

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung. 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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

Easter Sunday / C

27 March 2016

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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 cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. R.

GOSPEL

Lk 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side.

Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

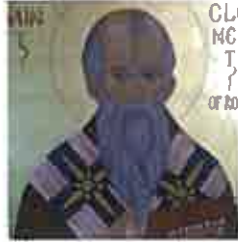
When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

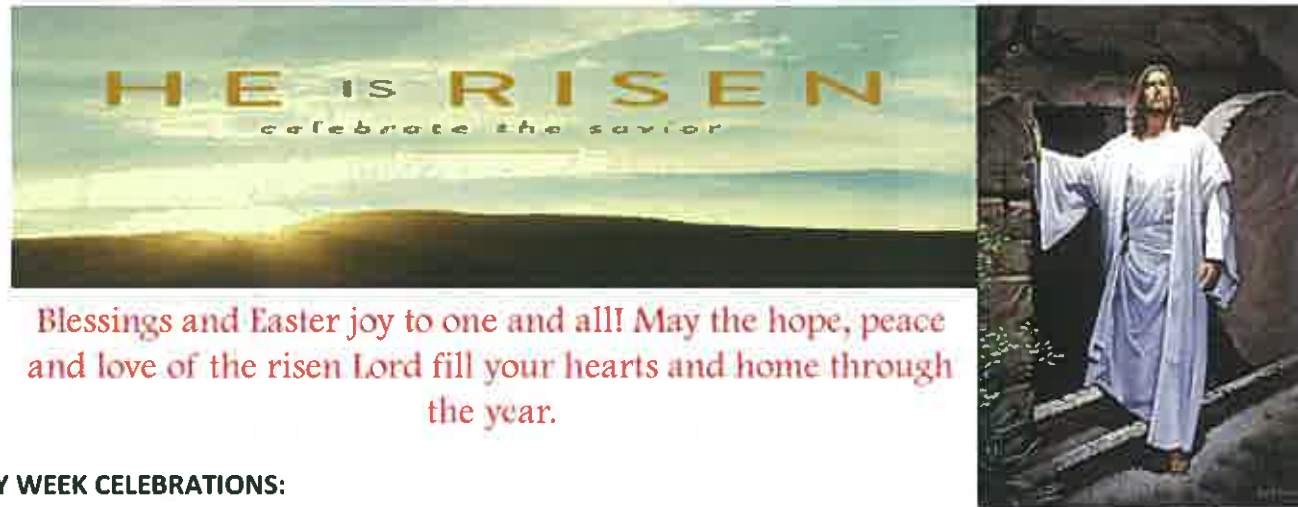


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Blessings and Easter joy to one and all! May the hope, peace and love of the risen Lord fill your hearts and home through the year.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS:

Grateful thanks to all volunteers and all who helped out with the preparation and implementation of all the liturgies. We are indeed blessed with many gracious, generous and dedicated members who often in quiet and unassuming ways help make our celebrations meaningful and memorable.

Project Compassion : We ask for boxes to be returned as soon as possible and be placed in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your contribution over this major collection.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver : will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 10th April at St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2pm. Admission is free—a collection will be taken during the concert. Proceeds will go to assist the missions.

Parish Lenten Program: Being Lost – Being Found: Gospel Reflections for Lent. We have had a tremendous response to this program with several participants requesting ongoing studies in scripture on a regular basis. We will look into the possibility of offering this. If you are interested in being a facilitator/leader in group discussions, please contact Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au



Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish
Vivian Truong Kane Young baptised this weekend.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am & 11am (Italian)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.45am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Death Anniversaries : Filomina Romano

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Sun 27th Mar @ 9am—Mass
 Sun 27th Mar @ 11am—Mass in Italian
 Sun 27th Mar @ 12.30pm—Baptisms

A MINISTRY OF HOPE: We will begin this new initiative with a session on Grief and Bereavement by Marea Richardson on Friday 6 May from 7 to 9pm in the Clifton Centre. Marea will then take us through several sessions over 3 to 4 weeks on how we can be of support to each other in times of loss, grief and bereavement. All are welcome to the first session.

In the meantime if you or any member of your family would like a pastoral visit please contact Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or call 98503262. Mons. Franco and I will be more than happy to make time for you, and to pray with you.

'Catholic Man Breakfast Series' featuring Shane Healy, former leading Radio Executive. Hear Shane tell his story: "Radio, Rex and Religion". Shane walked away at the top of his career with 3AW Melbourne, who were leading the ratings, to become Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The venue is the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am - 9am Thursday 21st April 2016, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

Doncare is very short on essential items at the moment Eg : milk/cereal/tuna/pasta sauce/noodles in a cup/tinned vegetables/ tinned fruits. If you have an excess we would welcome it. Thankyou.

Liturgy Roster

Easter Vigil Sat. 26 March 5.30pm	Francis/Rita/ John/Gloria	Commentator: Readers: Mark Gregor Yamna Touk John Bruce May Teh Fulvia Gerasolimo Exsultet: Tim and Christine Landsberg	Rocco Gagliardi Corrine Goh Warwick Wright Fulvia Gerasolimo Reg Lecordier Maree Marsi Martin The Gabriella Grande Sylvia Mascitti	Powerpoint: Alex Music: Jan McQueen and Music Group
Easter Sunday 27 March 9.00am	Francis and Gloria Ng	Commentator: Paul Sammut Reader: Jim Cowhey	Eleanora Mascitti David Mitchell Pam Mitchell Trish Atherton Gloria Ng Elsa Waters Maria Papalla	Powerpoint and Music: Alex

Divine Mercy Sunday
 Sunday 3rd April 2016
 At St Patrick's Catholic
 Church, 65 Clarke Street,
 Lilydale.

12.00pm— Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament,
 Confessions (2 Priests
 available), Holy Rosary and
 The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

1.30pm—Holy Mass
 Main Celebrant :
 Fr. Arsenio Tuazon
 Flyer on the Notice Board.

2 nd /3 rd April	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	John Bruce	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Trish Atherton
		Reg Lecordier	Anne Fusca
		Maree Marsi	Rita Gagliardi
			Fulvia Gerasolimo
			Gabriella Grande
			Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti

Sacramental Program:

Sacrament of Eucharist

First Eucharist: Preparation for the Sacrament will begin in April. Enrolments have to be in as soon as possible. Parents please note: No new enrolments once classes begin, as we want to ensure our children have the maximum attention to the preparation of the sacrament and in their formation of their faith. Closing date for enrolments will be 31/3/16. Forms can be downloaded from www.stclementparishbulleen.org.au

Catechist: We need catechists to help out with the children's catechism classes in preparation for the sacraments. Please contact Cecilia Tan @ Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or 98503262 if you are able to help with this important Ministry.