



Dear Parishioners,

With Fr. Tadgh, Fr. John and Br. James, I wish you all the graces and blessings of the Easter Season. Today we become "Easter people" - full of hope and joy, knowing that Jesus has passed through death and offers to share with us the gift of eternal life. Let us go out today and share that knowledge with others, as generously as we can. Let us give to others a gift, which, unlike chocolate eggs, will last for all eternity!

So much work and preparation goes into the liturgies for Easter. I would like to thank all those who played their part, small or great, in making our celebrations comfortable, meaningful and fulfilling. I thank all those, too, who have supported our Elect and Candidates who have made the RCIA journey to Baptism and full reception into the Church this Easter. Your generous gifts of time and effort bring life to our parish community. Thanks to all and God's blessings. - Fr. Sunny

### *Seeing signs of life - A Gospel Reflection*

The day begins with darkness and fear. The tomb has been desecrated. The body has been stolen. Whatever Jesus said about resurrection, his disciples did not expect him to rise until the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time. The anonymous disciple loved by Jesus races to the tomb, sees the linen cloth and the face cloth placed apart and believes. In this simple sign of a 'tidy' tomb, he sees what Peter missed, that God has entered this story of death and transformed it to a story of life.

On two occasions in this short reading, we find the use of the passive voice - 'the stone had been moved away' and the linen cloth over his head, 'rolled up' in a place by itself. Frequently in the Scriptures, the use of the passive voice is called the Divine Passive, as it is a way of referring to the action of God without naming God as the direct agent of the action. This is a Semitic way of reverencing God. The face-veil has been removed and rolled with care. Although never named, God is the Divine agent in this episode.

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.

Naming this day as 'the first day' of the week, is not simply an indicator that it is the day of the Jewish Sabbath (7th day), but is also a hint that in John's Gospel the resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. If you recall the Passion reading on Friday, which is always from John's gospel, you might have noticed that Jesus was arrested in a garden, and then was buried in a garden. We so frequently mix all the gospel accounts together we can sometimes miss seeing the unique theological vision and artistry of each individual evangelist. Only John has Jesus arrested in a garden, and only John has Jesus buried in a garden. Also John emphasises that the Cross is placed 'in the middle' which is the same phrase used to describe the tree of life in Genesis 2, which was also placed 'in the middle of the garden'. Then at the foot of the Cross John has a man and a woman, who is only called 'woman' and 'mother' in this Gospel. These were the names given to Eve. These differences to the Synoptic gospels are deliberate. John is setting the crucifixion within the garden of creation. For John, the cross marks the end of one creation - remember Jesus' words, 'It is finished' - and the beginning of a new creation.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, a similar theology is presented, that the resurrection is a new creation. Paul speaks about being 'brought back to true life' and reminds the Colossians that 'you have died'. For both Paul and John, the Christ event has an impact on all people and in fact all of creation. The old creation, the old life is now finished and a new possibility of life has been revealed and this is God's own eternity life, which humans can participate in. Jesus is the sign that humanity has passed through death and that humanity can be imbued with God's divine life, what Paul calls 'glory' in this passage. So Resurrection is not just a celebration for what happened to Jesus - if it were only that, then Easter would be just a nostalgic memory. Easter celebrates that we also, right now, through the Risen One, can participate in Divine life. So Easter is as much about us, as it is about Jesus.

You may have had a chance to see the film, 'As it is in heaven,' which suggests that through music, a group of people for a short time were able to glimpse or hear the divine harmony. For a moment, they participated in something bigger than themselves. Easter is this glimpse for us of heaven on earth. - Mary Coloe [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

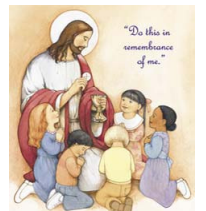
#### FIRST COMMUNION

Reminder to all First Communion families that you are required to attend one of the below Commitment Masses:

**Sat 13 April at 6.30pm OR Sun 14 April at 9.30am OR Sun 14 April at 6.00pm.**

When you arrive for your chosen Mass please register your attendance by crossing off your child's name on the trestle in the foyer. During the Mass the parish priest will call the children forward and lead them in their commitment prayer. Followed by the parents and parishioners who will also read their commitment prayer. It is a requirement of the Sacramental Programme that all First Communion families attend ONE of these Commitment Masses.

Please note that the First Communion Masses on **Saturday 15 June at 6.30pm and Sunday 16 June at 9.30am are FULL**. Those who still need to submit their forms must attend the 6.00pm Mass.



#### CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

All parents who wish to enrol their child for Confirmation at Infant Jesus Church this year please mark your diary to attend ONE of the below enrolment Masses:-

**Saturday 8 June at 6.30pm OR Sunday 9 June at 9.30am OR Sunday 9 June at 6.00pm.**

Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# Our Parish Events

Don't  
FORGET!

