



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C - 17 April 2022

Holy Mass Times

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am
9:00 am
and
5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday,
Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
6:30 am
Saturday and
Public Holidays
8:00 am

Benediction and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Exposition held
after Mass
Friday 7:00 am –
9:00 am
All are invited to
join this devotion.

Reconciliation

After Mass
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday (am)
or by appointment

"I like the silence of a church, before the service begins better than any preaching."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

An Easter Reflection

We found,

The women came to the tomb.

They came to mourn for their friend, and Lord.

All they could do is come to the place of death,
to the house of death.

But they were surprised

The place of death had been broken into. The door of the house had been pushed aside.

They came to mourn, they thought he was gone forever. But they found something strange: a tomb but nobody in it, they thought, the body had been stolen, it had been taken away.

They were right, it had been stolen. But it was not stolen by death. Mary Magdalene and others saw the stone removed from the tomb but they did not really see what had happened. They did not see God's work.

But something happened, his body was fully transformed into divine. Now Jesus does not have the human nature... now only he has the divine nature.

Last Friday we heard, Jesus' passion, putting the body of Jesus in the tomb. We went away astounded that an innocent man was executed so quickly. Today, we gather to hear that the story is not over. We are listening to a story that says death is not the way our lives end.

Yes, Jesus died. Yes, we too will die. But that is not the end. We cannot roll the stone in front of the tomb and say it is over. Death is not an end... We can be, like Mary Magdalene, looking for death and mourning for it. But God is saying that death is only a moment of change, a true Passover. It is a time to take off the clothes of the body and put on new ones.

Now the world does not need an empty tomb or burial cloths to know Jesus is risen. The world has you and me to see, to look at. And when it looks at you and me, we have to give them Jesus. When we are bearing witness to that truth, then Easter is not a long time ago but still alive and coming alive in the world today.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is truly Risen, Alleluia.



Many of you have worked hard for us...

A big thank you to the many people who made the Holy Week and Holy Easter a grace filled time.

The choir groups have spent day and night preparing the Hymns, organising and practising it for the community. It was very difficult to make the roster, preparing the PowerPoints, preparing and organising Altar Servers, decorating the church, preparing for the Holy Mass, cleaning the church. I thank you all for your selfless service for the community with the love of the Lord.

You have all made these days memorable in our spiritual journey.

Our Parish relies on the generosity of many people for its ongoing existence. A very special acknowledgement goes to the Mass Coordinators and Liturgy and Leadership Teams for their tireless efforts to make the Holy Week Liturgies well organised. *Fr Biju*

Blessed Altar Servers...

Holy Week was adorned with lots of young people serving the altar. We thank them and their parents for their commitment and love for the church and the Lord. Those who are serving the Altar will be awarded with medals and a specially blessed whole Bible (New Testament and Old Testament) on next Easter Vigil 2023 as a symbol of our community's love.

I found many young children attending the Holy Mass regularly, those children who are attending Holy Mass most often will be awarded with a specially Blessed Rosary at next Christmas Vigil as a token of our faith community's appreciation. *Please give your name immediately to Fr Biju...* and whenever you come please note your presence for the Holy Mass

It was so blessed to have so many little children with parents over the last few Sundays in the Church. Once it was written in the newsletter that often people say, "it is too troublesome to come to Church with children, children may make noise..." But, remember, the distractions and noise of the little children are also part of real life, and the Church should be the one place on this earth where God's people can be real with one another.

When our kids go to Mass, they are physically in the presence of Christ. Even if they refuse to concentrate in the liturgy, they are there, and being there is different from being anywhere else in the world. The Holy Spirit will quietly work on our children's hearts, laying foundations for a strong adult faith. When we stand, sit, sing, pray, recite, confess, read, listen, watch, eat and drink - our children witness us glorifying God. They notice everything. They see our hearts emboldened with praise.

We cannot force our children to have a relationship with God. God Himself never forces anyone to do anything; he merely invites. It is our job, as parents, to make sure our children are present for that invitation.

Parent & Child Retreat Room – Parent and children up to 5 years old

We would like to offer the use of our JP Room, located beside the entrance of the church, for parents with young children who may need a rest during Mass. We understand that sitting still and quietly for sometime can be challenging for very young ones, so this space will be provided for you to sit and relax with your child whilst Mass is on. If you are unsure as to where the room is and how to access it, please see Fr Biju before Mass for a tour.

