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## PARISH NOTICES EASTER SUNDAY

**SUNDAY MASSES : Vigil Mass; 6.00pm (Sat) 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy 9am Mass)**

<b>WEEKDAYS :</b>	<i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm
	<i>Tues</i>	Mass	9.30am
	<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am
	<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am
	<i>Fri</i>	Communion Service	9.30am at Fernhill Mercy

**RECONCILIATION : First Sat of the month at 5pm and other times by appointment**

<b>READINGS next SUNDAY:</b>	1st Reading	..	Acts of Apostles	4:32-35
	2nd Reading	..	1st letter St John	5:1-6
	Gospel	..	John	20:19-31

### **Celebrating Easter : Part 8**

Easter is the feast which sets Christianity aside from all other traditions - religious and even non-religious! Easter started Christianity!

The first disciples of Jesus after his death were lost and in hiding for fear that what happened to him might happen to them. The authorities were so keen to be rid of Jesus that they would be likely to want to stamp out anything which was associated with him.

Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke Chapter 24, they were disillusioned and ready to give up. Those two disciples walking away from it all were symbolic of what was true of the other disciples. Their expectations were - as the gospels so often attest - that Jesus would show himself the great and conquering Messiah despite all he had said in his life time.

The women report the empty tomb but it seems that there was an attitude something like "Well that's just the women" !

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## Celebrating Easter: Part 8

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When it borne in on them that he was alive beyond death, even that took time to sink in! But that was the point of all that would become the Christian Faith. He was alive beyond death even though he was so so different that as the accounts of his presence after death show us they had trouble recognizing that it was indeed him. Not just his influence or inspiration, but HIM !

How does the conviction get planted in us that he is still alive?

Well looking at Luke 24 and the two disciples walking away from it all to Emmaus, we can see the answer to that question.

On that journey in which they discover Christ, two magnificent things happen. First the stranger (Jesus) explains the Scripture to them and how they lead up to what has happened to Jesus in Jerusalem. They report that their "hearts burned within them" as they listened to him. Secondly, when they invited him to eat with them, and he did what he had already done at the Last Supper, they recognized him with them.

Two other things are important : they recognized Jesus in an act of prayers and after they recognized him they went back to the other, to the community or the brotherhood as they would have called it.

So from these things : the word, the Breaking of the Bread, prayer and the community of Faith. All played their part in their coming to the conviction that Christ was alive.

St Luke in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, says that the first disciples remained faithful to "the teachings of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2.42).

These same four things are crucial in our coming to the recognition of Christ's being alive beyond death and for us they are the gospels (reading of the apostles), the brotherhood (the community of faith), the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist) and prayer (the prayers). What was necessary for them is necessary for us !

## **NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP GROUP**

The time has come for us to renew the membership of the Parish Leadership Group. This is an opportunity for members of the Parish to take on a role of leadership for a limited time (3 to 4 years); an opportunity to shape talents and give time to the whole parish community. The Leadership Group oversees the life of the parish, reviewing it, seeking to renew it and giving encouragement and help. The Group meets once a month for a couple of hours.

Parishioners are now being asked to nominate other parishioners whom they think would make a valuable contribution in such a role.

There will be nomination forms available on **Sundays the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of April**. These forms are to be filled out with the name and phone number of the person you nominate along with your own name and signature. You can nominate more than one person using additional forms.

The present Leadership Group select new members from the suggested nominees and seek to create a balanced group with diverse skills and interests.

Please put some thought into this and take part in the nomination process.

Feel free to contact Fr Frank if you have any queries.

*Thank you*

### **MARY MACKILLOP IMAGE:**

Our project of commissioning an image of St Mary MacKillop is proceeding. Our commissioned artist is Sr Margaret Broadbent RSM.

Our thought at the moment is to place it on the wall where the piano is currently.

This has been provided for by a bequest from our late parishioner, Frank Burke.



Thank you to all who helped with the Working Bee to prepare for Easter. Many hands did indeed make light work thanks to you all!

### **PARISH DINNER**

**Save the date: Friday June 8th!**

### **VATICAN ASTRONOMER :**

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the man in charge of the observatory will be speaking in Melbourne on Thursday April 26th from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Deakin Edge, Federation Square.

This is an invitation of the Diocesan Office for Evangelisation. It is part of a series called "Sparks of Beauty". Anyone interested can book tickets on.....

<https://www.trybooking.com/TMRW>

### **"ALLELUIA"**

**IT** is an unusual word that is not native to the English or even the Latin liturgical vocabulary : the word "ALLELUIA". As a matter of fact, it sounds less like a meaningful word than the babbling of a child, and when it is sung with many notes for the final vowel, this impression becomes even stronger.

**"Alleluia"** does, of course, have a meaning. It is a Hebrew word, and down the centuries the church has brought it with her, untranslated (like "Amen"), as a product of the Jewish soil from which she herself sprang and as a reminder of her earliest days. The word is a cry of jubilation meaning "Praise the Lord", and occurs frequently in the psalms.....

**But** the translation does not explain why the church chose and retained this word from the Hebrew language of prayer in order to express her Easter jubilation, even though in later centuries her own children did not understand the meaning. I think the church meant to say: "In the presence of the mystery that we celebrate on Easter, the mystery of our redemption, our usual intelligible vocabulary is inadequate; when faced with the superabundant mercy of God we can only stammer in amazement like children."

**That** is how it is with us Christians: As we gaze at the Sun that has risen high over the darkness and cold of our Good Friday, all well-chosen words are useless. We can only stammer out our Alleluia of wonder and jubilation.

### COLLECTION COUNTERS :

**THIS WEEK:** Team 4: P Thorp, R Clark, J McCartney, P Myers

**NEXT WEEK:** Team 5: M Cobal, A Power, L Giacomini, C Claffey-Ross

### CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS :

1/4	Working Bee 28/3	Easter Flowers	Sue Hanna
8/4	Monica Buxton	Flowers	Lucy Cobal

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS :

1/4 6pm, 9am & 11am VOLUNTEERS as per Lists

8/4 6pm H McGrath, C Gomez

9am T Duggan, M Noonan, I Marshall

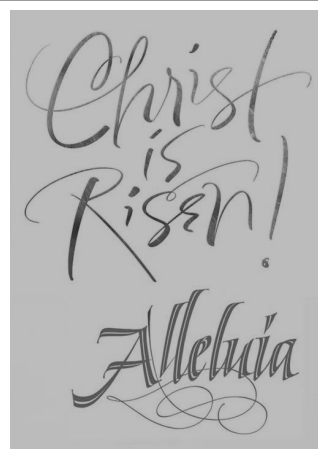
11am J Lamb, D Ridd

### LECTORS & COMMENTATORS :

1/4 6pm, 9am & 11am VOLUNTEERS as per Lists

8/4 6pm M Palmer & H McGrath, 9am C Lynch & S Butterly

11am S Valente & M Shannon



**THE SICK :** Denis Sime, Maria Rosa Daniela, Stella Tomczak, Paul Mutimer, Tim Ward, Timothy Sim, Edward Ivano, Summer Hall, Greg Shanahan, Kim D'Souza, Kate Greenwood, Lui Grollo, Beryl Bracchi, Nancy Camera, Gay Power

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Norma Murray, Fr Ernie Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Frank Wisdom, Sybil Kennedy, Dan McCarthy, Rosa Quirk, Cheryl Temple, John Ulbrick

We respectfully acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal peoples and especially the Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation, who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Sandringham area.