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HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

20TH APRIL 2025



Rejoice

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

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.)

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

SEQUENCE

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 John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

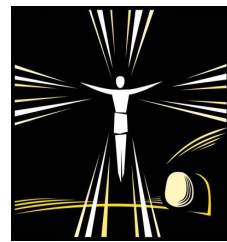
The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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 Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?

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.

SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
27 APRIL 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - Year C
 First Reading: Acts 5:12 - 16
 Second Reading: Rev 1:9 - 13, 17 - 19
 Gospel: Jn 20:19 - 31

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joyous and glorious occasion of Easter, I greet you with a heart full of hope and thanksgiving. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ brings new life, and it is a reminder that in the midst of all trials, we are never alone. Through His passion, death, and glorious resurrection, Jesus offers us the ultimate gift—hope, redemption, and eternal life.

Let us rejoice in the grace and peace that Easter brings, and may this season inspire us to live more fully in the love and teachings of Christ. As we renew our commitment to Him, let us also extend that love to those around us, serving as instruments of His mercy and compassion.

May the joy of the risen Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace. Know that you are in my and Fr. Jeremy's prayers, and I ask that you continue to pray for your priests and for our parish community.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

In Christ's,
Fr Wojciech Sliwa
Fr Jeremy Santoso

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
18 April to 26 April 2025
 18 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm
 19 April - Easter Vigil - 6:00 pm
 20 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 April - after Morning Mass



The Association of the Holy Shroud
 Invites you to the
 34th Annual
 Holy Shroud
 Fiesta Celebration
 Easter Monday
21st April 2025
@2:45 PM

Con-celebrated Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, and Eucharistic Procession
 followed by refreshments at the Pastoral Centre
 St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church - Parousia Academy
 Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre
 Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, presented by popular educator Fr John Flader, explains the principal teachings of the Church in a way anyone can understand and shows how they can be lived out in ordinary life.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
 You are invited to experience the joy of "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Margaret Mary's
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27 APRIL 2025 12pm-4pm

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy (Known as Divine Mercy Sunday) be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."
 - Jesus, DMIMS 1485

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
 - Jesus, DMIMS 699

"On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened."
 - Jesus, DMIMS 699

ST FAUSTINA RELIC IS AVAILABLE FOR VENERATION

A Special Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Principal Celebrant
Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv, DD
 Bishop of Parramatta

Concelebrants
 Rev Wojciech Sliwa, Rev Jeremy Santoso, Rev Darko Znidarsic and Rev Larry Tolentino

12:00PM HOLY ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION
 1:00PM PROCESSION, SOLEMN BLESSING, TALK, VENERATION & BENEDICTION
 3:00PM HOLY MASS - THE FEAST OF MERCY KNOWN AS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please share this information. You may bring your Divine Mercy Image for a special blessing and a rose for our Lord Jesus, St Faustina 1st Class Relic is available for veneration. Confessions are available from 1:00pm - 2:30pm only. We recommend that you go to Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday. Please bring a plate to share for our 4pm Fellowship. Music - David Redoblado. Come let's celebrate!
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