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April 9 – Easter Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Easter 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'

Friends,

Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus recognises us personally; he invites us to peace; and he sends us out. The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name. Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life. Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace. Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.

Mary: Go and tell the others.

Peter: Go and feed my sheep.

Friends: Go and make disciples.

Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.

These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.

The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.

The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.

So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.

Happy Easter to you.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Domenica di Pasque—Risurrezione del Signore (Anno A)

Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro? Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti.

"Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si risolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? Io credo che la vita ci abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio.

(LaChiesa)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Lori, Catarina Calvi, Aiden Agius

Upcoming funerals: Nicola Cirillo, Wednesday, 12th April at 11.00 am.

Recently deceased: Nicola Cirillo, Laura Bettiol, Angela Leggio (Italy), Joseph Feain, Timothy Meaney, Anna Sicilia, Rocco Brigante, Maylene Palma, Arcangela Guida (Italy)

Anniversaries: John Thanh, Gaetano, Rosaria, and, Giovanni Caruso, Salvatore Ragusa, Salvatore, Sebastiana, Antonio, and, Elisabetta Santisi, Arcangela Guida (Italy), Giovanni Cilia, Leondino Palmarella, Enrique Manalo, Peppino and Bellina Butera, Guiliana Daviero, Francesco Andricciola, Maria and Camillo Lamonaca, Maria Lanci, Mary Robinson, Giuseppe Cavalli, Angelina "Julie" Pace

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (April 15)

Lectors: Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George ; Sunday 9.00 am: L. Iaria ; 10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

Project Compassion

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