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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary
school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth
Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.
Community House

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/4219336>

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QUINNS PLACE - IS BACK (Friday 12th)

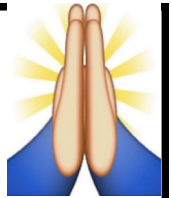
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ENCOUNTER - IS BACK

All welcome 3pm Sunday 14th

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan, Sean O'Leary, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Richard Jolly, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik & Graham Thomas.



Recent Deaths: Maree Jackman (funeral here on Friday 19th April @1pm)

Death Anniversary: John Hofer

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**

What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Scriptural Context

Post-resurrection accounts

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and

not just two. However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

Gospel Focus – Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

Churches of Jerusalem reiterate plea for peace in Holy Land

The thirteen Patriarchs and Heads of Christian Churches in Jerusalem issue their annual Easter Message in which they reiterate their call for an immediate ceasefire and the release of all captives, and recall the Easter message of hope in the resurrection. By Lisa Zengarini

In their annual joint Easter message the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem encouraged the faithful, especially those suffering war in the Holy Land and elsewhere, to fix their gaze on the Resurrection of Jesus which tells us that even in the midst of darkness all death is trampled by His death.

The Easter message of hope

The Easter message of hope in the resurrection, they said “not only confirms Christ’s triumph over sin and death, but also promises salvation to those who come to our Lord in faith with penitent hearts.”

Referring specifically to the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas, the Christian leaders of Jerusalem, once again decried all the violent actions targeting innocent civilians and reiterated their call for an immediate and sustained ceasefire.



Call for immediate ceasefire

and humanitarian aid to Gaza

Along with this they renewed their plea for the speedy distribution of humanitarian aid; the release of all captives; the unimpeded access of fully-equipped doctors and medical

staff to tend the sick and injured; and the opening of internationally facilitated negotiations aimed at ending and moving beyond the present cycle of violence.

Only in this way, they said, “can a comprehensive solution be finally advanced for a just and lasting peace here in the land where our Lord sacrificed his life, breaking down the dividing wall of enmity, in order to offer the world the hope for reconciliation.”

Closeness to Christian community in Gaza

While extending their message to Christians and others around the world, the Christian leaders of Jerusalem offered their special greetings to the faithful suffering in Gaza including those sheltering in St. Porphyrios and Holy Family Churches as well as the “courageous staff and volunteers” of the Anglican-run Ahli Hospital, along with the patients they serve.

“To them and to all who look to Christ’s Resurrection in faith, even in the midst of the present darkness, let us affirm with St. Paul this hopeful acclamation: ‘For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’”

“Whatever our circumstances, we can join with each other in repeating the ancient and joyous Easter greeting that continues to echo across the ages: Christ is Risen! (Al Maseeh Qam! Christos Anesti! Christos haryav i merelotz! Pikhirstos aftonf! Christ est Ressuscité! Cristo è risorto! Christus resurrexit! Meshiha qam! Christos t'ensah em' muhtan! Christus ist auferstanden!) He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!”



Jokes of the Week



1) A climber fell off a cliff. As he tumbled down into a deep gorge he grabbed hold of a branch of a small tree. "Help" he shouted. "Is there anyone up there?" A deep majestic Voice from the sky echoed through the gorge. "I will help you, My son. But first you must have Faith in Me." "All right, all right. I trust you." answered the man. The Voice replied, "Let go of the branch." There was a long pause and the man shouted again, "Is there anyone else up there?"

2) The new hearing aid: An elderly gentleman had had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



3) Right and wrong: A Sunday school teacher was trying to demonstrate the difference between 'right' and 'wrong'. "All right children, let's take an example," she said. "If I were to go into a man's pocket and take his wallet with all his money, what would I be?" A child in the back answered, "You'd be his wife."

Upcoming celebration - Congratulations Keysborough

Parish of the Resurrection Keysborough 50th Anniversary of being a Parish.

We are having a year of celebrations

- Mass on the weekend of 13th and 14th April.

-Friday 10/05/24, 7pm our Parish 50th Anniversary Dance.

Thanking you in anticipation, any questions please contact Resurrection Parish,
9701 5899.

Blessings

Fr Brian Collins PP.



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Well done to the 13 tippers who tipped 9/9 in last week's Gather Round. Our leader board now has 3 new faces : Geoff Walsh, Mel Fisher and Maree O'Halloran who each tipped 9/9. They are one ahead of 6 others.

Only 4 out of the 27 premiership teams in the AFL era have gone back-to-back. After last week maybe Collingwood is on the way to be the 5th?

Please remember that to continue to participate, including finals, it's again \$ 30.

If you have any questions or queries please email or call one of our administrators:

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Please Return your Project Compassion boxes and donation
to the Parish by Sunday 28th April.

You can return your donations to the Sacristy or to the Parish
Office before this date.

If you haven't donated already, Project Compassion
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Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

3rd Sunday of Easter – 13/14 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Preethy Rani Johnson

11.00am Readers Patricia Duryea, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensill, Shiela Goddard

4th Sunday of Easter – 20/21 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Fay Murphy,

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Don Ziino,

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Bridie Sexton

5th Sunday of Easter – 27/28 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

6th Sunday of Easter – 4th/5th May 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Sue Fletcher

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