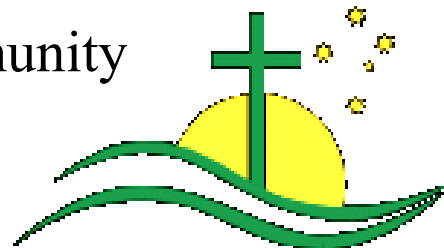




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Third Sunday of Easter, 1 May, 2022

Easter Message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

(taken from Melbourne Catholic Magazine this week)

Life always finds a way. So said Jeff Goldblum in the first Jurassic Park movie. Sometimes, quite inadvertently, the clever storytellers of Hollywood can land on a word of truth.

Indeed, life will find a way. Not because of any cleverness on our part, not because we can re-make ourselves, but because the Author of life, God our Creator, broke through the bonds of death. The whole of creation was reborn – and we were transfigured – in the dawning light of the first Easter. He whom the women – and everyone else – thought to have been among the dead, was alive; Jesus had arisen at the command of his Father. Life, God's true gift, had found a way over death through the resurrection of Christ.

None of this was our doing. In all our cleverness and human ingenuity, no matter what we have tried to do to manufacture lives according to our own image, none of it has worked in the end. It can't; we are not the authors of life itself. To think otherwise is a deep lie, often told by those in power or who have influence over our lives. It is the lie we tell ourselves, in a rash hope that things might be better if only we were able to re-create ourselves. But this deception only ever imposes a kind of violence on us; it has only ever led to death.

There are some obvious ways in which death marks our humanity. The loss of the common good among one another in the pandemic we are living through; the violence of tyranny in the piecemeal world war playing out in Ukraine and other places of the world; the false promises of technological or social progress dishonestly marketing a more advanced humanity for the few. And then there are all the domestic ways in which we have forgotten how to hope for a liveable good, and to work for the good of each other.

Jesus knew that such public and personal deceits, at the heart of our humanity, would only ever lead to our demise; and he knew we could not overcome them ourselves. So, he took it all upon himself on the cross. Jesus entrusted his life to his Father, so as to find a way out for us from death – our deaths – to life. To paraphrase the words of St Paul, Jesus took us with him into the tomb to join him in death, so that, as he was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. (cf. Rm 6.3)

Life did find a way. Christ went into the midst of our deaths, and reaching out to grab hold of our hand, he has drawn us back into life. This is the Resurrection; this is Easter: to be held by the hand of the risen Jesus, and to trust that he will hold onto our lives. We do not need to despair, or buy into a false utopia, or believe the lies of those who do not have our good in mind, or succumb to imposing our will on others. All these are paths to death, but the risen Jesus has overcome them all.

Easter reminds us to head towards the dawn, and into the light where we can rediscover our God-given identity, find our personal tasks, and work for our common humanity. We do not have to go far to do this – just head to our families and households, our neighbourhoods and communities. It is there that the dawn awaits. Christ is the dawn into our lives, and the light of our new day. In his light, we will find a way to see our world, and ourselves, reborn.

Jesus is indeed alive. Alleluia! And, in him, so are we.

Easter blessings to you all.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/O9JuJmNXAGM>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

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PROJECT COMPASSION

You may return your Project Compassion box directly to the Parish Office. You may also drop off at the church when you come to attend Mass

2022 Sacrament of First Communion program

Below are the dates for the program of Sacrament of First Communion at our Church. This program is designed for children in grade 4 to 6 (must have already received their Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Tuesday, 3 May - Introduction night in church 7pm
(follow by 4 classes in the schools & after school RE classes)

Tuesday, 26 July - Final class at church at 7pm

Masses are: Friday, 29 July at 7pm
or Saturday, 30 Jul at 12pm

If you wish to register your child into this program, please contact the Parish Office by Friday 15 April 2022. Cost is \$20per child.

After School Religious Education Program (ASRE)

All Children who are registered for this year's First Communion Program and do not attend a Parish School, are required to attend this class (in addition to attending family nights).

It runs on **TUESDAYS from 4pm to 5pm** in the Church. Parents, or Guardians, are required to sign the child in on arrival and sign them out on departure.

Dates for this program are: **24 May, 14 June and 12 July**. Attendance on all dates is compulsory.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE - old address with a new look

Some of you may have noticed that as of Friday afternoon, our website looks a little different. In line with the systems update that the Archdiocese is undertaking, we have completely reorganised our website. The purpose of this is to ensure that our website is more user friendly.

For regular users, the main changes to note are the location of our weekly newsletters, as well as the location of the live-stream links. The Newsletters can be found at the very bottom of the "Home" page underneath the heading "Parish Bulletins." The weekly live-stream link can be found within the "Parish News" tab, underneath the heading "Weekly Live-stream Link."

You will also notice that the Parish History has had a bit of an update, with the help of Liz Spear. If there are any important events that you think we have missed, or you have photos that you think could compliment what we already have, please don't hesitate to contact Luke (luke.bulley@passionists.com). On top of this, if you have any ideas in terms of what we can add to the website how we can improve the overall functionality of the website, again, contact Luke.

You will continue to see minor changes on the website over the coming weeks, as we finesse what is already there, and as we respond to your suggestions. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Team.

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

This is part of the Dandenong deanery program, a Talk & Dinner. and runs every 3 months at St John's Regional College (Graduate's Restaurant) each occasion has a different talk, this time the focus is on **"Families during Difficult Times"**

It will be held on WEDNESDAY, 11th May 2022

Arrival 5.30pm for start at 5.45pm

Cost is \$35pp (single) or \$65 for a couple

This includes a 3 course meal with a glass of Wine or Beer
RSVP by Friday, 6th May the latest.

Please contact Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email to dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Payment by Cash (on the day) or Cheque (mail to Dandenong Deanery C/- 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park Vic 3174) or direct back transfer (BSB: 083-347 Account No: 470457830 please quote your surname as a reference)

Please note there is NO CREDIT CARD facility

Readings:

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Rev 5: 11-14;

Jn 21: 1-19

4th Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Rev 7: 9, 14-17;

Jn 10: 27-30

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Sam Hili, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Trevor Chapman, Gaetan Clark, Gabriel Martyn, Constance James, Jose Rebelo, Georgina Edith Haywood, Irma Aiello, Henry Duyker, Eda Noyan, Teofilo Paredes, Halga Roncon, Mireille d'Argent, Girolamo Muratori, Vincenza Muratori, Joyce Madeira, **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

