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Easter Sunday, Year B *3 - 4 April 2021*

EASTER MESSAGE 2021

Christ Is Risen!

Recently one of our beloved priests died. I was blessed to pray with him and his closest friends on that day. It was a sad, but beautiful occasion. As we sat around his bed, his friends shared their stories of how he had touched their lives; It was clear they loved him dearly and were grateful that he had been part of their family for so many years. It was clear to me he had loved them too and their presence brought him enormous reassurance.

As we talked, I could not help but think of the reality of the Paschal Mystery – dying and rising.

I reflected on this priest's life and wondered at all the Holy Thursdays, Good Fridays and Easter days he had celebrated. Just as I was about to leave he awoke unexpectedly! He gave me a huge smile and gave me his blessing – it was if heaven and earth met for those few minutes. He was ready and peaceful. He awaited that final breath when he would see God face-to-face.

It is no mistake that we see the reality of the paschal mystery all around us! The pattern of dying and rising. We see this across our beautiful diocese marked in the beauty of autumn and as we fast approach the cold winter – we do so in the knowledge of Spring days and Summer harvest. We experience this too in our lives – dying and rising – loving and letting go – remembering and living.

We are mindful of the suffering of those who have lived through the torrential rains and flooding waters and losses they face. Once again we see the goodness of so many who quickly come to the aid of friend and stranger with such compassion.

Our news reminds of us the deep yearning for peace in Myanmar and other countries where people live in turmoil. There are tragic stories of individuals whose lives are beset by the violence and whose vulnerability is exploited by others.

St Paul uses a beautiful ancient hymn in his Letter to the Philippians:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
Did not count his equality with God something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
Coming in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
And became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

(St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-8)

We will soon commence our spiritual journey through these three holy days of 2021, remembering that God came among us in his most perfect self-expression in his son, Jesus. A God who assumed our human condition in all things, but sin. A God whose face has been revealed in Jesus. A God who enters our human story and our suffering bringing healing, compassion, mercy and draws us into the communion of love. We enter these Holy Days of the Triduum not only to remember, but to live the reality of the love of Jesus who emptied himself in order that we would be filled with his love, forgiveness and salvation. He has died that we might rise.

Our spiritual journey commences as we enter:

Holy Thursday recalling the Last Supper and the call to service in the washing of the feet.

Good Friday we will remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. We will witness one another place our sufferings and prayer at the foot of the cross.

Easter Night we will gather around the fire recalling that the Risen Christ has conquered the darkness of sin and death.

Each year we celebrate this great Feast, we know the story, yet we hear it differently through the lens of our experience.

We remember our personal call to service as followers of Jesus and his enduring presence to us as we gather for Eucharist;

We remember our sorrows and painful losses;

We remember that our dying leads to life.

May the joy of Easter shine forth in us – may it illumine the darkness – may comfort in our sorrow – may it be our gift in our dying.

Christ is Risen, alleluia!

Bishop Greg Bennet

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross

9.30am Cathedral, Stratford, Rosedale

Walk of the Cross 10.30am Cathedral

Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Cathedral

Reconciliation Cathedral 4-5pm

HOLY SATURDAY April 3:

Reconciliation Cathedral 10-11am, 5-6pm

THE EASTER VIGIL 7.30pm

Cathedral (Bookings required)

EASTER SUNDAY: April 4

9.00am Loch Sport, **9.30am** Cathedral

9.30am Stratford **11.15am** Seaspray

Please note: No Easter Mass at Rosedale

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Henry Kitzelmann son of Amanda and Anthony. Congratulations to the family from us all.

ALTAR SERVERS – Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar – please encourage your children in a generous response to assist. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP Are celebrating their 10th birthday at the **9.30am Mass on Sunday 11 April**. Parishioners are invited to join us afterwards a BYO picnic/BBQ at the Fauna Park in Guthridge Parade at **12noon**, concluding with a cake. RSVP by 7 April please.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 8 April** at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies can be sent to Maureen on 5149 2443. **31 CLUB REMINDER** for 5 - 11 April. Please pray for vocations.

COUNSELLOR FOR BUSHFIRE RESPONSE PROGRAM, CatholicCare East Gippsland.

CatholicCare is seeking a qualified counsellor or psychologist to work in the bush fire affected region in East Gippsland. Full time or part-time, hours negotiable. It is an exciting role working with a small dedicated team within the wider CatholicCare Gippsland suite of services. For further information please phone Denise: 56221188 See CatholicCare Victoria's Careers page for full details www.ccam.org.au/careers

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

EASTER BEST WISHES AND GRATITUDE TO ALL

Easter 2021. Special wishes for a Happy and Holy Easter to all, with a big thank you to those special people who have helped make our ceremonies a wonderful experience of prayer in Year 2021. Having Bishop Greg with us through Holy Week leading our ceremonies has been a blessed time indeed. We thank him for his warm and prayerful leadership - our Diocese is so pleased he is our Bishop. Thank you to Fr Jithin for his stepping into the Master of Ceremonies role so smoothly and naturally, the Diocese will be well served in the coming years as he fills this important ministry. Deacon Kevin O'Sullivan, RAAF Chaplain, for your warm and gracious support. You and Denise are truly one of our family now.

Thank you to our Parish Staff, especially Clare O'Brien who has worked so professionally through a very demanding time of her services. Thank you to Mark Durrant, Jenny Fitzgerald and Veronica Barnes for their important support behind the scenes helping both Clare and the parish generously.

