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EASTER SUNDAY, Year B *30 - 31 March 2024*

EASTER MESSAGE 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of the Risen Lord be with you as we celebrate the feast of Easter.

As we celebrate Easter this year, I am conscious that many people are really struggling with having to deal with the higher cost of living, making repayments on mortgages, or finding an affordable house to rent, falling agricultural prices, or managing health and well-being issues. On the international front, we are confronted with the sight of women, children and families being displaced from their homes and livelihoods by war, natural disasters or economic disadvantage.

Into all of this dark reality, we again hear the story of the faithful women, Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of James and Salome (Mk 16:1) as they go to the tomb early in the morning after Jesus is crucified and buried. They carry with them the spices to anoint the body of Jesus. We can imagine their grief, sadness, and distress as, walking together at sunrise, they prepare for their arrival at the tomb where the body of Jesus lay. We can almost hear their whispers amidst their tears and grief in readiness for what they imagine they would find. We can hear them pondering who will roll away the stone so that, as bearers of mercy and tenderness, they can minister to their deceased friend.

On arrival, they discover not only the heavy burial stone had been rolled away but are met by the young man in a white robe (Mk 16:5) with the words "There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here" (Mk 16:7). How shocked and bewildered they must have been. There is an urgency as they must go to the disciples and Peter! They set off on another journey with hearts renewed for the empty tomb was no longer a sign of death but the fulfilment of all that he had taught them. These faithful women are the first bearers of the unending story of the Risen Lord. Their story is also our story. The story of the brothers and sisters of the Risen Lord experienced in our daily lives through the gift of his Holy Spirit who, "goes before us."

We are people of the story. Each of us has our own story to tell of the wonder of our personal faith in the Risen Lord. Each of us at different moments, fleeting as they may be, experience the presence of Jesus within us, among us. He is always with us: but how often do we fail to hear him, and to feel him close?

He is Risen. He is with us. We see him in our communities of faith across the Diocese of Sale. We witness his healing touch in the humble lives of those who follow him. We see him in the gentle care of couples and families as they walk with one another in the good times and bad, in sickness and health, unto death.

We see him in the powerful witness of single people, who by choice or circumstance, are enabled to be loving friends of prayer and service. We see his healing work in the feeding of the hungry, in the sharing with those who struggle financially and socially. We see his grace in the lives of the sick, the aged and frail, the confused of mind and the lives of those who require the gentle assistance of others. We see him in the sacramental care of our clergy bringing his sacramental presence to nourish, to reconcile, to bless and to strengthen God's holy people with God's holy gifts. We see him in the gift of religious life immersed in solidarity with others and in daring to live a life of simplicity. We see him everywhere.

In so many ways the Risen Lord comes to us and lifts our hearts to see the dignity of life, mission, service, mercy, and compassion as our daily mission too, not as burden, but as our gift for others. Our anointing in his life, death and resurrection calls us to lead lives of co-responsibility in his mission to bring Good News to the world.

At times our hearts will be weary, as we feel burdened by the apparent darkness of the world, as we witness acts of violence inflicted upon innocent children, families and individuals caught up in wars they did not choose. We may feel as though the weight of these stones of darkness will never be rolled away.

But the story of Easter reveals to us the essential message of the resurrection: that the power of God's love can roll away any stone. When the time is right, the gift of peace for troubled lands will rise, and for those whose lives are beset by turmoil, violence, and the terror of war, new life will emerge. May we, for whom the stone has been rolled away, be bearers of true peace, hope, mercy, compassion, and justice, born from the wounds of the Risen Jesus.

May the dawn of the Easter sunrise remind us that Jesus Christ is the true Light of the world, in him there is no darkness. He is not found in an empty tomb! He "goes before us" rolling away the stones calling us to new life! Alleluia

Bishop Greg Bennet
Easter 2024

PARISH CALENDAR.

26 - 31 March **EASTER SERVICES:** Refer to timetable opposite.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE AND MASS Livestream links for the Cathedral Holy Week Service and Mass are available below if you are unable to attend in person.

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion 2:45pm <https://youtube.com/live/tuYnBm7MHCQ>

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 7.15pm https://youtube.com/live/_ZU7ocU7zoY

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 7 April 2024** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

ST MARY'S PARISH MAFFRA CHURCH CENTENARY Join us in celebrating the Saint Mary's Maffra Church Centenary on **Sunday, 28 April 2024, with a Mass at 11am in Maffra**, followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. Kindly RSVP to 5147 1921 for catering purposes.

SERRA CLUB: Will return in May.

31 CLUB REMINDER 1 to 7 April. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism **Ruairi Killeen** son of Renee. Congratulations to the family from us all.

NO MASS there will be no **9.30am Mass** in the Cathedral on **Thursday 4 April**. Also, the Priest's are attending a Diocesan retreat from **8 to 12 April** so there will be **no weekday Masses during that week**.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed for the next two Wednesdays **3 and 10 April**.

