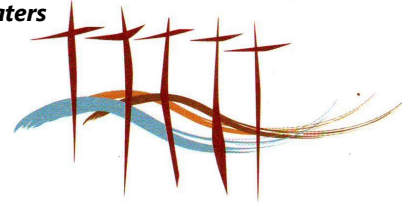


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Sunday of the Resurrection 1 April, 2018

Year B: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

next week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

It is Easter, the end of another long Lent. But it isn't the end. Lent stirs up anticipation for Easter and we have arrived. Where and how do we find ourselves? Is it a new beginning for us? No matter how many times we have celebrated Easter it is not the same old feast; it is another fresh start. It's like when we have a computer problem and we are advised, "Turn off your computer and restart." We turn it off and start it again, and there are our icons and apps - they look fresh and they work! It's a crude and limping example, but Christ has done that for us, rebooted us. We were stuck and now we have been given a fresh start, we are not locked in the old "program" - everything can be new for us. In biblical terms, we are a "new creation." Today St. Paul uses another metaphor to describe us: we are "a fresh batch of dough." The "old yeast" has been cleared out and we celebrate our feast "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

I find preaching on Easter difficult. But it shouldn't be, should it? It is the heart of our faith, as Paul says, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17).

It is not that I don't believe in the resurrection, it is that I'm not sure what to say again about it!

We preachers have been here before. It is Easter Sunday and we have a simple, though unprovable, message to proclaim, "Christ is Risen!" It is what we already believe, isn't it? What can we find new to say about the core belief of our faith? Should we come up with an analogy - the new flowers outside the church, the butterfly emerging from the cocoon - that seem to support our faith?

In the southern hemisphere the earth is beginning to show signs of winter. So even though autumn is in full swing and winter is coming, Christians in the Southern Hemisphere are decorating using lilies, eggs, and bunnies because that is the legacy given to them by their colonial forbears from the northern hemisphere where they are experiencing the earth bringing forth new life at Spring. There is, as far as I can discern, no symbol system that reflects the natural word of the Southern Hemisphere and interprets the Resurrection story in that light - or maybe there is! So in Australia what are we to do? A few notes from me about Easter symbols for us in Australia. Firstly the stifling heat is going or gone and a crisp clean air after the rains fills our lungs and our vision. This is a wonderful Easter symbol of seeing clearly and with new vision after the desert heat of Lent. There are many carnivals and fetes and public celebrations in this time like the Country Music festival, The Sydney Royal Easter Show, National Folk Festival in Canberra, and all those school fetes. There seems to be a winter festival theme in many places which joins the joy of Easter and festival of new beginnings. And looking at the wonderful stained glass window in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church - did you know that winter is the breeding season for pelicans. The pelican chicks come forth and one of the ancient symbols of the Resurrection is the mother pelican picking her breast and feeding her new hatchlings. In fact the flowers, animal life, and symbols abound for us in Australia but we need to seriously explore these.

Parish Weekly Diary....

SUNDAY 1 APRIL

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
7.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Monday, 2 April

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 3 April

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 4 April

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 5 April

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 6 April

9.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament - Palm Beach
10.00am **Anointing Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 7 April

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 7 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 8 April

Second Sunday of Easter

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Youth Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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One theological note might be that we expect new life but it is the resurrection that we get as our new life amidst the winter quite. Mary did not go to the tomb to visit, or wait for the risen Christ to appear to her. She went to the tomb of her dead master and friend perhaps to anoint the body, or just to weep - a winter quite. With Mary we make the journey to the empty tomb and find something unexpected. Let's spend this moment at the empty tomb, because that is where today's passage has us – not yet meeting Jesus but soon we will hear in the following Sunday's the story of His resurrection.

What and where are the empty tombs for us? Does the empty tomb remind us of the places and situations in our lives which have proved lifeless and left us empty inside? Relationships that have died, or dried up; pursuits and ambitions that have proven vain and wasted; misplaced confidences in what was shallow and fruitless; nostalgic attempts to re-create the warm and good feelings we had

when we were children coming to church on Easter Sunday? Where do we find ourselves then, at an empty tomb with past memories, wondering what steps to take next? Do we shrug with disappointment, or shall we, with Mary and the beloved disciple look with eyes of faith, even with the confusion of this moment? Can we let go of what was, even if at this time there is not even a hint of what will take its place?

What we have at this point is an empty tomb and puzzled disciples. John says that they "did not yet understand the Scriptures that he had to rise from the dead." How could they have understood the Scriptures? And what Scriptures would have prepared them for what had happened, the collapse of his ministry, his terrible suffering and his death?

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on the first day of the week, early in the morning, "while it was still dark." In John's Gospel darkness suggests an absence of faith -- not seeing. It's a dawning of a new day, but for Mary and the disciples, it is still dark. Mary rushes back to tell Peter and John of her discovery. They raced to the tomb with the urgency Mary's report had stirred up. There are no heavenly messengers waiting there for them when they arrive, just the empty tomb and the burial cloths, with the head cloth rolled up in a separate place.

Is Mary correct? Have thieves stolen the body? But if they had, why would they roll up the head cloth; were they just very neat thieves? Mary can't be right, it wasn't an act of theft done by neat robbers. Something else has happened. It is the beloved disciple who sees what Peter and Mary saw, but believes. The story definitely tilts in favour of this disciple. He doesn't understand what happened, but he believes. Later, the other disciples will come to believe when they encounter the risen Christ. But it is unusual in the Gospels for a person to believe without such evidence. We are like the beloved disciple. We have Jesus' empty tomb in Jerusalem, and we believe.