Thank you to Julie Peavey, Andrew Liyange and all concerned whose singing and organ work help enrich our ceremonies.

Thank you to the Filipino Choir, for your excellent contribution to the singing.

Thank you to Jeff Hobbs and Chloe Nash again so willing and generous with live stream!

A big thank you to our sacristans Brenda Bowden and Sue Harvey again in the back ground and doing very important preparation of the altar and other necessary helps behind the scenes.

COVID restrictions, booking and cleansing:

We as a parish thank all who have chipped in and on a daily basis continue to oversee to the cleansing, sanitising and bookings in, with Claire Everard at the table taking the bookings in and welcoming visitors and parishioners so warmly. We are grateful to Jenny Gunn, Lorel Donnelly, Bill and Lenie Smolenaars, Brenda Bowden and many others all seeing to the sanitising of the Cathedral seats and surrounds. We sincerely thank those in leadership and support positions doing the same at Stratford, Briagolong, Rosedale, Loch Sport and Seaspray.

Other Assistance: Seminarian Mark Hughes has been a welcome and important support

PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation.

Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.

Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.

Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.

Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together.

May we be a welcoming and serving community, always discerning and doing your will for one another.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

throughout this week. His singing of the Exsultet and serving during our Holy Week has been a wonderful help. We thank him sincerely as we pray for him in his steps to Priesthood.

And please do not forget the enormous work of Myriam Elgueta in the Kitchen and behind the scenes (example preparing the Paschal Candle.) Myriam is supported in build-up times by Edith Elgueta a great help as the priests of the diocese land on our footsteps for the Chrism Mass and other meetings - with a nice cuppa and facilities prepared for their time with us.

Palm Sunday Branches: Rosie Collins, Reg and Pat Carmody, Bill Smolenaars for their providing the palms. We anticipate and thank all helpers for the Fire to be blessed and the altar servers and readers etc. for Holy Saturday Night. Whew ! I hope I haven't left anyone out of our thanks, if I have please forgive me for all have my thanks and the thanks of the Parish. Happy prayerful and safe Holy Easter to one and all.

Love and Prayers

Dean Peter

DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FINISHES AT 2AM ON SUNDAY 4 APRIL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,188.00

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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Easter Sunday, Year B
3 - 4 April 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
FRIDAY 2 APRIL <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Walk of the Cross (Combined Churches)</i> PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Reconciliation</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	10.30am	Cathedral
	3.00pm	Cathedral
	4-5pm	Cathedral
Saturday 3 April <i>Reconciliation</i> <i>Reconciliation</i> EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	10-11am	Cathedral
	5-6pm	Cathedral
	7.30pm	Cathedral
EASTER SUNDAY 4 APRIL	9.00am	Loch Sport
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.15am	Seaspray
NO MONDAY MASS Tues 6 April <i>Robert Hopkinson's Funeral</i>	1.00pm	Cathedral
Wed 7 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Thurs 8 April <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
Fri 9 April <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
	11.30am	Cathedral
Saturday 10 April	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
<i>Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

YEAR of ST JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



By Pope Francis

COMING TO COMMUNION – COVID RESTRICTIONS

SOCIAL DISTANCING: It is very important dear parishioners we don't become distracted in keeping to the Covid restrictions – especially in keeping to the social distancing directions as we come forward to receive Communion. The Tapes on the floor in the centre isle are there to assist you in keeping to social distancing (**1.5 metres**).

A practical way of doing this would be to have communicants come forward **one row and one side of the row at a time**. As you look to the Altar, my suggestion is the **right hand side** be the first row to come forward. The procession to communion to start from the **front seat proceeding to the back seat**. I repeat please be conscious to keep your distance in line with the Social distancing directions as per Covid 19. You will notice the tapes on the floor set there to clearly determine our correct distancing. Come to the tape, stop there until the person in front processes on, then and only then proceed in your turn to the next tape and so on, then to the Priest to receive Holy Communion.

Once the back row of the right hand side is reached, then the back row on the left hand side falls in behind (start from the back row proceeding to the front row of the left hand side).

I am grateful for your co-operation. Should you be available after Mass, would you be so kind as to help in the wiping down of seats and doors and windows – there will be a person to guide you in what is necessary to do – please don't wait to be asked this would be a great help to them. Let us not take their generosity in cleaning and sanitising, for granted. The best way we can show our appreciation is by offering to ease their load.

DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:

Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:

Venue: **St Ita, Drouin**

Dates: **Saturday, 17 April**, God's promise of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit

Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg

Time: 10.30 am each day.

"May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

CATHEDRAL OPEN DAILY Churches can be open for private prayer. Please adhere to sanitising and signing in requirements. The Cathedral will be open from **after 9.30am or 11.00am Mass** and closes usually at **5.00pm unless services are being held**.

MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 140 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. Mark your attendance by using the QR code to register or use the sign in sheet. Please social distance and use the hand sanitisers' provided. **Bookings and masks are no longer required to attend most Masses.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Robert Hopkinson, Bill McMahon (Traralgon), Sue (Durrant) Barr, Hiske Deschepper, Mally Parer, Drew Pretty, Allan Douch** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Julia Weatherley, Ellen Slater, Mary Georgina Lee**. We pray for those who are sick **Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Noreen Waud, Diliaana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

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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 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

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.)

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.)

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 St Paul's letter to the Colossians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; alleluia:
Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: **Acts 10:34,37-43**
Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**
Gospel: **John 20:1-9**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays
'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm
Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am
Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month)
Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sundays of the Month)
Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm