

St. Monica's Parish

North Parramatta



"Our mission is to build up an active parish community with the Eucharist as the centre, foster deeper prayer and spirituality and reach out as a witnessing community"

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

12TH APRIL 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

This is the word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: 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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 5: 6-8

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.

This is the word of the Lord

SEQUENCE

The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath 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 thou didst 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, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.





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St. Monica's Parish, North Parramatta
Easter Masses Life-streaming Timetable (English)

12th April 2020 (Easter Sunday)
9am Mass

18th April 2020 (Saturday)
(2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)
5pm Mass

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粵語聖週禮儀直播表

2020年4月12日 (復活主日)
早上10時半 彌撒

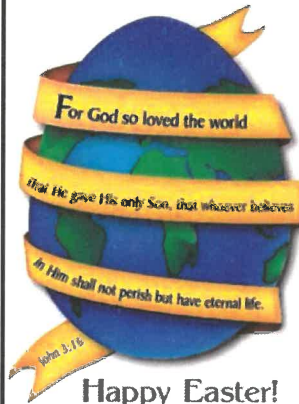
2020年4月18日 (星期六)
(復活期第二主日、救主慈悲主日)
晚上6時半 彌撒

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Youth + Corner

He Died for Us! But What does it All Mean?



Happy Easter!

Despite the tumultuous start to the first few months of 2020, I hope this column finds everyone well as we continue into the season of Easter! Easter, one of the greatest celebrations in our Catholic Calendar. Easter, the period after Lent and Holy Week, where we remember how Christ died upon the cross to save us from our sins and to bring salvation. But hang on, we've heard that phrase "He died to save us" many many times over to the point where it just rolls off, but what does it actually MEAN?

How does the death of one person save you, and me, and all of humanity?

Well firstly, Jesus's mission here on Earth was to live among us, to teach us and to show us the ways of God. He was not only fully human but he was also fully divine (material: 100% God) and as such he embodied the way, the truth and the life through which we come to know God better. But that's not all – Jesus's death 'atoned for our sins' which brought us back into communion with God. If Jesus hadn't come down to Earth, if his birth, death and resurrection hadn't happened, then the Gates of Heaven would have remained closed to us. An eternal separation from God would have ensued. Instead, Jesus chose to stand in solidarity with us and experienced a human death in order to reconcile us back to God. He stood by us and became our spokesperson when he echoed the words of Psalm 22 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", voicing what we may sometimes feel, that sense of divine abandonment during times of great suffering and hardship. Jesus felt all those things, having been betrayed by one disciple, deserted by the others and then beaten and tortured. Nevertheless, even though he felt these things, he followed the will of the Father, commending his life into God's hands. Willingly.

It is crucial to understand that God did not abandon his Son upon that cross, nor was Jesus a trade offered up to appease a wrathful god on behalf of humanity. Rather, our Lord's sacrifice on that cross demonstrates the depth of God's love and capacity for mercy and forgiveness for us humans who are weak and full of sin. God sent his only Son to us and according to his divine plan, he brought us back to Him. Jesus was one of us, and he wants us to understand that God loves us, and that God longs for our love in return. And through the experiences of His son who felt pain as humanity feels pain, God has shown that he understands our pain, our misery, our loneliness and despair, and he wants to strengthen our relationship with Him. Therefore, to bring it back to the sacrificial act of Christ dying on the Cross for us, quite simply in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, 'the redemptive value comes from the fact that the innocent Jesus, out of *pure love*, entered into solidarity with the guilty and thus transformed their situation from within'. (Jesus, Son and Savior: A Catechesis on the Creed, 1996)

- Abby

Youth Announcements



St. Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

St. Monica's youth group will not be congregating at 10:45am on Sundays until further notice. Follow our youth group on Instagram @fyrestmonicas for more updates.

Online mass is live streamed on Facebook on Saturday evenings (join the group on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/105707033257/>). If you wish to watch the live please add Fr Lam (Shing-man Lam) on Facebook as a friend and spread the news!

Confession is available by calling the Parish office on 9630 1951.