



these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

4 April 2021

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

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 Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

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.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am			5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am
<i>First Friday of each month – St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am</i>						

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted.

The government QR coding is now compulsory. Please QR code in each time you attend any of affiliated churches. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive early for Mass so that we may still start on time.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As advised and discussed at Mass last Sunday; after many years, the Sunday evening Mass (5.30pm) has continued to decline in patronage, as a result this Mass is no longer feasible and from this weekend will no longer be available. Many thanks to all those involved over the years in the preparation of the liturgy for the Mass, the coordinators, the musicians, Lectors, Special Ministers and anyone else who contributed to this celebration.

Rosters for April 10 & 11

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
Lectors	G Lawson	M Reece
Minister of Holy Communion	M Landini	P Freeman

Meditation Group – continues on Wednesday morning at 9.30am – via zoom.

Scripture Reflection – will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm via zoom.

Please contact Susie Hii for further information or connection details on susiehii@gmail.com

We Remember in our prayers Sr Cornelius McManus RSM recently deceased and Paul Matheson whose anniversary occurs at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We also pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.



Easter Message: On behalf of Fr Kevin and Fr Michael I would like to wish all parishioners a Happy and Joyous Easter. May the

blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and your family, and keep you safe throughout the coming year. *Fr John*

Pax Christi Australia presents 'A Moment to Dream: Pope Francis' Pathway to a Better Future' **Sunday 18 April, 2:00pm – 3:30pm.** This webinar explores Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' through a number of sub-topics by various speakers including Fr Kevin Lenehan and Sr Jan Barnett RSJ.

Further information contact Caesar D' Mello on Ph 04 5191 191 – caesarmdm@gmail.com or for bookings – contact Rita camrita44@gmail.com

Devine Mercy Sunday: Sunday April 11 at 12.30pm-5pm. The Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell will be holding Divine Mercy Sunday beginning with Confessions, Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers and concluding with the Veneration of St Faustina's First Class Relic.

Due to ongoing government COVID19 regulations, Our Lady of Victories is only allowed a maximum of 100 people to attend at this point in time (this figure may hopefully increase closer to the day - see our website (www.divinemeracy.com.au for updates). All attendees must be registered electronically including full contact details prior to attending. Please refer to our website www.divinemeracy.com.au for further information. The livestream, which will begin at 2.30pm can be viewed on: <http://tiny.cc/DMS21>

Stewardship: Your Stewardship envelopes can now be returned when attending Mass. However for convenience you may continue to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

Church Account – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording) Contributions to this account are used for church and property maintenance and ongoing operational costs.

Presbytery Account – support of the Parish Priest; support of retired and sick priests and housekeeping Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

Project Compassion – boxes and envelopes can now be returned and placed in the second collection basket. Many thanks for your support.

Year of St Joseph: 2021 is dedicated as the Year of St Joseph – patron of the Universal Church and of workers. His trust and acceptance in the face of turns and troubles in life; his deep respect, care and honour for his beloved wife; his love and guardianship of his mysterious son; his faithfulness to the paths of grace and his unpretentious dignity—all these characteristics of St Joseph present to us a man among men and women.

In a most striking way, St Joseph lived a very unassuming life, away from the limelight, and our admiration for him comes to us via the light that his life and actions shone on the lives of those he had taken on. He accepted a wife who had been chosen by Another; he accepted a son not of his own flesh. He chose to live the way of faith, hope and love, all the while remaining in the background to allow the light of others to shine.

A saint is someone who has discovered the mercy of God, who has welcomed the friendship of Jesus, and who has responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Isn't that an apt description of St Joseph! Yet it can also be a description of each of us. Like St Joseph, we do not need to be 'up front' or 'leading the way' in some public manner; the pathway to saintliness in the Joseph way is quietly and personally and intimately walked; it is saintliness in a family context. There is tenderness with resolve; boldness with care; dreams with reality. *St Joseph pray for us!*