LITURGY CORNER

The Easter Octave

This weekend, as the supermarkets pack away their Easter eggs and cease production of hot cross buns (until immediately after Christmas) our celebration has just begun. The Easter Octave is the period of 8 days from Easter Sunday through to the following Saturday. In the early church, the newly initiated wore their white baptismal garments in public this entire time.

Just as the church observes a week of preparation leading up to Easter (Holy Week) its calendar provides a week for us to continue the celebration of the joy of the resurrection. As in Holy Week, no solemnity or commemoration may take precedence over the Easter Octave and nor can Ritual Masses (ie, nuptial Masses, Confirmation Masses, etc) be celebrated during this period.

If we've commemorated Holy Week by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross and the Good Friday devotion, shouldn't we make a special effort to celebrate Christ's resurrection during the Easter Octave? There is no better way to continue to celebrate the joy of Easter during the Octave than attending weekday Mass.

Note the Dates

Commissioning of New Extraordinary Communion Ministers

There will be a commissioning for the new Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion on **Sunday, 24 April**. If anyone would like to be an extraordinary minister to serve our Lord and community, please contact Fr Biju.

ANZAC Day: Monday, 25 April

We will be celebrating Mass at 8 am—all are welcome as we remember and pay homage to those who died or suffered for our country .

Mothers Day, Sunday, 8 May

Mothers Day is fast approaching, and we would like to recognise mothers on this special day. There will be an important blessing for mothers on the day.

Surprise gift for Mothers

Children may give a wonderful gift for our Mothers on the day. We are looking for a small donation from all Dads towards the cost.

In our prayers we remember



We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked **for our prayers**.

And those who are unwell:

Kate Clayton, Rosslyn and Michelle O'Brien, Father Peter Luton.

Those who have died recently:

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones or whose anniversary occurs at this time, **especially:** Elliott Fletcher, William (Bill) Crowley, Shane Flynn, Carmela and Angela Perrielli, Palma Bucolo and Hazel May Coates.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish Office.

ADORATION

**Every Friday 7:30 am –
Saturday 7:30 am**

Will you not watch one hour with me?
Adore in Peace and Quiet.

Adoration hours required – Friday – 8 - 10 am; 1 - 3 pm; 5 pm and midnight.
Saturday – 3 am ; 6 am



Date to Remember!

St Dymphna's Day

*The feast of St Dymphna
will be on Sunday, 15
May, 2022.*

ROSTERS					
23—24 April	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6:00 pm Mass in anticipation of Sunday	R. Campbell (B) S. Hughes S. Stevens	First Reading M. Vaz Second Reading T. Hand Prayer of the Faithful L. Dutton	K Lara K Lara	Volunteer please	Savio & Jaden
7:00 am Mass	S. Vaz (B) J. Bissell D. O'Keefe	First Reading R. Volter Second Reading J. Colebourne Prayer of the Faithful D. Chiavaro	J Mascarenhas J Mascarenhas M Delbridge	I. Spanevello	Nancy Rod & David C
9:00 am Mass	C. Gonsalves (B) G. Webley I. Soo Choon	First Reading K. Brough Second Reading S. Soo Choon Prayer of the Faithful S. Lopez	M Soo Choon C Soo Choon I Soo Choon J Jillela	Jenny Ferris	Judith Karen & Emily
5:00 pm Mass	B. Hopewell (B) M. Hopewell H. Boevink	First Reading S. Tam Second Reading R. Mclellan Prayer of the Faithful E. Lebajo	M Orcullo M Orcullo	Volunteer please	Suzan / Di

<p>COUNTERS 17 April S Sherwood D Jago T Salvati M Scott 24 April B Donohue Junker T Gillam M Hopewell 1st May A Dunn N Dunn</p>	<p>CHURCH CLEANING 23 April Volunteers please 1 May Volunteers please 7 May David Francis 13 May Volunteers please 21 May Savio and Jinella 28 May Nigel Hughes</p>	 <p><i>For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died. (1 Thessalonians 4:14, NLT)</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY HYMNS 24 APRIL 2022 Entrance - Alleluia Sing to Jesus Preparation of Gifts - In Faith and Hope and Love Communion - Table of Plenty Thanksgiving - A New Commandment Recessional - Sing to the Mountain</p>		

<p>BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For further information, please phone the parish office on 3862 9402.</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 24 APRIL 2022 ACTS 5:12-16, REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19, JOHN 20:19-31</p>
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