

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.



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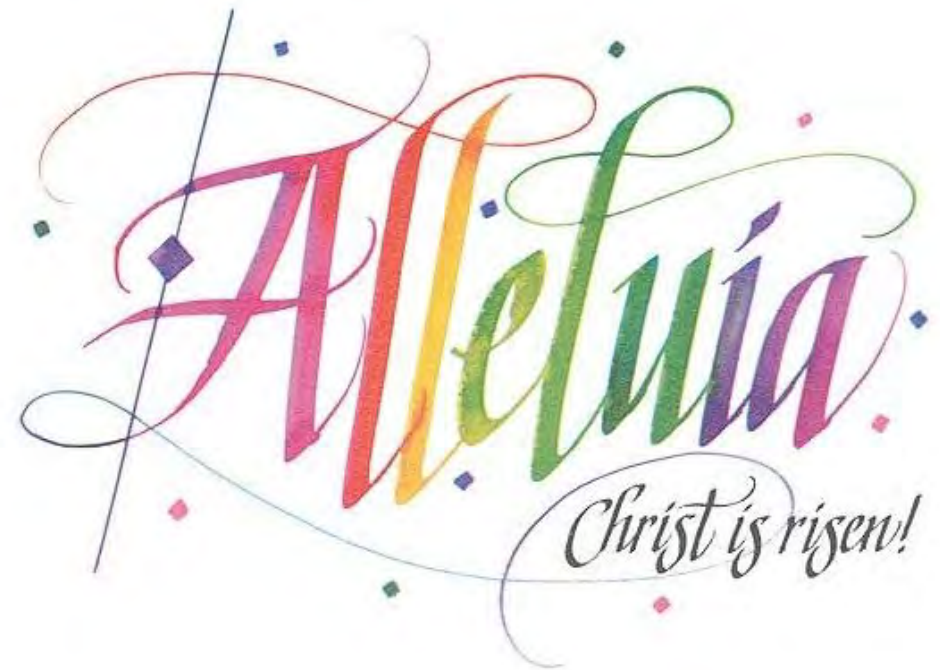
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 19th/20th APRIL, 2025



John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	[St Agnes Church]	6:00 pm
Sunday	[OLA]	9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Tuesday	[OLA Church]	6.00 pm
Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Thursday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Friday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9:45 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 19th / 20th APRIL, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Hugh Azzopardi, Ingrid Fitzsimons,
Peter Tyson, Kieran Watson,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Alan Roberts, Dominica Rozier,
Perpetua Rozier, Norman Dodgson,
Ildefonso Chan, Joseph Pereira, Syd Right,

...and all who we remember at this time.

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C in the Lectionary cycle.**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to generously support our
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.



PROJECT COMPASSION 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. As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind. **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 online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.

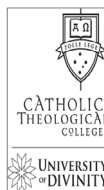


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This one-day practical workshop by Dr Lynn Moresi offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us.

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE

ARCHBISHOP In his Easter message for 2025, Archbishop Peter Comensoli focuses on the moment the risen Christ appears to his disciples and shows him the marks of his wounds. To read his message visit:

melbournecatholic.org/easter25

HAPPY EASTER

Dear Friends,

At the door of the tomb, the realm of death, the women hear an affirmation of life: 'He is not here, he has been raised.'

Echoing down through the centuries, this is the foundation of our Christian faith. Christ Our Light, Christ our Risen Lord, shines for all the world.

From his initial proclamation at Nazareth until his death, Jesus is a prophet who brings God's word, but destined to be rejected, as were John and the prophets of old. His prophetic words are now fulfilled. Only after recalling these words do the women at the empty tomb become heralds of the resurrection. The enduring power of the words of Jesus reverberates through His resurrection appearances, as the risen Christ himself breaks open the Scriptures for those who follow him.

Resurrection faith today is not simply an affirmation of Jesus' victory over death and of his exaltation and enduring presence. It is a summons to return to the words and deeds of Jesus in the Gospel.

Following the reconfiguration and subsequent merging of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Agnes' parishes, into the newly established Parish community of Christ Our Light, we now recognise Easter Day as our parochial feast. So let us celebrate with joy, that 'Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!', for He is our Light and we truly are His Easter people.

My sincere thanks to the many people that gave of their time and effort to our Holy Week liturgies. We can all appreciate that things don't just happen by themselves. It takes the generosity of a number of people to make possible the richness of our liturgical celebrations. Special thanks to our many Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, to those who offered their feet to be washed, those who cut down palm branches, and to those who decorated our churches, and to those who assisted with the number of set-ups and clean-ups for our different liturgies.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, and your families, every blessing for a happy and holy Easter.

Fr Alan