



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year B

Sunday, 31st March 2024

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life"- Janine di Giovanni



Pope Francis in his message for Easter 2024 says, "May the Easter open us to the newness that transforms to the beautiful surprises of God. May he help us to feel his presence as the one who is alive and at work in our midst."

This is my First Easter celebration with the Holy Name of Mary Community. **May the joy and peace of the Risen Jesus be with everyone in our community and may we be the living witnesses of the life-giving presence of Jesus amidst us.**

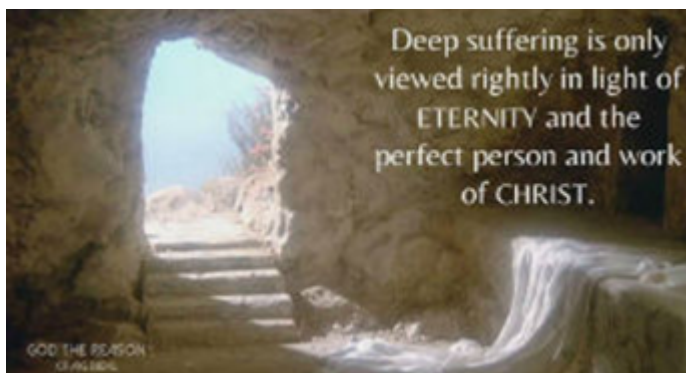
"Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became

exasperated with him for Jeremy just irritated his teacher. One day she called his parents and asked them if they could take the child. They too were helpless. As she pondered the situation and prayed to the Lord, please help me to be more patient with Jeremy. One day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him." I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. But he just looked.

As Easter approached, Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg and told them to bring a symbol of new life. All the children responded enthusiastically-all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. Then it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too from caterpillar to butterfly. Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it which too, showed life. Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She



gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and he did not understand. She quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too." Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up." Miss Miller knew all was different. She just cried. She now understood the child on the verge of death. Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty".



The stone rolled away and the empty tomb – one of the witnesses testifying to the resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection of Jesus is God's vindication of his incredible life. Our challenges, difficulties and circumstances look different today unlike Jeremy's in the story. And, in the midst of whatever trials we may be facing, the risen Christ offers us his steady peace, which helps us to keep on believing in good and that we will rise to a new heaven and a new earth: sharing the blessings with the impoverished;

celebrating the differences in humanity with a sense of belonging and solidarity; terminating the baseless wars; reconciling with one another and accepting one another with one's strengths and liabilities; creating a safe and secure planet for the budding generation; living in unity, understanding and sincere love in the families, Yep, that is the HOPE that Easter Sunday instills in every one of us. But at the same time, it invites us for action too. There can be no waiting this time for the resurrected Jesus to roll away the stone. These stones can only be removed by us. The power of the resurrected Jesus is within us! What is the one stone that I roll away this Easter?

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia
To Him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, Alleluia, Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10: 34,37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

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: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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**

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**

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: Colossians 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

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:

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

PARISH ROSTERS

6/7 April 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Michael Marston Eli Ogrizek	Oscar G Angelina B	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Francis Mathew	Pierre Salomon	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Gail Dick Glenys Oxlee		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am		Khush Jilla Cynthia Oscar	Olivia G Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elain Gade			

13/14 April 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Leah Garcia Anne-Marie Hewkins	Jemma L Matilda S	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Lawrence Tsang Geoff & Barbara Rosario	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Linda Tsang Lily Hon Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Samantha Winders Anton Fernando		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Astrid Kossim Linda Tsang	Theo M Tashnie W	Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Jo Skinner, Michael Foster, Manjula, Anthony
Huynh Van Hoang, Ruby Moses, Noelene
Wilkinson, Jaime Pablacio

Anniversaries

Ivka Lucin

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

welcome!

Cheryl Percan is appointed as the Parish Secretary effective April 1, 2024. Make her welcome to our community and extend your cooperation and support so that she will be able to discharge her duties and responsibilities towards the betterment of our community.

Fr. Vince

Mrs Jo Skinner

Mrs Jo Skinner former school secretary, St Mary's Parish School, died peacefully on Wednesday 20th, aged 92. Mrs Skinner was school secretary from the early 1970's to the 1990's.

May she rest in peace for all Eternity.



Divine Mercy Sunday at Holy Name of Mary

We happy to announce that we are again celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday here at Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere on 7 April 2024.



We need volunteers to help with the following: Kitchen committee, Crowd control for the procession. Children to hold the picture of our Blessed Virgin Mary during procession.

Ushers to assist people during holy confession, as we have 4 Priests with the Parish Priest that day: Fr Sypher FSSP, Fr Benedict, Fr Thomas Green. Someone to operate the computer and microphones and monitors during the reflection and Holy Mass. To volunteer or inquire, please **text or call 0415998310**. God bless.

Coming Sunday (7th April, 2024) is the **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

Kindly have a look at the flyer and be a part of the celebrations.

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine

The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! Copies are located at the back of the church.

CatholicOutlook
News from the Diocese of Parramatta

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Bishop's Easter Message

Bishop Vincent's Easter Message is on the Noticeboard and can also be accessed via the hyperlink below:
<https://youtu.be/3ghTzBEYqQA>



Easter Sunday
31 March



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. 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 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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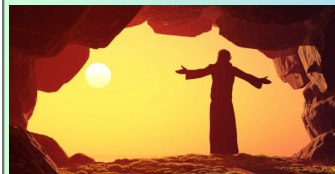
With love and gratitude, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Jodie MacGregor to the HNM community as the parish secretary for nearly one year or so. She is taking a break from the job. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank her for her time in the parish team and I wish her good luck in her future endeavors.

A prayerful welcome to John, Kate, Sabrina and Tracey who have become a part of our faith community this Easter through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation and we continue to support them in their faith journey with Jesus. Thanks to Nazli, Tanya, Sr Maureen and the team for preparing the newly baptized and those received into full communion with the catholic faith.

A big thanks to the musicians, and the choir members who made the Holy Week services lively with their singing and enriching the participation of the community.

Thanks to the Senior and Junior servers, readers, collectors, welcomers, flower and garden of Gethsemane organizers, powerpoint organizer and operators and everyone who contributed their yeomen service towards the Holy Week celebrations.

May the risen Christ bless all these individuals and families and give them the grace to remain committed to God and the Community!



Fr. Vince

Time to Return Your Project Compassion Donation



If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.

Thank you for your generous support.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 5pm

Susie Lee
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea
Allison Markarian
Glenys Oxlee
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