GOSPEL

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John-

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Replaces the Profession of Faith.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church, And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

P. And all his works?

All: I do.

P And all his empty show?

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Exultant with Paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the Paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia! R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE EASTER VIGIL



I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle. Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Genesis 1:1-2:2 from Ps 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1-18 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** from Ps 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING CANTICLE

Exodus 14:15-15:1 From Ex 15

R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.

FOURTH READING RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Ps 29 R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING **CANTICLE**

Isaiah 55:1-11 From Isa 12

Isaiah 54:5-14

R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** From Ps 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SEVENTH READING **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ezekiel 36:16-28 From Ps 41

R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Romans 6:3-11 From Ps 117 R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

GOSPEL HOMILY

Mt 28:1-10

III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (see far left column)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(see middle column)



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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / A

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our

fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

DAY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of unseen God: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

P. O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 ludaea 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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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 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.



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Col 3:1-4

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

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 enclose; / 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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John George Nicholls, Roslyn Tippetts, - Terry Ferguson - Enea Menin.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Emanual Summut, Meilinda Iskandar, Teresa Lee, Judith Lee, Frank Fressard, Rodney Noble, Anita Blazevic, Robert Alan Parmeter, Theresa Mifsud, Jean O'Reilly, Giuseppina Zappala, Jan Endres, Moya Smyth, Umberto Bruzzese, Dominic Alvaro, Teresa Alvaro, Demetiua Estrada Almero, Warren Magpantay, Charles Camilleri, Emilia Camilleri, Anthony Vella, Carmen Vella - Sr Angela Muellebner SSpS, Dianne McGregor.

Rosters – 15/16 April

Cleaning Ministry: Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm

Susan Boulous & family Lynette Rodrigues Michael Majoor

Sun. 7.30am Michael Majoor Sun. 10.00am Antonya Fernando

Joe Zammit

Counters:

Vigil 5.30pm

Maddison Boulous, Leah Garcia

Sun. 7.30am Gail Dick, Glenys Oxlee Sun. 10.00am Linda Tsang, Jane Jimenez



BREAKFAST CLUB: 22 APRIL 2023 - 8.30AM

Young adults aged 18-35 - You are invited for a breakfast feast. Join other young adults for faith, fellowship, food and fun!

Venue: 4 Albion St, Dundas. RSVP: Sulyn Leslie 0408 966 632



POSITIONS VACANT

Executive Assistant (permanent part-time) – NSW Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS) - **Applications close Friday 21 April 2023** For more information and to apply, visit https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-assistant-to-ccress-nsw-act/

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS

The Enrolment Forms, for children in Year 3 and above, for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion are available in the Church. The enrolment dates are:



Sacrament of Penance – Reconciliation Saturday 6th May 2023 – Vigil Mass 5.30pm Sunday 7th May 2023 – 10.00am Mass

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th May 2023 – Vigil

Mass 5.30pm Sunday 7th May 2023 – 10.00am Mass



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The next Rydalmere parish St Vincent De Paul meeting will be this **Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm** in the Parish meeting room.

SCHOENSTATT GRACES OF THE SHRINE REFLECTION: 16 APRIL

The Men's Ministry at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is hosting a reflection on 'Mission', one of the graces of the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday 16 April from 9am to 10.30am, with an optional Mass at 11am. Having found a home in our Shrine and having had a conversion of heart, how can we now go out in mission and tell the Good News? For more information, please contact Jim on 0432 487 927.

CCD ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL SERIES: STARTING 28 APRIL

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - **April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26**. 10 am-to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis ccd.training@parrcatholic.org

MET WORSHIP LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP: 4 MAY

Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion — past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



EASTER MESSAGE

Jesus Christ is risen! This divine message must be made known to every human being on this earth. We have journeyed with the Lord from the Last Supper, to Calvary, to the tomb and now to His glorious Resurrection. We all have a mission to make Christ known by our love. Even in these dark days we must be



Christ's lights to the world. Easter tells us that God never leaves us in our pain and He brings good out of evil. HAPPY EASTER – Fr Peter

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 11 April – Saint Gemma Galgani

St Gemma Galgani lived a life of reparation for the sins of men. Born near Lucca, Italy, Gemma was orphaned at the age of 19. She took care of her seven siblings and performed works of charity for the poor. When she contracted meningitis, during which she lost her hearing and



the use of her limbs, she was cheerful and welcoming to all her visitors. St Gemma developed a devotion to St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (a Passionist). He appeared to her and told her to make religious vows, though she was not to enter a convent. Later, through his and St Margaret Mary Alacoque's intersession, Gemma was cured. St Gemma was assaulted by the

devil and often scorned by those who did not understand her piety. However, she was favoured with consolations and visitations from Our Lord and His Mother, and she often saw her Guardian Angel. In 1899, Gemma received the stigmata, the wounds of Our Lord. She longed to become a Passionist nun but was turned down. However, she predicted that she would be received by the Passionists after her death. Her remains are in the Passionist monastery at Lucca. St Gemma died of tuberculosis at the age of 25.

Sunday, 16 April - Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.