

WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE

On this great Easter day, when we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the Church puts before us the very early preaching of the apostles. From the Book of Acts, we hear Peter proclaiming the very core of our faith: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

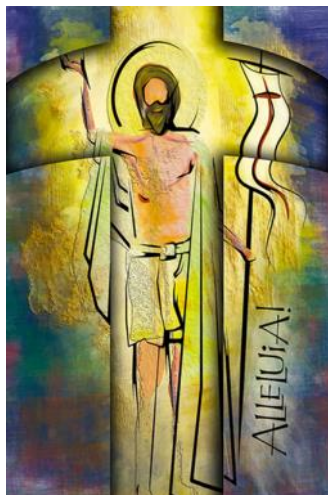
Peter summarises Jesus's ministry: he "went about doing good." Peter recalls his death and resurrection: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and allowed him to be seen." But only to certain witnesses, Peter explains; it was "to us . . . who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Peter concludes, "Jesus commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God ... and that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

St Paul also cuts to the core in his letter to the Colossians, highlighting the ramifications for those who believe: "Seek what is above. . . not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Paul stresses that Jesus' death and resurrection makes a radical difference to us and to how we live our lives. We are called "to live a new life".

The gospel then takes us back to the world-changing experience on that first Easter morning: Mary Magdalene had gone to the tomb, only to find it empty, the body gone. Where was he? Was the body stolen? Confused, she ran to tell Peter who then, accompanied by another disciple ("the one whom Jesus loved"), ran to the tomb. They find that the tomb is indeed empty. But the disciple whom Jesus loved gets it! No need for further evidence for him: he believes, there and then, that Jesus had risen from the dead.

For Peter and for Mary Magdalen, that faith would come with meeting the risen Lord face to face, seeing him with their own eyes. So too for Thomas, who refused to believe until he too saw and indeed touched the risen Lord. Blessed are those who, like the beloved disciple on that first morning, do not see but believe, Jesus tells Thomas. So it is for us, who believe – even if sometimes shakily – that he did indeed rise from the dead and that he is our Lord and God, the Christ, our Saviour.

His resurrection changes everything. It affects the way we live our lives, what we value, what we work for, the choices we make, the way we face death, and the unswerving hope that is in us. That is what makes us an Easter people.



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12th April, 2020

Easter Sunday

Year A

Today's Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

19th April, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

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Sunday Bulletin

Temporary Church Closure

The Federal Government has ordered the closure of all churches to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus. All private prayer, all prayer groups in the Church and all Masses are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Baptisms and confirmations are postponed except in the case of emergencies.

Weddings and funerals are allowed under strict conditions, as is Anointing of the Sick. Individual confession is still available by appointment, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Our parish office remains open from 9am-1.30pm Tuesday-Friday for now, and can be reached by phone on 9398 2331 or by email at secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

The Archdiocese will be offering various suggestions and resources via their webpage www.perthcatholic.org.au or visit <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au> directly for a series of prayer and worship resources for individuals and families to use.

Fr Philip is inviting you to the following scheduled ZOOM liturgical events for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum that will be live-streamed. You may first need to get the Zoom App which is free to download. Click the 'Join Zoom Meeting' link, then enter the password for the various liturgies below about 5 minutes before the scheduled start.

Holy Thursday Mass 9th April, 7.00pm Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/708543354?pwd=ZHZmamQ3R3pyWFFwNDhTRjRLR003QT09>

Password: 030968

Good Friday Stations 10th April, 10.00am Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/456215132?pwd=WmI3b0dHVXJXK1hLYmYrY2hHQVNndz09>

Password: 013605

Good Friday Service 10th April, 3.00pm Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/305478021?pwd=Wm83d0oydEpFMG9GR243dIIWa0VLQT09>

Password: 019186

Easter Vigil Mass 11th April, 7.00pm Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/680741242?pwd=S1JFYVpocmx0cTIYMTM1S1BhSk1SUT09>

Password: 029859

Archbishop Costelloe SDB will be live-streaming the ceremonies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. You are invited to use the links and online platforms below:

Holy Thursday 9th April – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper commencing at 7.00pm

Good Friday 10th April – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord commencing at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 11th April – Easter Vigil Mass commencing at 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday Mass commencing at 11.00am

- Archdiocesan Website: www.perthcatholic.org.au
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/perthcatholic

Archbishop Costelloe's Easter Message and each of his homilies will be individually available on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, and have been AUSLAN captioned.