Later, John, with the other disciples, will encounter the risen Christ. Then they will come to understand the Scriptures about Jesus' suffering and rising from the dead. Maybe that is how we come to see the risen Christ. Without seeing him we believe Christ is alive and with us. We meet him when we worship with others who are witnesses to his life; we have our eyes opened to the risen Christ when the words of Scripture touch our hearts; we come to know him in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. We also meet him where he has told us he can be found -- in the needy, outcast, stranger, imprisoned, exiled and abused. Not scientific proof to be sure, but to us beloved disciples, who come to pray together, we are given the sight that feeds our faith and reassures us that Christ is risen indeed!

The Resurrection is not a miracle like any other. It is a unique manifestation within this world of the transition God makes for us out of this way of being into another. From summer desert heat to crisp winter new vision.

Padre



Parish News and Happenings

- **FAREWELL FOR JIM LITTLEFIELD** - Next Sunday (8 April) 10am Mass, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, we will thank and farewell our Parish Manager, Jim Littlefield.

- **WE WELCOME** Mr Neil Segadhal as our new Parish Manager. Neil will commence in the parish on Wednesday 4 April.

- **WORLD LABYRINTH DAY** is a movement which encourages people from around the world to reflectively walk a labyrinth on the same day for world peace. Usually held on the first Saturday in May, the theme is *Walk as One @ 1*. That is, all walk together at 1pm in their local time. Because the weekend of 5/6 May is a busy one for our parish, we will host facilitated labyrinth walks in Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters on Sunday 29 April. Please join us after 10am Mass or after 5.30pm Mass as together we pray for peace in our troubled world. The Sunday night walk will be candle lit. To find out more about the labyrinth - www.veriditas.org or contact Sue Thomas sue@suethomas.net.au

- **YOUTH MASS** - Sunday 8 April. Theme: *Believe*. 5.30pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, followed by games, music and food. Musicians and singers wanted. Please meet at 4.30pm for practice.

- **REFLECTION MORNING** - Saturday 5 May. Theme: *Christ Consciousness and meditative prayer*. Presenters - James and Bernadette Stewart. 9.30am - 12.30pm, Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Dr, Clear Island Waters. Booking 5520 7242 or bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com

- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Gregory Terrace old boy chasing rugby gold at Commonwealth Games ... Honour roll of soldiers killed in World War I reinstated at memorial church in Brisbane.

- **SAFEGUARDING - IMPLEMENTATION**
Thank you to all for sending forms in. All correctly completed Blue Card forms have been submitted. There are a number of volunteer forms at the office where all signatures have not been provided or where ID has not been provided (Blue Card). We have phoned and left messages for many. If you have submitted a Blue Card form and have heard nothing by mid-April, please call in and check. Training dates are being arranged through the Pastoral Council with the Diocesan Office and will be announced soon. Enquiries Bren Milsom 0407 533048.

- **DATE CLAIMER - menALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND** - 8/9 September. For further details contact Chris Kennedy at christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au

- **MYSTAGOGIA RETREAT** - 10am - 4pm, Sunday 10 June, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. A day of prayer and reflection for adults who are recently baptised and adults newly received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Godparents, sponsors, catechists, RCIA Team members and parishioners are also invited to attend. Bring a plate to share for lunch, a pen, journal, hat and sunscreen. \$10 per participant. More information or to rsvp sue@suethomas.net.au

- **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP** - A pilgrimage prepared by the Sisters of St Joseph. 23 October - 3 November. Further details 02 89124818. national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Miami

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Arlee and Hendrix who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Norman James Hogan who has died in Christ. Let us remember his family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Margaret Crowe, Chris Curran, Colin Dahler, Graham Dall, Brian Deere, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Joseph Gardener, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Peter McMurray, John Mooney, June Newdick, Mary Nutter, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Bernadette Petersen, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Patrick McDonald, Anne-Marie McDonald, Clive and Necia Larney, Antonio Celesto, Susanna Celesto, deceased members of the Munday family.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

Monthly Parish Prayer (Easter)

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of thy brightness.

Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom.

All our desire is known unto thee,
therefore perfect what thou hast begun,
and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek thy face,
turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory.

Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.

(St Augustine, 354 - 430)

Read more at: http://www.faithandworship.com/early_Christian_prayers.htm#ixzz59CXTQCtj

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Liturgical Music for Easter Sunday

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Behold The Glory Of God

*Behold the glory of God, the Day-Star arising.
Christ Jesus shines on the earth,
with mercy enduring.*

Dance for joy all you angels of God,
let the pow'rs of heav'n exult.
All creation, join now in song: "Salvation is won!"

Let the earth in its beauty rejoice,
radiant as the morning sky.
Chains of death lie shattered this day.
Christ's vict'ry complete.

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Sprinkling of the Assembly:

Baptised In Water

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm:

*This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation!*

I thank you, your love is eternal.
You have given me life. You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

The stone which the builders rejected
is the cornerstone, is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

You opened the gates of heaven.
You have given me life. You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

One Bread, One Body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

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Thanksgiving:

Alleluia No 1

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grace, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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