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Happy Easter! Welcome to the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Welcome to your salvation! Welcome to the new life of being a part of God's very self. Welcome to sharing God's self through the Body and Blood of his Son.

Happy Easter!



How has your week been leading into this sad and difficult and joyous and wonderful celebration of the last three days of Jesus' life, death and resurrection?

Are you 'ok' with your Lenten observances? With the ways in which you have sought to once again enter into the life to which Jesus Christ calls us? I pray that they have led you to a little more openness of heart and mind and soul and a little more strength in living our faith.

Are you aware how much effort goes into preparing for each of the three main elements of the Easter celebrations? Each year I am amazed at how many different things need organising and how many people need to be involved.

Cleaning, flowers, setting up (or stripping) the altar, setting up an altar of repose, working through the details of each element to work out who is presiding, who are the lectors and commentators, who sets up the church, who prepares the paschal candle and the small individual candles, how many hosts do we need to consecrate at the Mass of the Last Supper so we have sufficient for the Passion on Friday, who stays late on Thursday to lock up, who are the altar servers and what are their duties, who will light the thurible and have the incense on hand, how high should the table be on which to place the gifts, do we have the crosses for veneration placed on tables or held by people and who does the holding, what parts do we want to use in proclaiming the Passion on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday, which set of Stations of the Cross do we want to use, who are the supply priests to cover the Masses Fr Charles cannot be present for, and the list goes on and on?

Thank you to everyone who helps makes this important season happen so beautifully.

If we think back to these days as Jesus lived them it was complicated back then too and needed lots of people to contribute. Disciples to get the colt for Jesus to ride on; 'someone' to make the upper room available; people to prepare the food for the Passover meal (quite a major task in itself); disciples to get the final preparations ready for the meal; servants to be present. Those are some of the things from Jesus' side. Then there is the 'other side' – the side that is seeking to condemn Jesus: there were soldiers and servants and elders and lots of others preparing for the trial of Jesus, it didn't just happen.

It is important to recognise this reality of massive human participation in God's work. In sending his Son to save us God wants to come close to us, to walk with us, to have us be a part of the work of salvation: to do anything else would be to deny our being created in God's image and would deny us our freedom to be fully human and to choose to follow God's call.

Thank you and thank you again to everyone who has helped prepare for these three days leading us into the resurrection so beautifully.

I pray you will be able to enter ever more deeply into the love that God brings us at Easter.

God bless, Father Charles

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Easter Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation in the Church Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Friday	9.14am	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism Presentation @ 10.00am)



Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Nadia Bolzonello, Tiziana D'Costa,
Liza Jansz, Rebecca Sandwell and
Fr Charles Balnaves wish you peace,
joy and good health. May Easter
2022 overflow with hope and
wonder for each one of us.

For Reflection... Lent is over and the Easter season of joy and celebration has begun.
How will you keep this season? "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?"
How is God calling you to embrace the Good News of the new life of the Resurrection?
Is the basic feeling in the Gospel:

a) confusion?

b) hope?

c) uncertainty?

d) joy?

*Thank
You*

One thing that doesn't change in our parish is the amount of thought, work and preparation for the most important week of the Christian year. Our collective, heartfelt thanks goes out to all the amazing efforts to properly prepare our major ceremonies. Thanks be to God for your mammoth efforts and the willingness of so many of you to co-operate and co-ordinate. (Fr Charles)



Easter Sunday 17 April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

LITURGYROSTER

Second Sunday of Easter – 23rd/24th April 2022

1st Read: Acts 5: 12-16 2nd Read: Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Vianney Shiel	Tony Whelan Raffaella Dinelli

We pray for Better Health: Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson, Jan Dalton, Ella Dunn, Richard Ryan and Kim Bedford.

Anniversaries: Esther Ronay, Paolo Mazzetti, Patricia Mary Tan and Pauline Maloney

Recently Deceased:

SYMBOLS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Wood for the Fire The celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night begins with an Easter fire outside the Church. This wood will be used in the fire. Fire is a symbol of the powerful presence of God – the light burning in the midst of our darkness.

The Easter Candle The flame for our Easter Candle will be lit from the fire. The flame of the candle will remind us that Christ, the light of the world, has risen from the dead and has shattered our darkness. Our own small candles will be lit from this great candle. At our Baptism we were presented with a candle and were invited to keep the light of Christ burning brightly.

Jug of water The water in the jug will be blessed at the Easter Vigil as our water of baptism. The whole community will be sprinkled with this water as a sign of our own Baptism. It symbolises the water of the Red Sea through which God's people escaped from slavery to freedom.

In addition to all of the above, let us not forget the Word of God, Bread, Wine, simple table and people.

The next batch of Thanksgiving Envelopes are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please make sure you collect yours before leaving today.

A special 'thank you' to Peter Norman who diligently organises these envelopes.

If you would prefer to contribute electronically, please see the link in our website entitled "St Kevin's Secure CDF Pay" and simply follow the prompts.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 24th April @ 2.00pm

Ss Peter and Paul's Doncaster East

You are warmly invited to a special Divine Mercy Sunday devotion at Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East, on Sunday 24th April 2022.

The service begins with rosary at 2.00pm followed by confession, adoration and special Mass.

Fr Charles Balnaves will join Fr Jerald Mariadas in hearing confessions on the day. The primary focus of this devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

For information on our Parish
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St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Happy Easter!



Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Alleluia, let the Spirit be fully alive in us.

EASTER SUNDAY

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.'

Second Reading

[Col 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.



Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements All of us who participate in parish life, helping with any ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please check with the parish office to ensure your records are up-to-date and that all documentation has been submitted. We are needing to care for our children in today's world and must follow Archdiocesan directives.

