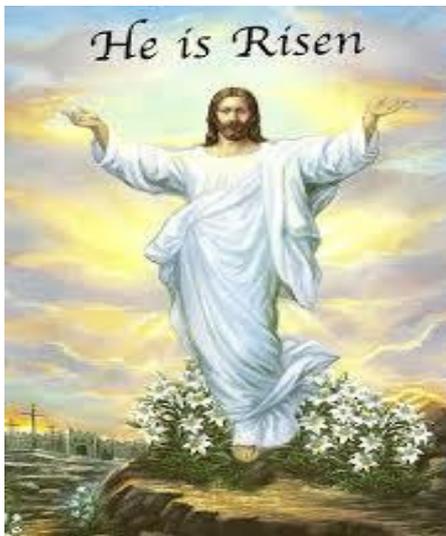




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WELCOME to EASTER WEEK

SUNDAY, 17th April – SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION




**Jesus Christ
is Risen!
Happy Easter!**



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday – 4.15pm or by appointment	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday	4.15pm
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of the month March, June and September	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	
	This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired	

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

We remember the faithful departed Angelina Teodoro, Mary Madeleine Grahah, Maxwell Thomas Grahah, John Edmund Grahah. Gerald Attard, Constance Philomena Etto, Nida Sonon, Seamus Mulligan. **“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”**

ROSTER: 4th Week

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>
Saturday 5pm	Denise Hall Mary Dias	Tony Allan		
Sunday 8am	Mary Klaist Barbara Mucha	Ruben Baluyot		
Sunday 10am	Lydia Leslie Joey Wang-Shi	Cheston La'Porte Radley La'Porte	Chuma brothers	Chuma brothers

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS I take this opportunity to thank the Multicultural Choir, the Filipino Choir, our acolytes and altar servers team, liturgy team, the Parish Council, our parish secretary, the church readers, the Rosary group, St Vincent the Paul, cleaners and housekeepers, counters, flower arrangers and palm leaf donators, mass co-ordinators, extraordinary ministers of communion, volunteers for the Paschal Triduum, and all other volunteers for making these Easter celebrations so successful for our parish community. May the peace of our Risen Lord fill your hearts and all your lives. **HAPPY EASTER!**

ENTHRONIZATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY ICON AND PARISH MORNING TEA Sunday, 24TH April 2022 after 10.00am Mass

As we come together to commemorate Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Parish wishes to invite you all to a special morning tea in McDermott House. I look forward to seeing you all there.

PROJECT COMPASSION We wish to thank all of you who have donated to one of our most crucial appeals and to making a difference in so many people's lives. It is now time to return any Project Compassion boxes. Once they have all been collected we will be forwarding the money to Caritas on your behalf. We thank you for your generous donations.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box which will be placed on a table in the church foyer. We look forward to hearing from our children.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands.

We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations

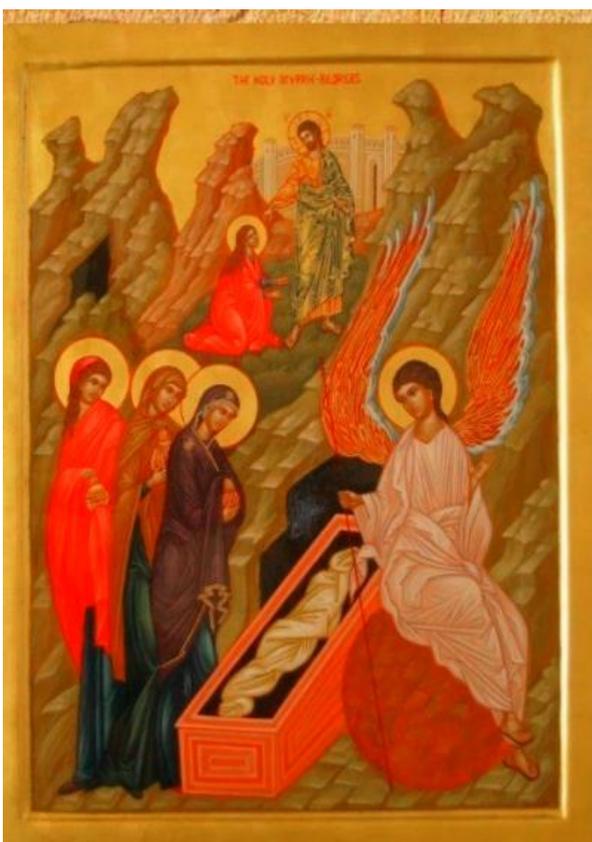
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

There is no day to compare with Easter Day. It stands out from the conflicts and turmoil of our broken world, lifts our minds and enlivens our hearts with joy and love so complete that it conquers death. Early on the first Easter morning a mighty act of God took place – Christ rose from the dead, altered the past and shaped the future. Nothing can be the same again. That is what makes Easter the greatest occasion of the year and Good News for all time. All our hopes and happiness stem from that event. Easter announces that there is a way forward out of darkness, transformation is possible and change can take place in our lives.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead affirms that death is not the end of us. We are meant for more than this present life and are not anchored in this world. Human life is no longer limited by the cycle of birth to death. Easter is the answer to all the tears that we shed at the graves of our loved ones because it reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare believe in, provided we open our hearts to the grace that Jesus won for us. Christ has shared the gift of his life with us and his resurrection from the dead points to the resurrection of all people.

Easter is the turning point inviting us to live in an entirely new way that goes beyond the limitations of this world. We are challenged to become part of a new creation, inspired by the life of God, which is poured into our souls at baptism. Life depends on how we look at it. It can be seen as an empty tomb, full of bitterness and confusion or full of joy and hope. The challenge is to appreciate God and to see his plan in the ordinary events surrounding us. We can only do this if we are faithful to our baptismal promises, tuned into Jesus and switched on to his power in our lives. He will help us to find the face of God in the bits and pieces of life and in the hearts of all whom we meet.

The gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning the stone at the entrance of the tomb of Christ was rolled back. The question we must all face is: have we arisen to new life with Christ, or are there boulders weighing us down and keeping us imprisoned in our tombs? The Good News is that by God's power the boulders that hold you and me locked and buried can be rolled back and we can be set free. God is in charge. It is his world and he has breathed eternity into our bones. The best way we can give thanks to God for the gift of his life within us this Easter, is by opening our hearts to the risen Jesus and by allowing ourselves to be sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ's love.



Christians,
to the Paschal Victim we offer today the sacrifice of praise:
the flock is ransomed by the Lamb,
the Innocent One has reconciled us sinners to his Father.
Death and life contended in a mighty battle,
the Author of life was slain yet now he lives to reign.
Tell us Mary what you saw upon the way:
I saw the tomb of the Lord empty,
the Lord's glory and Christ alive,
the angels, the shroud and the grave clothes.
For Christ my hope is risen.
He goes before us into Galilee.
Yes, we are sure:
Christ is truly risen!
You, immortal king, give us your salvation!

(Sequence attributed to the 11th cen. Wipo of Burgundy, priest)

*We Wish you
Happy & Blessed Easter 2022
Let us feast joyfully in the Lord!
Fr. Gustavo Criollo & Željko Evtović*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23 R: 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

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.

Easter Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes 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 1 Cor 5:7-8 Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-90 The Teaching of the 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.