

WELCOME



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—5 APRIL 2020

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Reconciliation:

Sat: **ONLY ON REQUEST**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

CLOSED

Rosary Groups:

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Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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Baptisms: CANCELLED

Marriages: By Appointment

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EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A

EASTER MESSAGE—FR NELSON

Dear Parishioners,

The risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples with the greetings:

"Peace be with you"!

As we continue to grapple with the effects of the health restrictions imposed upon us, the Easter message of peace and hope rings out loud and clear. Throughout our lives we have tried, at least in the way we celebrate it, to make our yearly celebration a little different from the previous year. But this year is exceptionally different as we are directed to celebrate it privately in our homes, away from everyone else. As I have always said, what matters most is the meaning and significance of the great events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday that we hold strongly and dearly in our hearts. Just as Jesus has passed over death and darkness on Good Friday into his new life and resurrection at Easter, so we, too, will be set free from our individual confinement, from the darkness of self-isolation into God's saving light and freedom. This paralysing disease does not have the final word on us. God has. The power of Jesus' resurrection will prevail in the end.

May the consolation and joy of Easter be with you all!

Fr Nelson



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READINGS FOR THE DAY– AT HOME FOR YOU

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

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.'

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.

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

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.

Sequence

The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.

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 enfold;

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.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection.

We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish.

The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds. Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus. That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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EASTER SUNDAY



12th April 2020



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PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Margery Curtis, Aaron Sandford, Jeannette Busch, Bill Huxley, Anne Taggart, , all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers.

Thank you



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Peter Colleran, Kathleen Howell, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, Sim Tan and all others who are not included in this list.

Presence

God is with me, but more, God is within me. Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my body, in my mind, in my heart, as I am here, right now.

Freedom

It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life. Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and selfishness. Remind me that the best things in life are free. Love, laughter, caring and sharing.

Consciousness

Knowing that God loves me unconditionally, I can afford to be honest about how I am. How has the last day been, and how do I feel now? I share my feelings openly with the Lord.

The Word of God

PREPARING FOR EASTER—AT HOME

We have uploaded a series called 'Holy Week at Home' for our parishioners to reflect on during Holy Week and Easter, to help with ongoing faith reflection during this "At Home-Isolation". Please feel free to download it and use it to keep praying and keep the faith during these unknown times.

STREAMING IN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

People with communication and hearing disabilities will be able to follow all the Paschal celebrations and rites via live streaming, at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC9tK3J1Rlab3_fu_0mAu9LmYor9fvfJQ

Celebrating a unique Easter with Pope Francis during Covid-19

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/celebrating-a-unique-easter-with-pope-francis-during-covid-19.html>

PRAYER RESOURCES DURING YOUR AT HOME STAY

<http://www.pray.com.au/resources/>
https://www.catholic.org.au/images/synod/Prayers_for_Time_of_Pandemic.pdf
<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/>

The following links are available for live-streaming of Sunday Mass and available at 11.00am on Sundays:

Archdiocese Website – www.perthcatholic.org.au

Archdiocese Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic/>

The Record YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFFqA8iYLIVb72LXMYFQ/live>

TV: Mass for You at Home on Channel 10 and via <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

CARITAS—EASTER MESSAGE 2020

By Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate Easter 2020, finally the world is united. We are united in fear of what tomorrow will bring, of not knowing if our societies will withstand the devastating impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and if we or our family members will survive this terrible moment.

We are in the garden of Gethsemane with the disciples and our faith is being badly shaken. Many of us are suffering and are tempted to feel that we have nowhere to turn as science, our governments and the knowledge we have developed to this point in history offer us no solutions.

The pandemic is making the suffering of vulnerable people – migrants and refugees, the elderly, the sick, the poor and unemployed – even deeper. We urge our governments to ensure access to healthcare and social protection for everyone – particularly the most vulnerable. We pray that our leaders rise to the challenge of promoting unity and a shared responsibility in all of our countries.

.....In the midst of loss, uncertainty and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored. As we live in isolation and we all become marginalised and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it startlingly apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us too.

It is as though the stone that covers the tomb is slowly being rolled back to allow a light of recognition. This light heralds Easter and the Risen Christ.

.....“Caritas christi urget nos” – the love of Christ urges us on (2 Corinthians 5:14). This love, seen in small and large gestures of hope and solidarity, is calling us to a new future and a new way of living. COVID-19 knows no borders but neither do faith, hope and love.

The answer to this crisis lies in all of us and in our unity. As people around the world face Easter without the possibility of physical communion, without the possibility of celebrating the Eucharist physically together, we have a time of slow down where we can reflect deeply on what “Body of Christ” means for each of us. In the darkness of this crisis, the light of Christ will shine. Jesus is truly risen! He will not die again. May Jesus rise for people around the world through our love!

Let us pray for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Let us pray to find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection.

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