PROJECT COMPASSION please return your project compassion boxes via the collection plates at Mass. If you wish to pay electronically please do this at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish/>

WORKSHOP AT NARRE WARREN:

Experience transformation at "Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'" hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O'Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Don't miss this transformative experience! Reserve your spot today and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM (lunch, morning and afternoon tea included) • Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, VIC 3805 Email (sale@cdsale.org.au) or call Clare in the Parish Office 5144 4100 if you would like to register for this event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to those who join us at the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend. Thank you to **Hannah Stokell, Cathryn White, Erin O'Neill, Susan Humphry, Chloe Tilley, Lauren Baker, Jemma Davis** who have been preparing for this auspicious occasion since August 2023. Thank you to the RCIA team and sponsors who have been faithfully preparing our RCIA participants. Your service is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to all those who helped to prepare the Cathedral and grounds so beautifully for the Easter Services. We also thank **our Sacristans and all those who volunteered** to assist with any of the Holy Week Masses and Service.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

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*

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

March 2024 This month, I want to tell you a story that is a reflection of the Church today. It is the story of a little-known witness of faith. Visiting a refugee camp in Lesbos, a man told me, "Father, I am Muslim. My wife was Christian. Terrorists came to our place, looked at us and asked what our religion was. They approached my wife with a crucifix and told her to throw it on the ground. She didn't do it, and they slit her throat in front of me." That's what happened. I know he held no grudges. He was focused on his wife's example of love, a love for Christ that led her to accept, and to be faithful to the point of death. Brothers, sisters, there will always be martyrs among us. This is a sign that we're on the right path. A person who knows told me there are more martyrs today than at the beginning of Christianity. The courage of the martyrs, the witness of the martyrs, is a blessing for everyone. Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. And to be open to the grace of martyrdom.

HAVE A HOLY AND JOY FILLED EASTER

and a lovely break. Best wishes from Fr Francis, Fr Aneesh and all the Parish staff.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$911.00
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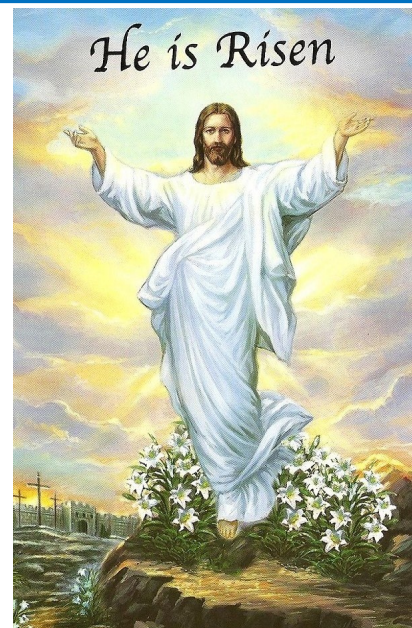


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**Mass Timetable this week
EASTER SUNDAY, Year B
30 - 31 March 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 30 March	7.30pm	Cathedral
EASTER VIGIL	9.00am	Loch Sport
Sunday 31 March	9.30am	Cathedral
EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am	Stratford
	11.15am	Seaspray
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 1 April	NO	MASS
Tuesday 2 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 3 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 4 April	NO	MASS
Friday 5 April		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 6 April		
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 7 April	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH	
EASTER MASS and SERVICES TIMETABLE:	
Friday 29 March:	9.30am Stations of the Cross - Cathedral
Good Friday	9.30am Stations of the Cross - Stratford
	9.30am Stations of the Cross - Rosedale
	10.30am Walk of the Cross to St Paul's Cathedral
	3.00pm Service of the Lord's Passion - Cathedral
Saturday 30 March:	7.30pm Easter Vigil - Cathedral
Sunday 31 March:	9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday	9.30am Mass - Cathedral
	9.30am Mass - Stratford
	11.15am Mass - Seaspray Fire Brigade Hall



Cathedral Date & Time	Thurs 28 March 5.30pm Holy Thursday	Fri 29 March 9.30am Good Friday	Sat 30 March 7.30pm Easter Vigil	Sun 31 March 9.30am Easter Sunday
Welcomer	Please offer	Please offer	Please offer	Please offer
Reader	Christine Lyon	Faye Flint Kate Bicknell	1. Brenda Bowden 2. Andreena Jolly	Commentator Xavier Useni-Vow
Reader	Jennifer Fitzgerald	N: Ann Neville C&O: Lyn Althaus	3. Tim Morrison 4. Brenda Burditt	1. Amanda Vowell 2. Maya Useni-Vow
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper			E Lyn Althaus

Date & Time	Sat 6 April 5.30pm	Sun 7 April 9.30am	Sun 7 April 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Sophia Kartobi
Eucharist	Marie Centra	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

YOUTH CORNER:

Activity tubs & books: available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

Youth Mass: The next youth mass will be held on this **Saturday 20 April 2024 at 5.30pm.**

Children's Liturgy: Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office - a WWCC & a Parish Code of Conduct are required).

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – 31st March after mass. RSVP essential so please sign up via the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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 the letter of St Paul 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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

First Reading: **Acts 4:32-35**
Second Reading: **1 John 5:1-6**
Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.