



EASTER SUNDAY

1 April 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

RESPONSE

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

ACCLAMATION

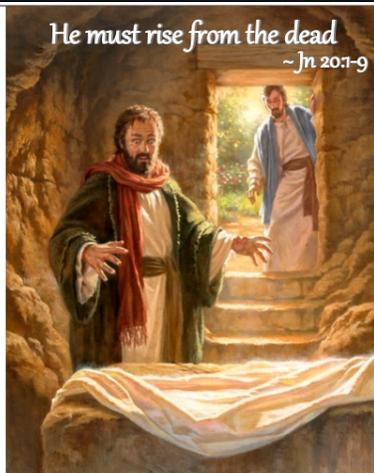
*Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!*

LET US LIVE THE LIVES OF RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn 11:25-26). 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer and gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Let us live the lives of Resurrection people: Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life.

Excerpt from Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil on John 20: 1-9 available at <http://stjohngrandbay.org>. Image from <http://manoppello.eu>



'BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED'

(ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART'S EASTER MESSAGE, 2018)



In releasing his Easter Message to the Melbourne Archdiocese for 2018, Archbishop Denis Hart observes that in all of the gospels' Resurrection stories, Jesus appears still wounded, a parallel between the risen Jesus and ourselves, as a wounded community, a hurting world. Amidst the joy and the beauty of our lives,

there will still be wounds, he reminds us. It is in our own closeness to the wounded and yet resurrected Christ that our own wounds may, in fact, bring healing to others.

We are people of the Resurrection, the Archbishop reminds us, and in fact our own inevitable wounds, like those of Christ, can heal others.

The Archbishop continues by reminding us that, because we see so clearly through the eyes of faith, the wounded and risen Jesus, the healer, is still among us in our own communities of healers, caregivers, nurses, teachers, social services providers, even in the heroism of parents. Furthering the analogy, the Archbishop says that our

wounds themselves can become veritable fountains, with compassion and hope flowing out into our communities. This, said Archbishop Hart, is the power of Christ's Resurrection.

See the full 2018 Easter message from Archbishop Hart at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Nicholas Doyle, Maurice Poynter, Mikos Vertessy, Dawn Newton, Mrs Steanne, Peter Lewis, Georgina Doyle, Maureen Carlson, Dolly King, Aghapi Rezk.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Maryan and Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Matthew MacDonald, Fr Joseph Doyle, Margaret McLean



EASTER TIME

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. This Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter...

GNYLC 22-24

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' Rev 2:7

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?'

It's been more than 80 years since the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council. Through its listening and dialogue sessions, it will give all people the opportunity to say what is on their mind and in their heart. It's a chance to speak boldly but also listen with an open and humble heart.

The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, 20 May. That gives us all plenty of time to prepare, to 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying', and to consider how we can take part in this important process.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Easter Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex table

Thank you to all who responded to Project Compassion Appeal and Good Friday special collection for the Holy Places.

THANKSGIVING

Church: \$ 1,564.35

Priest: \$ 1,170.00
(Retired Priest & Archdiocese)

Thank You



Our BIG Thank you and appreciation goes out to everyone who helped us in preparing the Church for the Holy Week and Easter celebration. Special mention to the Working Bee who beautify the Church and its surroundings, to Veronica Measki and her group as well as to those who donated money and flowers for decorating the Church and to all the Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, the Choir and all who participated in the celebrations.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

(COLOSSIANS 3:2)

On this day of Easter, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfil His salvation plan.

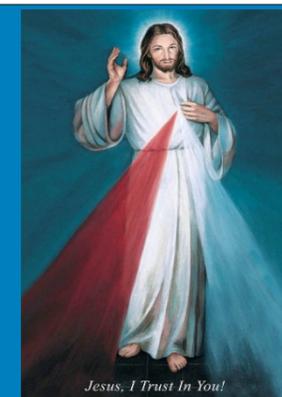
EASTER IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

As Easter arrives yet again, and the attention of the Christian world focuses once more on the events of Jerusalem two thousand years ago, the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Melbourne has plentiful opportunities for the worshipping community to participate in Easter liturgies, as well as pointing towards a number of Easter-themed events in and around Melbourne.

At St Patrick's Cathedral (1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne), Masses on Easter Sunday itself are at 8am, 9.30am with organ and cantor, ahead of the Solemn Mass at 11am with Most Reverend Denis Hart and the full St Patrick's Cathedral Choir. A Sunday evening Mass at 6.30pm also includes choir and organ. The Melbourne Archdiocese offers a Mass Times web page (<http://masstimes.melbournecatholic.org.au/>) where you may call up special Easter Mass times at a parish near you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (8 APRIL)

- Regular weekend Masses
- Reconciliation, Adoration & Rosary, 2 pm
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm (followed by Benediction and Holy Mass)



EASTER FIND

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

- ACTS 17:27 NIV