walks with us in all our experiences.

I wish everyone a blessed Easter.

Fr Paul A Smithers

Parish Priest

## Collection for Holy Land postponed

The traditional collection on Good Friday to assist Catholic communities in the Holy Land has been postponed until later this year. The Development and Fundraising Office will send out information to parishes once a new date is determined for this appeal.

# Liturgy of the Word

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

To him be glory and power

for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. or: 1 Cor 5:6-8 Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough. You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths

but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

*or Mt 28:1-10*

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee. After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 26:42

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread

of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### The disciple Jesus loved

*In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.*

### Ringling of the Bell, Waterloo

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has invited churches with bells to ring them five times a day as a way of calling the faithful to prayer during this difficult time. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Waterloo rings the bell five times a day at 8am, 12pm, 3pm & 7.30pm.