Easter Sunday 31st March 2013

Alleluia! He is Risen!

First Reading:
Acts 10:34: 37-43  We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead

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

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:1-4. Look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is.

Alleluia Verse:
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia

Gospel:
John 20:1-9. They had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead

Com. Antiphon:
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Easter is the very Centre of our Christian life, the highpoint of the Church’s liturgical year. We give thanks and praise to Christ risen and present with us in the Eucharist.

Leader: We pray for all our newly baptized (Pause)
People: May they continue to grow in grace, nourished by the Easter Sacraments
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for the universal Church: (Pause).
People: May we proclaim the saving event of Easter
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for Christians throughout the world: (Pause)
People: May we joyfully proclaim with enthusiasm the power of the Risen Lord.
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our faith community (Pause)
People: May we cherish our faith and share it with one another.
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who feel lonely at this time (Pause)
People: May they experience our support and friendship
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer.


EASTER TIME: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one ‘great Sunday’. These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. All the Sundays of this season rank as Easter Sundays

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar.

Please Pray For:
Sick: Joan Whitehurst, Bridie Kuskey, Lorraine Scofield, Gerardo Del Regno, George Dunne, Clare Fern.
Living the Gospel: RESURRECTION NOW!!

For most of us, when someone dies, no matter how close that person was to us, their memory fades over time and the lessons they taught us during their lives gradually decrease in impact. This is especially true if those lessons were spiritual ones, lessons to do with faith, and the things that are at the heart of true human existence. The legacy to us of many people, maybe especially of our parents, is their faith, their belief and trust in God, as well as their value systems. And that legacy can get lost in what we like to think of as a “sophisticated” world, a world where faith and a value system do not seem to be important for many people.

That was pretty much the way it was when the disciples lost Jesus. They were in a state of despair, with no one and nothing to hold on to. Jesus had failed them! It was only after a few days that they discovered that the spirit of Jesus was very much alive. They found they could not forget all that Jesus had said and done. It was too real! It was such a powerful influence on their own lives, in the way they thought and acted.

This Jesus was a human being whose life was a gift to others; he seemed to have a wonderful capacity to love all others, to accept them as they were, to forgive their human foibles. He seemed to help others to feel good about themselves, the sinners, the prostitutes, the outcasts; everyone who came into contact with him felt themselves called to a new dignity. He had something about him of the presence and power of God; it was out of that presence that he spoke and acted. It took the disciples some time to grasp all this; the Jesus that they had known, with whom they had walked through life, whose legacy to them was one of great value for themselves and for the world. The light of Christ came on again in their minds and hearts, and powered their daily activity. Jesus was still with them; all that Jesus stood for was so important, that they felt called to keep that spirit alive! Jesus had risen!

Our world today is in great need of Resurrection, as was the world of Jesus. Greed and selfishness are rampant in our world, just as they were in his; the quest for individual rights, without corresponding responsibilities, has caught some of us in a state of permanent adolescence when it comes to faith in our lives. Technology is a great gift to us but it cannot become more important than human beings. Yet, there is great hope for us and for the future of our children and the created world if we will let Resurrection happen now.

Jesus did not die for the “life of the world”; instead he lived for the life of the world. In living for the life of the world, we too can bring Resurrection to others. That is the challenge of Easter!

PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Weekly Collections: Last Week: 1st Collection: $ 973.00
2nd Cash Collection: $1325.20 Direct Debit: $2320.00

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday 1st Mass at 8.00 am, not at 5.30 pm.
Friday 5th. First Friday all night Vigil.
Sunday 14th Third Sunday of Easter. Syro Malabar Mass at 10.30 am. Parish Council at 10.00 am
Thursday 4th/18th Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion. 6.00 pm Parents and Children.
Wednesday 24th Anzac Day liturgy at St Paul’s School.
Thursday 25th Anzac Day. Mass at 8.00 am.