



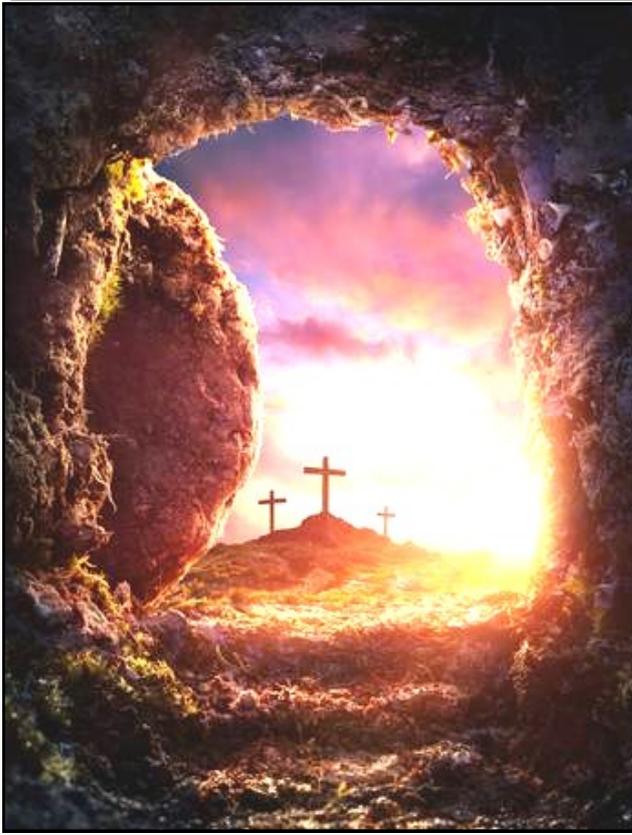
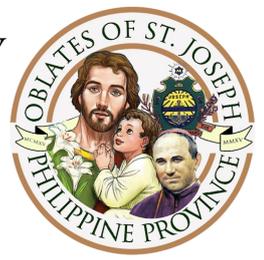
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EASTER SUNDAY, Year B

Sunday 4 April 2021

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



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Sunday, 4 April 2021

First Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:
**This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
**Christ has become our paschal
 sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the
 Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel:
John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon:
**Christ our Passover has been
 sacrificed, alleluia;
 therefore let us keep the feast with
 the unleavened bread of purity and
 truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

A New Day has Dawned

Our Easter celebration has begun! Happy Easter! In many parts of the world, Easter comes in spring. It's the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees, transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways. The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die, and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring.

The cold winter would be deeply depressing if it were to remain forever. Just imagine if scientists were to tell us that the forthcoming winter was a unique one in that it would now remain forever. Never again would we see the warmth of spring or summer. Never again would we see the insects, plants and leaves on the trees. What a hopeless situation that would be!

But God speaks to us in many and varied ways, and one such way is through the cycle of nature. New life is certain! The warmth will return after the winter freeze, nature will rise and the earth will sing again.

If the Father in Heaven is so diligent about caring for the natural creation, how much more does He care for the recreation of humanity? How much more would He have cared for the Resurrection of His own divine Son? How much more does He care for our entrance into the new life won for each of us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?!

Allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. To rise with Him means you are to become a new creation.

Reflect, today, upon the line from the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." The "day" we rejoice in is the new life God wants to bestow upon your soul here and now. It's a new day, a glorious one, a transformed one, a resurrected one. New life must begin now and must become continually new and glorious as we journey deeper and deeper into the glory of the Resurrection. Ponder this "new day" and allow our Lord to bestow it upon you through the power of His glorious Resurrection from the dead.



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for everyone at home and around the world who have been affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first

responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make.

We pray for the special intentions:

Lillian Pauley, Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Robert Main, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Victor Cruz, Zoe Whittingstall, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

Anniversary of Death for this Month: Brian Burns, Manuel Lamaton Snr, Tomas Lavadia, Maria Alesna

Recent Death: John Donegan, Hilary Keenan

ROSARY STATUES: *Pilgrim Statue*
Salve Pascoe

Filipino Statue
Daisy Alegria

Our PARISH OFFICE is now OPEN

Our Parish Office will be opened ONLY on Friday from 9am until 12noon.
During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: **(08) 9841 1129**

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

PARISH FINANCE

Your donation can make a big difference.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms
are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection: \$1,232.00
2nd Collection: \$1,280.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$47.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

Easter Offerings

Please support our priests by making a special offering using the Easter Offering envelopes available in the pews and foyer of the Church.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 11 APRIL 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Apostles 4: 32-35

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

John 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me; happy those who
have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20: 19-31

Rosters

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb

Readers: Jan Fisher, Mark Browning

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly

Readers: Anne Letter, Mike Trafalski

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Alfred Galang

Readers: Colleen Purdon, Ruth Coffey

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta

Readers: Ana Pauley, Vicki Byrne

Easter Blessings to All

Fr Chris and Fr Joeff welcome everyone to this great celebration of Easter. Thank you for joining us today and may the renewed hope given this Easter, remain with you always! A special thank you to all those who have, in any way, contributed to the ceremonies during Holy Week. May God reward and bless you for your generosity. *God Bless and a Happy Easter!*

Praying the richest blessings for the Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

OSJ Mission Appeal

Thank you for your support of the OSJ Mission Appeal, as \$1,200.00 was raised to assist our Seminarians. Your assistance is truly appreciated.



