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Assistant Priest  
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley  
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**PARISH INFORMATION**  
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Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
Website: stmm.org.au

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Parish Council:  
♦ Chair: Bella Reyes - 0419 228 160  
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE  
♦ Secretary: Cheryl Fortini  
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♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

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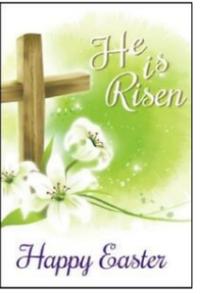


**HE IS RISEN**  
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR  
Easter Sunday  
12th April

**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
Sunday: 10:30am  
6:00pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
Monday: 9:15am  
Tuesday: 9:00am  
Wednesday: 9:00am  
Thursday: 9:00am  
Friday: 9:00am  
Saturday: 8:30am

**PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'**  
**MONTHLY INTENTION: APRIL**  
**Universal prayer intention - Freedom from Addiction**  
We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.  
**FIRST FRIDAY:**  
11am: Maltese Mass  
7.00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition  
**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9.30 am-2.30pm  
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 1.30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions  
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8.30pm - midnight

**VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS**  
5.15 pm - 5.45pm  
**RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am  
**DEVOTIONS:**  
♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Tuesday: after morning Mass  
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass  
♦ Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:  
Tuesday: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
♦ Divine Mercy Devotions  
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass  
**BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month  
**RECONCILIATION:**  
Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am  
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, 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.'

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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.)



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.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

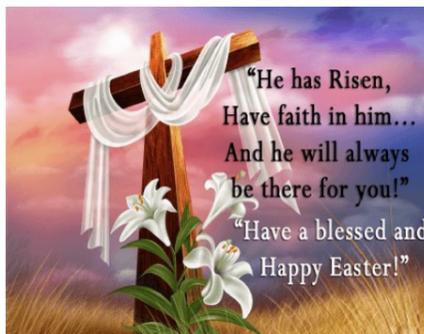
## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## MEDITATION:

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead*. One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Saviour. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with sceptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

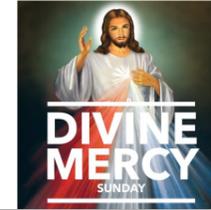
"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."



## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday  
19th April 2020

- 10 April - 2:30pm
- 11 April - 6:30pm
- 12 April - 10:00am
- 13 April - after 9:15am Mass
- 14 April - after 9:00am Mass
- 15 April - after 9:00am Mass
- 16 April - after 9:00am Mass
- 17 April - after 9:00am Mass
- 18 April - after 8:30am Mass



## St. Margaret Mary's Parish

### Live Streaming Mass Timings



Our Parish is live streaming Masses daily as per following schedule:

<b>Sunday</b>	-	<b>10:30am &amp; 06:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	-	<b>09:15am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	<b>09:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	<b>09:00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	-	<b>09:00am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	-	<b>09:00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	-	<b>08:30am</b>

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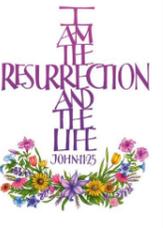
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- ◆ Christopher Oldham
- ◆ Simon Khoury
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- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Luca Jerkovic
- ◆ Susan Pace
- ◆ Branko Soric
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- ◆ Ireneo Vicencio
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- ◆ Diab Baysari
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- ◆ Katrina & Maria Smith
- ◆ Carolina Morante
- ◆ Alex Habis
- ◆ Ramona Sassine
- ◆ Laura Anisse
- ◆ Jocelyn Santos



## EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

*EASTER is truly the 'Day of the Lord'. This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad!*



Dear Parishioners, Brothers and Sisters!!!

EASTER is the day when Jesus rose from the dead, rolled away the stone, and **conquered death and sin**. It was a famous day in history because **sin** was defeated and **the power of Satan was forever broken**. This one event has certainly changed the course of history, and it continues to do so...and message is very clear that life, not death, is the last word of God. In this time of great uncertainties when we experience fear and insecurity, it is with faith we are looking towards our Resurrected LORD who is our hope and strength and comfort. He is telling all of us: "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE" "DO NOT BE AFRAID". EASTER tells us about VICTORY and very strongly reminds us that after every Good Friday in our lives, we will have an Easter Sunday, where Jesus will let us share in the power of his Resurrection.

We are grateful to our Resurrected Saviour for sharing with us the fruits of His victory and be with us and guide us during these unprecedented and challenging times. **May our hearts be open** to this Good News and may the light of the Risen Saviour enlighten our whole existence. **We all need HIM!!!** We need HIM because He is conqueror of all evil and in HIM, we can find the greatest aspirations towards a real and full life.



To every one of you a Happy Easter, an Easter happy in the **joys and graces and blessings of the Risen Redeemer.**  
Fr Janusz

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
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

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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

THESE PROGRAMS  
HAVE BEEN  
POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER  
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OUR  
PARISH  
PRAYER

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

19 APRIL 2020

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Acts 2:42-47; 1Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

