

## 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.



## MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

We're invited to answer the call to deepen our understanding of synodality in parish life. For more information on the Synod please visit:

[melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026)



## CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

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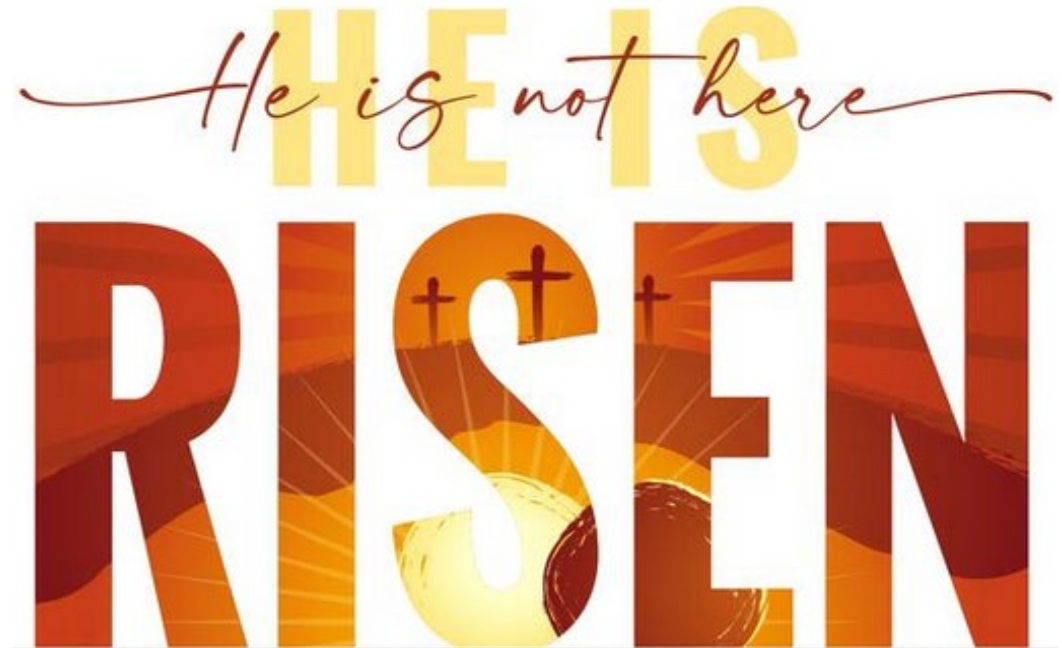
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026



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.

Mary Coloe PBVM

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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 parish 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  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026

**PRAYING FOR:**

Fr Grant O'Neill, Ian Gooch,  
*and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR:**

Bill Smith, Mesake Ravu, Saverina  
DeGilio, Des O'Reilly, John La'Fogue,  
Bruce Longmuir, Christian Colina,  
Carlito Colina, Carlyle D'Souza,  
Mary Cass,

*and all who we remember at this time.*

*...as we also keep in our prayers  
all those who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent  
2025 to Christ the King 2026 are taken from  
Year A in the Lectionary cycle.**

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

# HAPPY EASTER

*'May the Light of Christ, rising in  
glory, dispel the darkness  
of our hearts and minds.'*

Dear Parishioners of Christ Our Light,

In these holy days we have contemplated the love  
Jesus offered those around him, the ultimate  
sacrifice he made out of love, and on this Easter  
Day, we celebrate with great joy His rising from  
the dead. Light has overcome the darkness, and  
new life has been won for us all. Resurrection  
faith is more than an affirmation of Jesus' victory  
over death and of his exaltation and enduring  
presence. It is a summons to us all to return to the  
words and deeds of Jesus in the Gospel.

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.

My sincere thanks also go to all our lectors,  
Eucharistic ministers, musicians and choir,  
computer operators, to those who cut down palm  
branches and helped decorate our churches, to  
those who assisted with the number of set-ups  
and clean-ups for our different liturgies, and for all  
who consistently show such generosity of time  
and spirit. Thank you so much.

I wish you, your families, and all connected with  
our parish community, a very happy and holy  
Easter, as we celebrate His risen life, and the  
share in it we have so graciously been given.

Fr Alan



**Please Note:** There will be a  
'Cuppa' after both the **9am  
& 11am Masses next Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> April.** Thank you to all who assist with  
the provision of food, the serving, and with  
both the setting up and the clean-up.



**Easter Sunday**  
4 – 5 April 2026

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas  
Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through  
Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping  
to empower the world's most vulnerable  
communities, enabling them to overcome  
challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

There is still time to donate!



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scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:**

[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite  
Against Poverty this Lent.*



**EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE  
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE**

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has  
penned an [Easter Message](#) to all the  
faithful of the Archdiocese. You're  
most welcome to pick up a copy. They're  
available on the tables in each church's  
foyer. The Archbishop's video message can  
also be viewed online, at the following link:  
[melbournecatholic.org/news/2026-easter-message](http://melbournecatholic.org/news/2026-easter-message)



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS** this  
weekend. Clocks are to be put back  
one hour on Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April  
2026. i.e. from 3:00am to 2:00am.