St Joseph's Church Ablution Block

A special thank you to all those who have contributed towards the upgrade of the ablution block at St Joseph's Church. The overwhelming total of \$24,385.00 has been raised so far with fundraising still continuing.

Wood-Men's Retreat

Saturday 10 April - Sunday 11 April

All men in our parish community are invited to join an overnight camping trip in Tambellup. Time will be spent bonding whilst collecting wood to be raffled and sold for fundraising for the parish. The main purpose of the weekend however, is to offer men the chance to gather together, enjoying a BBQ and liquid refreshments. It is a great opportunity for community building, please join us. For further information, please speak with Fr Chris or Peter Yuswak:0437 844 721 Julian Letter:0427 258 230

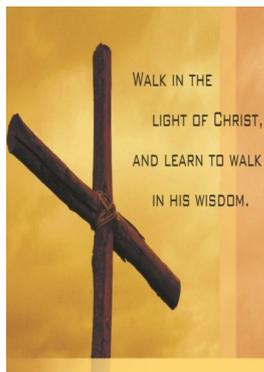


An Invitation to Learn More About Our Church

Anyone interested in learning more of the basic Beliefs, Practices, Social Justice policy or History of the Roman Catholic Church is invited to join a group who have begun meeting once a fortnight.

Questioning and discussion is encouraged.

For further information please contact Anne Smith: 0478 616 137



Bishop Gerard's 2021 Easter Message

Why Jesus came

The Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that we should be people of hope. The hundreds who saw the Risen Christ recognised him as divine as well as human.¹

Earlier, Jesus had taught he came to share his divine life with us: 'I came that they may have life and have it to the full'.²

He taught that we receive this life through Baptism.³ This is why we celebrate Baptism each year at Easter.

The need to nurture 'to the full'

Jesus taught too the need to nurture this life so that we can experience it 'to the full'. Then the power of the divine life grows within us and is revealed increasingly through our human behaviour.

He taught, for example, 'If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.'⁴ 'Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has eternal life'. Many baptised do not experience growth in the divine life because they suffer Eucharistic malnutrition.

As the divine life grows in us, we are empowered increasingly to rise above the division in human nature; to rise above weaknesses and sinfulness, to behave in more Christ-like ways. Imagine our relationships and society if all could rise above selfishness to love like Christ; to rise above self centredness to live Christ-like compassion.

The peace only Christ can give

Christ's Last Supper promise was to give his followers peace, 'my own peace I give you, not a peace the world can give.'⁵ How different would our lives and society be if all were growing in this peace instead of suffering inner division?

¹ 1 Corinthians 15:5-7

² John 10:10

³ John 3:5

⁴ John 6:53-55

⁵ John 14:2

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How different would they be if we were freed gradually of desires weakening our consciences; emotional stresses causing sleepless nights; feelings controlling our thinking; temptations to sin conquering desires to love and to do good.

As Jesus' Resurrection revealed his divine life, growth in the peace he alone can give follows the personal 'resurrections' his power makes possible: as we 'rise' above temptations, human failings and weaknesses, and vices.

The path to accepting Christ's peace

For this, of course, we need actually to choose the path of divine life. We need to reject all in our lives that is not God's will. Jesus warned that, unless we make this choice, we will remain in the thrall of divided human nature. ⁶

Let us renew our efforts

Let us renew our efforts to grow in Easter peace by looking into the eyes of Jesus on the cross and renewing our commitment to accept the daily crosses which come from resisting inclinations caused by divided human nature. Let us commit ourselves to following Jesus by striving each day to live as God calls.

Then we will grow in the peace Christ gives, not just psychological 'wellbeing', and the hope his Resurrection brings.

Happy Easter to you all.

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan
Bishop of Bunbury

⁶ John 12:25

Bishop Gerard's Easter Message is available in its entirety in the foyer of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

CONTACT REGISTER

Places of Worship have now been given an exemption from the 2 square metre ruling and allowed to have 60% capacity in attendance. However, to assist with COVID-19 Contact Tracing the WA Government has stipulated we must maintain a **Mandatory Contact Register**. There are 2 options available to register your contact details each time you attend church.

Option 1: Write your name and phone number on the Contact Register in the foyer of the church.

Option 2: Download the SafeWA app on your phone and scan the QR code which is on the posters displayed.

I ask everyone to please still strictly observe the following protocols:

- **Please sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- Sanitising wipes are available for you to use to wipe over your seat.
- **MASS COLLECTION:** A collector will use a basket on a stick to refrain from passing the basket. In **St Joseph's Church**, we will only have one collection so you may include your Planned Giving Envelopes with the first. At **Holy Family Church**, we will still have the two collections.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

OUR TIMETABLE DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 9:00am Mass

Friday: 12:00noon Mass

First Friday of the month: Healing Mass

Daily Devotions

Mon, Wed and Thurs: 8:30am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday: 8:30am ROSARY

**Friday: 10:00am Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Chaplet before the Mass**

Saturday: 9:45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Thursday of the month: 6:00pm Holy Hour

Third Sunday of the month: 3:00pm Benediction and Rosary

St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church

Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 5:00pm

STATION MASSES

Gnowangerup

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:30am

Bremer Bay

3rd Sunday: 9:30am

Ongerup

2nd Sunday: 11:30am