Reminder!

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Kay Falla, Charlie Sharman;

**Anniversaries:** Fr. Terence Cahill, OCD, Irene Bruske, Sylvet Albert, Denis Reardon, Errol Abrev, Peter Rosielle, Renato Scarparolo, Rosalia Chin, Shian Solomonsz;

**Deceased:** Joseph Coggins, Desmond Hessing, Ben Bagini and deceased members of the Bagini family;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Tracy Beh, Lisa Delaney and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"It is better for one man to die for the people."*

## TEACHERS MISSION OUTREACH

Patroness - Mother Teresa

The Teacher's Mission Outreach provides micro-credit loans, housing and medical supplies for the desperately poor overseas. Funds are raised by teachers tutoring English to one child for one hour weekly and donating half the tuition fee to a group project through Mission Partners, Morley (established in 1988).

**MEETING - Saturday 4th May 11.00am** at Morley Parish Centre, for interested teachers and parents with students needing catch-up lessons.

Enq: [margaretbox7@bigpond.com](mailto:margaretbox7@bigpond.com) - 9272 8263

*I remember visiting an Indian village with a priest to see an old man lying in his hut using a rope hanging from the ceiling to pull himself up into a sitting position. Because he was so weak and had one leg amputated earlier he couldn't speak for the pain. My son was visiting India at the time with me and he had to turn his head away as it was too much for him to witness. It is villagers like this man who need help to buy medicines etc as they have no medical cover and no money to attend doctors, in most cases. I know my short bulletin experiences will give insight into how wonderful your donations are and what they can do through Project Compassion during Lent. - Maggie Box*



## Line dancers.....

Please note that there will be no line dancing on Monday 1st April. Class as usual on Tuesday 2nd April.

**Abortion Grief/Pregnancy Crisis Phone Counselling** training for the men's & women's National Crisis Lines to commence in April, Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> OR Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>; 7pm – 9pm. Professionals interested in gaining insights are welcome to attend. Volunteers need to be mature, compassionate, good listeners and open to corrective feedback.

[www.abortiongrief.asn.au](http://www.abortiongrief.asn.au) Enquiries, Julie 9313 1784

## Entertainment Books Fundraiser by Personal Advocacy Service

We are pleased to be selling the new Entertainment Book to help raise much needed funds this year. For only \$65 you'll receive over \$15,000 worth of valuable offers from restaurants, events, attractions, hotel accommodation and much more. Books will be available from early May. Please contact Pearl Chin or Michelle Gunning on 9275 5388 or email [admin@paswa.org.au](mailto:admin@paswa.org.au) for more information or to order your copy or pick up an order form from the foyer. If you order and pay for your book from now until 1 May 2013 you will receive bonus coupons that you can use straight away. Personal Advocacy Service enables people with intellectual disabilities to lead full and valued lives. The key strategy of Personal Advocacy is "advocacy" through friendships. The advocacy support is provided through community volunteers, each of whom is linked one on one with an individual with an intellectual disability. Each individual is able to participate in community life at their own pace and within safe boundaries.

## Our Liturgical Life

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

## OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**

Wednesday 7.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm



## PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of Mr & Mrs J P Ollando. 7 Hutt Way, Morley.  
PH: 0450 994 236

## Lost & Found

The following items have been found in and around the church...they will be available for collection from the Parish Office for the next 2 weeks:

- Long light black jacket size 16-18
- Gray striped black tailored jacket
- Boys windcheater with green fluorescent image
- Boys black sandals (small)
- Ornate fan from Lourdes
- 2 pairs of prescription glasses
- 2 pairs of sunglasses
- 3 sets of keys
- Gold ring with the initial "M"
- Large gold hoop earring with 3 stones
- Silver ring with bird
- Silver diamond stud
- Small silver huggie earring
- Bracelet with pearl and crystal beads
- Crystal rosary beads in black pouch
- Red rosary beads in brown leather pouch
- Pink plastic rosary beads
- Blue crystal rosary beads in black pouch
- "The New Mass Book" purple cover

## COMMEMORATIVE FOLDOUT FOR THE INSTITUTION OF POPE FRANCIS

Two editions of THE RECORD are available at the back of the church this week.

Pick up your **Pope Francis commemorative issue** for only \$2.00.

Also available is the Easter Issue, with the Easter Message which is **FREE** this weekend. Please take one home today.

## "LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS"

**National Liturgy Conference - Wollongong  
15-18 January 2014**

For more information contact: Paul Mason (02) 4222 2462 Or email [Paul.Mason@dow.org.au](mailto:Paul.Mason@dow.org.au)

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