

# St Joseph's Church

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Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm  
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am  
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am  
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am  
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass  
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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## 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### 2026 Easter Message

by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As we once again enter into the sacred mystery of Easter, our hearts turn to the profound truth at the very centre of our faith: that Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, has truly risen from the dead. In Him, the power of sin and death has been broken, and a new and unheard-of hope has been planted deep within us: death is not the end, for life – life in Christ – is more powerful than death, just as love - Christ's love in us - is more powerful than hatred, vengeance and violence.



In these times of global uncertainty — marked by international political tensions, conflicts that seem to continue without end, and economic pressures that weigh heavily on many families and individuals — the Easter message resonates with a promise that there is a better way — a way that the world urgently needs — a way that calls for courage, for constancy and ultimately for a community which puts its faith not primarily in itself but in the God without whom all our efforts for peace, for reconciliation, for harmony and for mutual respect will come to nothing: for it is God who is Father of us all and it is in God that we recognise that we are, in spite of the many differences which exist among us, all brothers and sisters, members together of the one human family.

Sadly, we do not always live out this truth in practice, and nor do we live in a society which readily acknowledges the truth of what we proclaim. We know, because we see it every day, that we live in a broken, fragile world. Here in our own corner of the world, we see in our cities, our suburbs and rural communities the very real struggles of people striving to make ends meet amid the rising cost of living, the shortage of housing, and the burdens of illness and isolation. Families struggle to hold themselves together, often feeling adrift in a society in which the “old values” on which they have built their lives and in which they have sought to raise their children, are constantly being questioned and even undermined. It is not surprising that so many of us find ourselves wrestling with fear, discouragement and fatigue. But at this time, as we celebrate Easter together, we – like the early disciples who stood bewildered at the empty tomb – are invited to encounter the Risen Christ who says to each of us: “Do not be afraid.”

As I reflect on this Easter call to courage and to trust in the Lord, I am reminded of another time when the words “Do not be afraid” were heard in the gospel story. They are the words which the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary at the Annunciation. It is significant, I think, that the message of trust and freedom from fear opened the story of Jesus and, in a sense, closes the story as well.

The Gospel of Saint Luke tells us that when the angel appeared and spoke to Mary she was “deeply disturbed”. The angel says to her “Do not be afraid Mary – you have found favour with God”. But as the angel goes on to explain what God is asking of her, Mary moves from fear to confusion: how can this all come about, she wonders, as I am not married.?” The angel then makes her a promise: the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High God will cover you with its shadow”. It is as if God is telling her that she does not have to rely on herself alone – God will be with her every step of the way. And because Mary, as a woman of faith, believes this promise she is able to say “Here I am, the Lord’s servant. Let God’s will be done in my life”.

Mary’s experience, and her example, are not distant history for us; they speak directly into our own reality. Like Mary, we are called to be people who hold fast to God’s promise, even when the challenges before us seem insurmountable; people who know that courage is not the absence of fear but is, rather, an attitude of trust in God who never abandons us. It was this faith that enabled Mary to stand at the foot of the cross as her son died. It is what will enable us to hold firm in the midst of the many “Calvaries” on which we will find ourselves standing throughout our lives.

The Easter proclamation — Christ is risen! — invites us to embrace this same trust, to let go of our fear, and to proclaim, as Saint Paul once did, “With God on our side who can be against us? (Rom 8:31). Easter trust is not blind. It acknowledges the hardships in our world: the pain of the death of loved ones, the suffering of illness or infirmity; the anxiety and even desperation of financial strain; the fear of conflict and violence; and the distress caused by broken dreams and unfulfilled hopes. Easter trust is rooted in the certainty that the Risen Lord walks with us even in the darkest valleys: that his Holy Spirit does rest upon us and that his power does overshadow us and accompany us. God was with Mary in all the struggles of her life, even to the foot of the cross. God did not abandon Mary: God does not and will not abandon us. Easter trust also implies an Easter mission. Before the Lord returned to His Father in heaven, He sent His disciples out to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. Just as the angel’s promise to Mary was a promise also to us, so the command of Jesus to His first disciples is also a command to us.

In the Resurrection, we find both personal consolation and our mission — to be the presence of Christ to others in every way we can. As we celebrate Easter this year, I encourage all of us to look for the ways in which, in our own local circumstances, we can be Christ to each other, and to those around us who are most in need. May this Easter fill your hearts with the joy of the Risen Lord and deepen your confidence in His abiding presence. A happy and holy Easter to you all.





