



The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner

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EASTER SUNDAY YR A.—April 12, 2020

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Easter Greetings!

The story is told of a child who began to read the Gospels. Like thousands before her she quickly became charmed by Jesus. Suddenly, she ran out of her room crying hysterically. She ran into the arms of her alarmed mother. She cried: "They killed him. They killed him." Her mother comforted her and then whispered to her, "now go back and finish the story.....!"

Unlike that child, we know the rest of the story. Our hearts rejoice as we hear how the story finished — not with defeat and death, but with victory and new life.

"Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here....." [Mt:28:1-7] 'They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised up on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.....'[Acts. 10:34-43].

No wonder the Church exults in the opening words of the Easter Proclamation which we hear during the Easter Vigil: "Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ our King, is risen!" The Easter Good News is, in fact, the core or centre of the Gospel: Jesus Christ has died and now lives! His "love to the end", in the end has triumphed. That love is continuing on; today we proclaim that Christ is the Risen Lord, and, therefore, His love remains to the end of time into eternity.

Let us promise our Risen Saviour and Lord that we will follow Him, our Light and our Life, and invite others to come to Him by the witness of our lives — our family, our neighbours, our co-workers, our friends — everyone we meet!

With Christ the Risen One, let us make all things new — with the joy and hope He gives! With Christ the Risen One, Let us be Easter People! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I wish you all the Blessings of the Easter! May The Risen Lord shower His Blessings on all of us!

Humour: A Sunday school teacher told her 3rd graders about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing the opening. To share the excitement of the Resurrection, she asked: "And what do you think were Jesus' first words when He came bursting out of that tomb? A little girls hand shot up into the air. She leaped out of her chair shouting excitedly "I know, I know!" "Good" said the teacher, "Tell us, what were Jesus' first words?"

Recently Deceased: Theresa Cammilleri, Saverio Muscia, Livio D'Ambrosio, Vincenzo David
Anniversaries: Aniceta Esmaquel, Eufrosina, Galdo, Giulio Butera, Angelina Markis, Camillo Lamonaca, Nolasco Arabit Snr

Please pray for the Sick : Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela, Natalina, Daniella, Christian, Leigh., John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:
In the Footsteps of Jesus
IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with
optional Egypt Tour.
October 16-27 2020
Chaplain Rev Fr Florentino
(Boy) Galdo with Biblical
Catholic guide \$5640 per person
twin share.
\$1699 Egypt. Extra.
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**As you are aware all
Mass and church
celebrations have
been suspended
due to the Corona
Virus outbreak.**
**Therefore during this
time the Parish
Bulletin will not be
printed.**
**Please continue your
prayers privately and
have a spiritual
Communion.**
**Thank You and may
God Bless Us All**

**POPE FRANCIS ~
TWITTER**
Let's think of the
little Judas that we
all have within
ourselves. Every one
of us is capable of
choosing between
loyalty and
self-interest.
We are each capable
of betraying, of
selling, of making
choices based on our
own interests. Where
are you, Judas?

PRAYERS IN TIME OF A PANDEMIC.— The early Christians prayed in the church of the home. Once more in troubled times when public worship has to be restricted we are called to pray in "the cosmetic church", always aware of the promise of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."Matt: 18:20
In this challenging time: Lord Jesus Christ our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous Peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolate. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever Amen.

St Matthew's daily mass is live streamed on **Facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206102420820791/> or search for "Mass at St. Matthew's Fawkner North, Melbourne" on Facebook.**

Links to the recording of the Masses are also available on the Parish website : <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/Mass> times are as usual.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.