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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm  
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am  
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mondays 9:10am Communion service  
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any  
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an  
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

**BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on  
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

**MARRIAGES** By appointment at least 6 months notice.

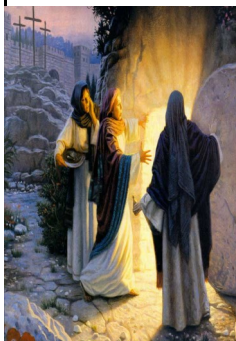
## Thought of the Week

"Do not abandon yourselves to  
despair. We are the Easter people and  
hallelujah is our song."  
- Pope John Paul II

## Easter Sunday/B RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 31ST MARCH 2024

### Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.



Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

### I wish to thank all volunteers -

- ✦ who assisted in preparing for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Triduum.
- ✦ who helped/donated in the last weekend's mini fundraising.

Your help has been greatly appreciated

**Happy Easter!**

Fr Danai  
Pastor

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Check Group Allocation and Collection of workbooks & bibles next weekend. Sessions will commence on the 6th May until the 8th June.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

**Congratulations to** Peter Nguyen Tran and Ngoc Tran Ngo who will receive their Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email [admin@mibp.org.au](mailto:admin@mibp.org.au).

#### We pray for...

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depratro, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Marando, Rodolfo Hernandez **Other deceased including:** Emmanuel Attard, Joseph Fenech, Pasqualino Verduci, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Manea, Joseph & Vincenza Debono, MariaTeresa Badolato, Anita Wilson, Rhonda Fleming, Maria & Giuseppina, Angelina Piredda, Maria Rosaria Saliba, Giuseppe Gasparre, Vincenzo & Giovannina Vaccaro, Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Dithavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttill, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Anelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

**Other Intentions :** Maria Bugge , Vivian & family, Mario, Charles family

**Thanksgiving :** St Anthony, St Jude & St Rita

**Funeral Mass** at 10:30am of Bonifacia Portes on 5 April with viewing at 10am



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday 1st April</b>	<b>9:10am Communion Service</b> <b>10:00am Praise &amp; Worship (Italian)</b> followed by a Mass
<b>Tuesday 2 April</b>	<b>9:10am Communion Service</b> <b>4:30pm Legion of Mary</b> <b>7:00pm Praise &amp; Worship (English)</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd April</b>	<b>9:10am Communion Service</b> <b>9:40am Rosary</b> <b>3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Thursday 4th April</b>	<b>9:10am Communion Service</b> Followed by adoration for an hour.
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	<b>9:10am Mass—Anointing</b> <b>10:00am Bonifacio Portes viewing</b> followed by funeral Mass at 10:30am <b>7:30pm Healing Mass—JHPGroup</b> <b>7:30pm Rosary—Disciples</b>
<b>Saturday 6th April</b>	<b>9:00am Legion of Mary Rosary</b> <b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>11:30am 50th Wedding Anniv Mass</b> <b>6:00pm Vigil Mass—Carmelites</b> Check Group Alloc, Coll of WB & bible
<b>Sunday 7th April</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>8:00am Mass—Carmelites</b> <b>10:00am Mass—Carmelites</b> <b>6:00pm Mass— Fr Liam Duong</b> Check Group Alloc, Coll of WB & bible



### Celebrating Community

Happy Birthday Fr Danai!

Congratulations to Deacon

Mervyn on his Ordination

Anniversary!



**WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**  
Elizabeth Wilson and Zahra Ayad who will be baptised this weekend.

Congratulations to Dylan & Bianca Craus & Rebecca Selth will be receiving their Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation and Natalie Ruisi who will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

## Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Alleluia!**

Easter stands at the pinnacle of the Church's liturgical year, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a cornerstone of faith promising redemption and eternal life to humanity.

At the heart of this jubilant time is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord, which also begins the Easter Octave—eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.

The Octave of Easter is an extended season of joy, underscoring the central truth of Christian faith: Christ's victory over death and sin. Throughout this time, the scriptures resonate with Easter's hopeful and renewing message, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday—a special day highlights God's endless mercy and love.

What we need to remember is that Easter and the ensuing Octave are not just remembrances of a past event but are invitations into a more profound, personal encounter with the Risen Christ today. This season ushers in a time of new beginnings and divine grace, offering a pathway to spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the essence of our faith.

### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS!

I wish to thank everyone (volunteers, liturgical ministers, musicians & singers) who assisted me in preparing for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Triduum. Your help has been greatly appreciated and has ensured that all our liturgical celebrations were prayerful and meaningful. May God bless you and your families at this most holy time. HAPPY EASTER!

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

### Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

**APRIL: For the Role of Women**

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**6/7 April 2024**

	<b>Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 10am</b>	<b>Sun 6pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	B Borbe	C Aranda	B Ventura	T Seraglio
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	J Habelreeh	C La Delfa	R Williams	F Morandarte
<b>EMHC</b>	E Sadsad F DiMarco	Y Dawood A Maiuolo	E Ventrura	R Morandarte L Bykowski
<b>Data Proj/ Musician</b>	J Haddad	M Tran M Vargas	R Mannino Disciples	D Maymac
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M Bahno C Nastasi M&G Agopian J Bahbah		J Salameh A Banbekian	M Nicolaou
<b>Welcomers</b>	A Tomic G Mignemi		M Cannizzaro	M Hong G Mileto
<b>Piety Stall</b>	M La Rosa	G Smith	F Varrica	A Morandarte
<b>Counter:</b> Group 1  N&P Redoblado  M Dandan	<b>Altar Linen :</b>  A Trimboli	<b>Flowers :</b> M Sipina	<b>Cleaners :</b> S Andrijic N Tomic V Menzagopian D Siciliano S Orlando L Mignemi N Cannizzaro	

### Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Acts 10:34, 37-43</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Colossians 3:1-4</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 20:1-9</b>
<b>Next Weekend: 2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 4:32-35 1John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31</b>

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