

Risen Christ



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

19 & 20 April 2025 - Year C

The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.



Happy Easter 2025

Blessings - May the Power of the Risen Jesus touch us all

Gospel: 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.

Reflection - Break Open the Word 2025

There is excitement. People are running. But at the centre of this story is the quiet enigma of an empty tomb. The setting is mysterious - very early, still dark. The very ambiguity invites us to wonder with the disciples what is going on.

The first of the disciples to encounter this unexpected event is Mary of Magdala. Naturally she assumes Jesus' body has been taken away. Peter and John go back with her, see the wrapping cloths and go into the tomb. Then they understand the teaching that Jesus would rise from death, and they believe.

In what follows in John's gospel, Mary encounters the risen Lord in the garden (at first thinking he is the gardener). It is a pity we do not hear this part of the story.

Still, we have the whole Easter season to uncover the full reality of the risen Lord. The ambiguity of this account of the resurrection actually fits our own experience well, for we encounter the risen Lord in the mystery of word and sacrament.

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community. We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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New Website:

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Risen Christ Parish Bulletin items:

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RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 23 & 30 Mar 2025

		OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	Cash Electronic	\$422.00 \$2,414.00	\$652.00 \$4,114.00
Presbytery	Cash Electronic	\$766.20 \$100.00	\$1,000.10 \$580.00
Thanksgiving / Stewardship Offering			
Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
January	\$6,878.43	\$8,984.50	\$15,862.93
February	\$8,426.67	\$8,121.50	\$16,548.17
March	\$8,083.67	\$15,977.50	\$24,061.17

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Friday 18 - Good Friday

11:00am The Way of the Cross Eltham

3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord Eltham

Saturday 19 - Holy Saturday

12:00pm Easter Vigil Rehearsal Montmorency

5:00pm Blessing of the Food Montmorency

6:30pm Vigil of the Resurrection (Mass) Montmorency

Sunday 20 - Easter Sunday

6:00am Dawn Vigil of the Resurrection (Mass) Eltham

8:30am Easter Mass Montmorency

10:00am Easter Mass Eltham

Tuesday 22

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

11:00am Funeral : Hugh Azzopardi Eltham

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 23

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

Thursday 24

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Emmaus Small Church Community Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Friday 25 - ANZAC Day

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 26

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 27

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

Monday 28

7:00pm Eucharist Parent Faith Formation Evening Eltham

Tuesday 29

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

Wednesday 30

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

Thursday 1 May

9:00am Eucharist Retreat Day
(HT, OLHC & SFX Students) OLHC School

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Friday 2

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 3

12:00pm Baptisms: Kobe, Macey, Miller, Isla Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 4

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Jack, Pia, Tex, Astrid Eltham

Monday 5

11:30am Liturgy with Yr 3 Holy Trinity

2:00pm Mass St Vincent's Aged Care



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
Bishop Terry Curtin

Montmorency

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
*Regina Roszczenko (mother of Liz Gray), Siobhan Lappin,
Cindy & Ed Morrissey, Skye Stojanov*

For the recently **deceased**:
Mark Ryan, John Uren

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:
*Antonietta Guglielmino (1st anniversary)
Greg Jackson (10 yr anniversary), Wally Krolkowski*

Eltham

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
Penny Boyce, Ruth Decker, Bernard Murray

For the recently **deceased**:
Hugh Azzopardi

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:
Clara Doroszlay, Antonietta Guglielmino (1st anniversary)

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.

Roster for week ending 27 Apr 2025

Beckford, Peter	PRYR
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Cseh, Ferenc	H10:00
Cseh, Nika	H10:00
Cseh, Nika	R10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	C10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Goodison, Pauline	CLNR
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
Nolan, Kathleen	H10:00
Nolan, Michael	H10:00
Ryan Family	PRSE
Williams, Peter	E10:00
Witten, Janine	LoW-01 Thu
Wood, Marie	CLNR
Wood, Marie	W8:30

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham;

C = Commentator;

CLKR = Powerpoint Clicker @ SFX;

CLNR = Cleaner @ SFX; R = Reader;

E = Eucharistic Minister;

H = Hospitality;

LoW-01 = Liturgy of the Word with
Communion @ SFX;

PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;

M = Music; W = Minister of the Word



**Congratulations to all who celebrate
their sacraments this weekend:**

Saturday, 19th April, 2025 - Holy Saturday

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 6:30pm

Eloise Abbey	Baptism
Evelyn Abbey	Baptism
Josephine Abbey	Baptism
Aurora Kernaghan	Baptism
Natalie Roberts	Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Melanie Cricco	Confirmation
Peyman Imani	Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation

Sunday, 20th April, 2025 - Easter Sunday

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 6:00am

Boh Coupe	Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Graham Coupe	First Eucharist & Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 10:00am

Alba Ruiz Leon	Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Layla Aldrey Ruiz	Baptism & First Eucharist
Kai Aldrey Ruiz	Baptism
Dylan Aldrey Ruiz	Baptism
Koa Aldrey Ruiz	Baptism
Nora Aldrey Ruiz	Baptism
Aoife McCann	First Eucharist
Ella Oldfield	First Eucharist & Confirmation



Easter Sunday
20th April 2025

**Happy Easter from all of us here
at Caritas Australia!**

As we celebrate this season of hope
and renewal, we want to express our
heartfelt gratitude for your support
through Caritas Australia's Project
Compassion this Lent.

**Thank you for standing with us,
as we *Unite Against Poverty*
through Caritas Australia's
Project Compassion 2025 Lenten
appeal.**



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project
Compassion 2025 through the
donation boxes, envelopes or by
scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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The Exsultet

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,

that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt
to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

