



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."

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Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

9 April 2023

Readings for this week:



Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10

Readings for next Sunday:



Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings Incense Studs

What an intriguing title – what are incense studs? We see them every day in Church. They are the five brass or wax studs on the front of the Paschal candle placed in the form of a cross. The priest inserts them in the paschal candle as part of the blessing of the Candle at the paschal fire during the Easter Vigil. The studs contain grains of incense. While inserting the studs into the candle the priest prays: 1 By his holy 2 and glorious wounds, 3 may Christ the Lord 4 guard us 5 and protect us. Amen.

Venerable Bede, in 701, while visiting Rome witnessed the rite for the first time and wrote that the five grains of incense symbolise the five wounds Jesus received at his crucifixion.

EASTER GOSPEL

The accounts of the Resurrection according to John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:1-12 may be chosen for Easter Day or Luke 24:13-35 for Easter evening.

Looking at the Readings

In the three cycles of the Lectionary, the Mass of the Easter Day have a common first reading (Acts) and a choice of two for the second reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. However, a note in the Lectionary, give five choices for the Gospel (see bottom left column).

Compared to the preceding days of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, Easter morning is peaceful and uncluttered with the simple but profound message “The Lord is risen!” Peter gives this message to Cornelius and his household in the first reading. He elaborates: “Tell the people that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead... that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name. The Lord Jesus is revealed in glory. St Paul’s writes about the implication of “The Lord is Risen”: “You too will be revealed in all your glory with him.”

We have a lesson in the race to the empty tomb: Peter, who is given primary authority among the apostles, takes the lead but is overtaken by John, the apostle whom Jesus loved. But John waits for Peter’s arrival before entering the tomb, giving deference to Peter’s position. “In the Church, love always moves more quickly than ministry. It senses more quickly what needs to be done, and it throws itself into the work zealously. ... Love and ministry run well together.” (Hans Urs Balthasar)

Pope Francis on Easter

In his Easter message "To the Church and to the World", Pope Francis announced that Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen, and he remembers victims of war, all those suffering around the world, and appeals ardently that the peace of Christ may enter our lives, our homes, and our countries. 17 Apr 2022

Easter Quote

“I believe in the Risen Christ like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it but by it I can see everything else.” – C.S. Lewis

Prayer of Easter

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.



On the Lighter Side

I asked for some Easter jokes that did not contain Easter bunnies or Easter eggs. Here are two puns I received:

1. Every bunny loves some bunny on Easter.
2. Have an egg-citing, egg-static, egg-ceptional Easter.



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“A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith.”

[EASTER REFLECTION FROM FR PETER](#)

Happy Easter! Buona Pasqua! (Italian) Maligayang Pasko! (Filipino) Manuia le aso maliu! (Samoan) Ma'ū ha 'aho Pekia fiefia! (Indian)... just some of the different greetings for Happy Easter across our cultures here at St. Mel's. This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad!! People today are interested in Jesus more than ever. Not just the 2.1 billion who call themselves Christian rather across the spectrum of belief. Some say if the world presently paid attention to him, our thoughts would be shaped differently. Easter the great feast of darkness giving way to light. Easter takes us into the experiences of the first witnesses. Mary of Magdala gives reaction of amazement...Where is he? We don't know where he has been placed? Could someone be interfering?

Questions are raised. Our human capacities tell us God who is beyond all knowledge has planned an event reshaping the course of our minds. From this one off event history still inquires as to the nature of the Resurrection. As for the disciples of Jesus they went into hiding, behind closed doors! Something though changed them from confusion to a bold conviction. All of which awakened a new faith in Jesus from the one they knew before his crucifixion and death.

So what does Easter say to you? It might suggest a new perception of all the faith we have individually as relating something new for us to explore. Maybe a way is to see a more effective belonging to our local Church and faith community. Come along and see... Come to give time in a week for being with others... to hear a word offering meaning to our living and faith experiences... You might add one of your own... Easter is being all these NOT just one Sunday of the year being Easter Sunday!!

We say today we are an Easter people, giving strength to our lived faith and being witnesses to all the Resurrection means and relates. Easter Sunday takes us to the great feast of Pentecost, the fulfillment of all the resurrection brings to our minds.

Enjoy a Happy and Blessed Easter and allow the joys and hopes of the resurrection rise in you through Jesus Christ who is our life, our peace our hope... Alleluia !

I will be away from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

Fr Peter



OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, April 6th 12:30pm until Thursday, April 13th 9:30am, allowing us to spend quality time with our families over Easter and during the school holidays.

Future closure will be Tuesday, April 25th for the Anzac Day Public Holiday



UP COMING MEETINGS Parish Mission and Pastoral - Thursday April 13 at 7pm.
Parish Finance and Management Committee - Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm.

CONGRATULATIONS April Campanelli, on your full reception into our Parish and Church life here at St. Mel's, and for your commitment to journey in your faith and experience the vigil Mass this Saturday. We all wish you well as you take your place among us here. A sincere thankyou to Lorraine Walker and Dom Poppa who have supported myself with April.

Fr Peter



St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.

ST MELS PARISH DEBUTANTE BALLS Over two weekends including Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, and Friday March 24 and Saturday, March 25, our Debutantes, with their escorts, were presented at the GV Hotel in Shepparton. Congratulations to all involved on these successful evenings.



TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES The Parish would like to acknowledge the efforts of our two education communities, St Anne's College and St Mel's Primary School, on a successful and full long term one. May your staff, students and their families enjoy the school holiday break, and we wish you well for the return of term two on April 24.



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) A Unit of CPE, which is supervised training for Pastoral & Spiritual Care, will be available in both Bendigo & Shepparton in second semester (July-November) 2023. For further information, contact Dan Murphy at dan.murphy1949@gmail.com or on 0408 841 997.

PENTECOST WITH SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. Bishop Shane will also join us to celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass with those gathered. Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages so make sure you follow us to find out more. Saturday 27th May, Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta South, 5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)

ONLINE LECTURE SERIES, ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Dear Friend of CTC,

We are delighted to announce the return in May 2023 of our popular online lecture series, Engaging Your Faith. Eighteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff. For full details please see the attached flyer.

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Kind Regards, Dr Christopher Knauf

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 16TH 2023

First Reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week April 10th to April 16th 2023

Monday April 10th - No Mass
Tuesday April 11th - No Mass
Wednesday April 12th - No Mass
Thursday April 13th - No Mass
Friday April 14th - 9:15am
Saturday April 15th - 9am
Sunday April 16th - 9:30am & 5pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday, April 16th 2023

9:30am - Sev Cortese (Commentator)
Trish Mathisen (L1) Chris Summers (L2)
9:30am - Special Ministers: Pauline Pettigrew & Sev Cortese
5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator)
Cecilia (Youth) (L1) Luisa Cassise (L2)
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Erin Tanner & Rosana Legalo

Anniversaries: Alfonso Aloe, Alan Meaden, Adam Corazza, Len DiBella, Giuseppe & Rosa DiBella, Vincenzo & Bruno Mamone, Carolina & Mariannina Mamone