April

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter egg hunt after 9 am Mass  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April Youth Group @7:00pm  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

**Liturgy Roster for 11th to 12th Apr 2026**

Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Ryall	I Darch	M Knublely
READERS:	E Ryall & M Benitez	A Greenfield	S De Luca
COMMS:	V Ambrose	L Pepi	T Marchei
E/O Minister	J Lim	J Joseph	S De Luca
SERVERS:	S Laurent; H Louise		Fab & F Diraviam
Counters	Team 5 - J Taramillo; P Nguyen		
Cleaners	M Hewitt		

**Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.**

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 4-Apr Easter vigil 7:00 PM PRO POPULO

SUN 5-Apr 7:00 AM PRO POPULO  
 9:00 AM PRO POPULO

TUE 7-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel

WED 8-Apr 7:30 AM RS-Leona Nebel

THU 9-Apr 7:30 AM RS- Anna Lee, Leona Nebel

FRI 10-Apr 7:30 AM TG-Olive Carvalho;  
 RS-Leona Nebel

SAT 11-Apr 7:30 AM TG-Olive Carvalho;  
 RS-Leona Nebel

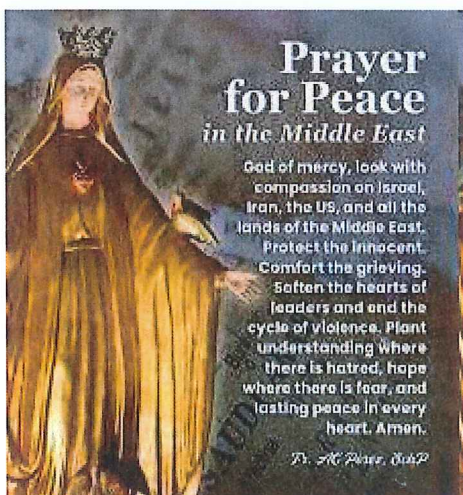
6:00 PM TG-Kuah & Leong fam  
 RS-James, Walter & Jayapal Moses

SUN 12-Apr 7:00 AM RS-Leona Nebel

9:00 AM TG -Lai & Gordon fam,  
 RS- Holy Souls, Maria Cuc, Peter Thang,  
 Maria Tinh, Peter Trinh & fam

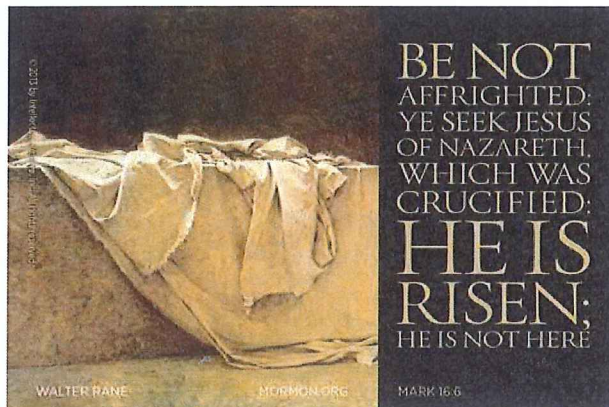
**Pray for :-**

Those who are suffering in wars in Middle East, in natural diasters, in religious persecutions and the sick in the parish: Francisco Sorgiovanni, Cameron Merifield, Rhys & Hugo Spencer and Ermelina Vescovo.



**Jesus's Resurrection**

The Resurrection offers profound hope, transforming death from a final end into a passage to eternal life, and empowers believers to live with joy, purpose, and renewal. It acts as the cornerstone of Christian faith, validating Christ's divinity, conquering sin, and promising a future resurrection for all who believe.



**Key Themes for Reflection**

1. A Living Hope: The Resurrection assures that death is temporary, changing the perspective on suffering, loss, and mortality into a "living hope".
2. Transformation of Life: It challenges believers to move from "old self" habits (sin) to a new life characterized by love, mercy, and compassion.
3. Validation of Faith: It proves Christ's victory over sin and death, confirming his promises and divine authority.
4. Presence in Everyday Life: The Risen Christ is not distant; he is present in daily moments, strengthening individuals to rise from their own struggles and weaknesses.
5. New Beginnings: It is a call to renewal, encouraging believers to embrace new possibilities and a fresh, purposeful life.

