

Readings at Mass
Easter Sunday—9th April. 2023

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 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)
[\(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [April 9 - Easter Sunday \(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)

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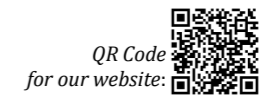
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Easter Sunday

9th April, 2023

Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**
Saturday: **8.00 am**
8.30 am—Reconciliation

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**
Sunday: **9.30 am**
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:
Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:
Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia!
Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia!

In Matthew's account of the Resurrection, we find Mary Magdalene and the other Mary coming to visit the sepulchre. Not, as in the Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, planning to anoint Jesus' body or wondering who will roll away the stone, for Matthew has already told us that this tomb is secured, sealed, under guard. Faced with such a situation, what can two simple disciples - some would add - women disciples at that - possibly hope to do? But Jesus' Abba - our Abba, too - who seems to have been silent for so long, for too long, takes the initiative. Nature - in the form of the earthquake - and heaven - in the form of the angel - do what the disciples dared not hope for. The mortal powers guarding the dead Jesus themselves become like dead men. The angel makes Jesus' greeting his own: There is no need for you to be afraid and goes on to refer to the One for whom they, along with us, are searching.

And here the original Greek text of the Gospel makes plain what our English translations miss: not Jesus, who was crucified but Jesus, the Crucified. The Crucifixion of Jesus is not some past event; but continues into this present day, and indeed into our futures. Jesus' death-dealing suffering is forever transformed into life-giving power. He is wounded, yes, but these are indeed his holy and glorious wounds.

Today's Gospel concludes by challenging us to follow in the women's footsteps: to be filled with awe and great joy. To be filled with awe and great joy as we wash ourselves again with the saving waters of Baptism, in order that we might come quickly away from the tomb and tell the other disciples. And through water and oil and bread and wine, to discover anew the Crucified yet Risen One. Today, the darkness of sin is washed away forever through this living water. And in the blood and water which flows from the side of this Crucified yet Risen One, we are caught up and swept along in the fierce flood of God's grace. So that we may always, always remember and know that he has risen, as he said he would.

And, so too, like the women, we will leave filled with awe and great joy. We come quickly away from the tomb, sent to proclaim to the other disciples and indeed to all the world, and - and dare we say it? - to make real in our own lives the self-sacrificing love of Jesus the Crucified yet Risen One. When and where and in whom we might least expect him. But it is there that we meet him.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing this Easter,

Fr Tony.

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 16th April 2022 — Second Sunday of Easter

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	A Savino	M Giardina	R Gonsalves	B Healey
10.30 am	D Connors	T Vu	J Morello	L Connors
5.30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

CHURCH LINEN

April - Maria Ballato

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1 - Thursday 13th April at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Rev John Tollan

Anniversaries

Ida Slavin
Gordon Windsor
Carmelo Catalfamo

The Sick & Seriously Ill

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

Parish Contact List

If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List — simply send an email to MooneePonds@cam.org.au with the subject line **Parish Contact List**

Masses this Week

There is no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 12th April at Moonee Ponds. There will be Mass at 10.00am at Strathmore.

Project Compassion Boxes • Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes soon.

Young Couples and Family (YCF) Network • Light lunch/coffee at Symon's centre/Queen's park/local cafe (pending weather) followed by focussed faith discussion. **Who:** New couples and families with children interested in growing faith together in their homes. **Next meeting: Sunday 28th May 11.30am-12.30pm** (after 10.30am mass) in front of St Monica's Church. Enquires/RSVP: Jerome and Kylie by email on youngcouple.network@gmail.com

Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults is launching at St Monica's Church (Symons Centre) on Sunday nights from the 23rd April 2023! So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>



Marriage Encounter Weekend: Live Your Best Life in Love • Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details.** • 28 - 30 April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.e.org.au

COASIT Visitation Program • The CoAsIt home visitation program has been running since 1985 and during this time they have managed to help so many of vulnerable elderly Italians in the community. CoAsIt is currently looking for Italian and English speaking male and female volunteers who are willing to visit elderly people in the Moonee Ponds area, for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are quite socially isolated and in need of a friend. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Marianna on 0481 603 758

Catholic Theological College: Biblical Lands Study Tour Journey with the Gospel According to Luke in the Holy Land This tour is focused on the Gospel of Luke engaging the narrative in the contextual landscape:

1. experience being on a boat on the Sea of Galilee
2. walk through the Kidron Valley to the Pool of Siloam and see the steps up to the Temple
3. meditate in the Shepherd's field
4. ponder the site of the Visitation and the Nativity
5. engage the women who followed Jesus among the disciples
6. reflect on Mary Magdalene while staying at Magdala on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Prepare to be captivated and moved to joy or tears and enjoy new food and cultural experiences as we follow Luke in modern Israel and Palestinian Territories. Be immersed in an experience of a lifetime and come home changed. **PLUS:** You can take the opportunity to undertake a study unit through CTC (Catholic Theological College) in conjunction with this tour (conditions and additional cost apply). Journey with me and with Luke in 2023 along with our experienced guide, Gila Yudkin. See the Flyer attached for Itinerary and Costing. For further information or to obtain a booking form contact Dr Rosemary Canavan - rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au



What do we do to deepen **communion**?
What do we do to encourage **participation**?
What do we do to promote **mission**?

Voice to Parliament Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, **Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation**, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the **Uluru Statement from the Heart**. This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together. Read the full statement here <https://css.org.au/publications/relentlessly-pursuing-reconciliation/> or click on the QR Code:



Archbishop's Easter Message Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's Easter Message can be viewed at [Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023:... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Stewardship Corner
"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."
Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Special Collections 2023	
12th February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7th April	Good Friday - Holy Places
4th June	Propagation of the Faith
11th June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13th August	CatholicCare
3rd September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22nd October	World Mission Sunday
12th November	Catholic Deaf
10th December	Melbourne Overseas Mission