

STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

21 April, 2019



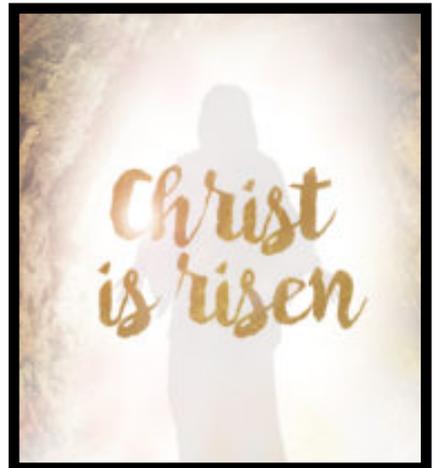
EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR C

An extract from Pope Francis' Homily at the Easter Vigil last night (20 April, 2019)

At times, it seems that everything comes up against a stone: the beauty of creation against the tragedy of sin; liberation from slavery against infidelity to the covenant; the promises of the prophets against the listless indifference of the people. So too, in the history of the Church and in our own personal history. It seems that the steps we take never take us to the goal. We can be tempted to think that dashed hope is the bleak law of life.

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the "living stone" (cf. 1 Pet 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, he comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment. Each of us is called tonight to rediscover in the Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones. So let us first ask: *What is the stone that I need to remove, what is its name?*

Often what blocks hope is *the stone of discouragement*. Once we start thinking that everything is going badly and that things can't get worse, we lose heart and come to believe that death is stronger than life. We become cynical, negative and despondent. Stone upon stone, we build within ourselves a monument to our own dissatisfaction: *the sepulcher of hope*. Life becomes a succession of complaints and we grow sick in spirit. A kind of *tomb psychology* takes over: everything ends there, with no hope of emerging alive. But at that moment, we hear once more the insistent question of Easter: *Why do you seek the living among the dead?* The Lord is not to be found in resignation. He is risen; he is not there. Don't seek him where you will never find him: he is not the God of the dead but of the living (cf. Mk 22:32). Do not bury hope!



**SAVE
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**STS PETER
& PAUL'S
FEAST
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FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY
30TH
JUNE**

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Mon - Fri: 8am | Saturday: 10am

Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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Secretary Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am - 3pm

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:
 Sr. Annunciata Fcj, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr. Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressa, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxas, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James, Burnes, James Watkins, Bonnie Breen, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Mary Quirke, Ilse Miranda, Neil Baker, Helen Keighery, Alison Fraser, Tony Bailey, Steven Wallace., Elaine Wallace, Richard Grant.

EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading – Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter's personal testimony about the Resurrection; God has chosen special men as witnesses of the Risen Christ and their task is to spread the Good News.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; His right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount His deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

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

2nd Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

Through our baptism we share constantly and closely with the life of Christ. Our lives should be in keeping with the dignity this bestows on us.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Gospel – John 20:1-9

First to come to the tomb, Mary Magdalene finds it empty. She was chosen to be the first messenger of the good news of Christ's Resurrection.

Next week's readings: 1 Acts 4:32-35
 2 I John 5:1-6
 Gospel John 20:19-31

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, clergy and religious that their pastoral care of souls they may be assisted by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, we pray for Christ's church, that we may have a living faith in His Resurrection.

Lord, we pray for the newly baptized, that they may be faithful to Christ.

Lord, we pray for all who are returning to Christ, for the courage to live a new life.

Lord, as we celebrate your Resurrection, help us to remember those people in our community who are in need of our care and support.

Lord, we remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Zoran Romic, Fr Neale Wilson, Fr Gerry Briglia, Jock Sinclair, Ellen Kennedy, Gladys Browhill, Thelma and Jim Rodda, Eileen and Percy Dunn, Val Dunn, Patricia Ryan, Mabel and David Dewar, Irena Sibley, Dianne South, Terence Rahill, Stuart Rahill**

Collections: April 13/14, 2019

1st Collection: \$1544

2nd Collection: \$1345

Feb online thanksgiving: \$785

Mar online thanksgiving: \$1669

1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection goes to the running costs of the Parish.

	READERS	E.M.E	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 20	Easter Vigil			Doris
Sun 21	Gerrie/Carmel	Carmel & Doris	Bill & Carol	
Sat 27	Angela			Vinolia & Hanh
Sun 28	Janet & Eileen	Doris & Mario	Margaret & Eileen	