**A Moment to Pause**

The story of the Resurrection is a story of triumph, but it is also a story that meets us in our weakness, just as Jesus met his grieving disciples. It is an invitation to transition from merely knowing about Jesus to experiencing his transforming love.

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live."* — John 11:25-26.



# OUR PARISH FAMILY

*Alleluia!*

*Christ is risen and we are called to rise  
with him into a new life!*



*Fr. Suresh and the parish council would like to wish you and your family a very joyous and grace-filled Easter!*

*We would like to thank and appreciate all you wonderful volunteers who have helped prepare for the Holy Week celebrations. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who came to pray with us during Holy Week.*

*Thank you for your continual love and support for the St. Joseph community.*

## Divine Mercy Sunday -Next Sunday April 12th

St. Joseph's Parish will publicly displayed the image of the Divine Mercy for all the faithful to pray and venerate on Divine Mercy next Sunday . Please come, venerate and worship the King of Mercy.

To receive a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful must have a total detachment from sin (including venial) and meet three requirements: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions. On that day, you must also participate in prayers/devotions to Divine Mercy.

### Key Conditions for the Plenary Indulgence:

Sacramental Confession: Can be done beforehand (usually within 20 days).

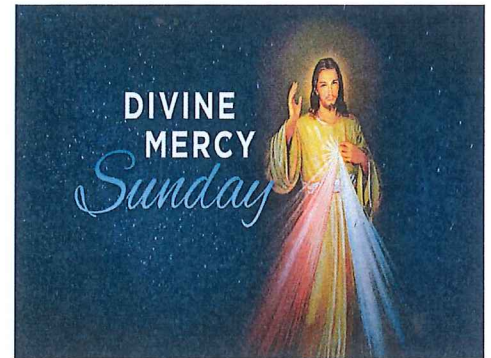
Eucharistic Communion: Received on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil).

Pray for the Pope's Intentions: Typically, one Our Father and one Creed, or other prayers.

Detachment from Sin: A sincere, complete disaffection for sin, even venial sin.

Devotional Act: On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, devoutly participate in prayers/devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (exposed or reserved), recite the Our Father, the Creed, and a devout prayer to Merciful Jesus (e.g., "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

*I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Saint Faustina Diary 699)*



## **\*\* Easter Sunday April 5 after 9 am Mass Easter Egg Hunt**

Parents and grandparents encourage to bring your children and grandchildren for this special EASTER EGG HUNT after the 9 am Easter Mass on Sunday 5th April 2026.

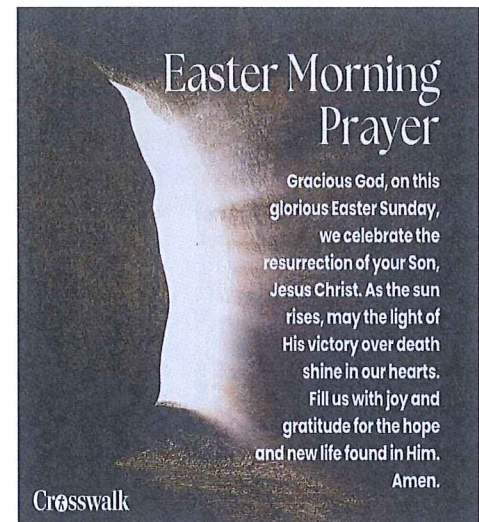
Please bring along your personal treat bag to carry your chocolates.



Let's get ready for the hunt...



**\*\* Youth Group** will be on at St Joseph's on Friday April 10th, 7pm to 9pm at the parish hall. Open to all students from Yr 6 to Yr 12



# The Living Word

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

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.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

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

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.

or: **1 Cor 5:6-8**

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### 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

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.'

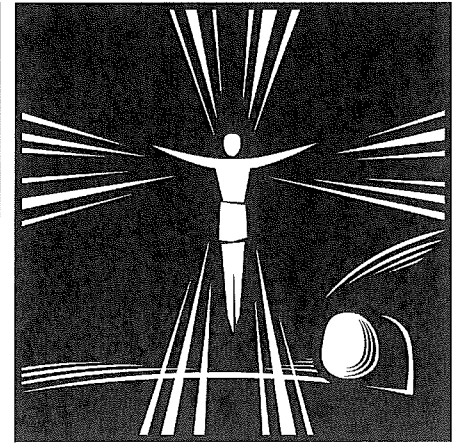
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, 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.

or **Mt 28:1-10**

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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### Communion Antiphon

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