Easter at Home Without the Internet

You may know a number of people who do not have access to the internet. Please pass the following information to as many as possible. In this way we can all support each other in faith, giving moral support to each other at this challenging time.

Channel 7 will be live-streaming the following from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney:

- o Celebration of the Passion of the Lord commencing at 3.00pm (AEST) / 1.00pm (AWST)
- o Easter Sunday Mass commencing at 10.30am (AEST) / 8.30am (AWST)

Channel 10: 'Mass for You At Home' commencing at 6.00am (AWST) on Sunday 12th April

Please visit our website for more information and your latest copy of the bulletin at www.gosnellsparish.org.au

If you know of anyone that does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, there will be copies available in the parish center foyer for collection during office hours.

It is important that whilst there is no Mass, we remain faithful to our faith in God. Please keep Sunday holy by reading the Scripture Readings for the day and/or praying the Rosary or any other devotion or prayers. We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary in your homes on Sundays at 9.00am. In this way we can be united spiritually in prayer even though we may not be physically together.



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WISHING ALL A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER

May the redemption won for us by Christ, bring reconciliation in our relationships, God's peace in our lives and joy in all that we do.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Fr Michael Slattery

Death Anniversary

Gordon Basso, Elizabeth Jordan,
Daphne Osborne, Elizabeth Straw

Our Sick

Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal,
Zee Pereira, John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,
Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne,
Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas

Feast Days this Week

Apr 13	Mon	Easter Monday, Pope St Martin 1
14	Tue	Easter Tuesday
15	Wed	Easter Wednesday
16	Thu	Easter Thursday, St Bernadette Soubirous
17	Fri	Easter Friday, St Donan
18	Sat	Easter Saturday, St Laserian

Project Compassion 2020 Archdiocese Of Perth Parish Donations During COVID-19 Restrictions

DONATION METHOD	ACTION REQUIRED
Weekly Project Compassion envelope or donation box	If by cash, either deliver to your parish office or deposit at an NAB branch (see Caritas Australia's banking details below) If by credit card or cheque, either deliver to your parish office or mail to Caritas' Highgate office (see address below)
Project Compassion website	If by credit card: https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank
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Phone	Caritas' Highgate office, Monday to Friday - (08) 9422 7925 Caritas' National Office - 1800 024 413
Mail	If by cheque or credit card: Caritas Australia, 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE, WA, 6003
In person	If by cash, credit card or cheque: Leave at reception, Catholic Pastoral Centre (CPC), 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE WA, Monday to Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm, subject to CPC remaining open during COVID-19 emergency.

"My heartfelt thanks to all in your parish community for your continuing help with Project Compassion. Your help for those who most need our help in these difficult times is greatly appreciated. May we all keep safe, and may the love of God in Jesus Christ enfold us." Paul

Deacon Paul Reid, Diocesan Director – Archdiocese of Perth, Community Participation Leader – Western Region/ WA & NT

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St Perpetua and St Felicity (d 203) martyrs

Feast Day: March 7

The martyrdom of Sts Perpetua and Felicity is one of the most moving stories that followed the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus. Perpetua was a noble young woman of twenty-two, the mother of a young child. Felicity was her servant, expecting a child to whom she gave birth in her imprisonment. Both were preparing for their baptism when they were arrested and confined to prison. Perpetua's father, a pagan, urged his daughter to turn away from her faith and go free. Pointing to one of the household utensils, she said to him, "Do you see this vase, father? Can it be anything else? Neither can I ever be anything but a Christian."

Perpetua describes in her diary her first day in prison: "I never knew such darkness. What a day of horror. Terrible heat. Rough treatment from the soldiers. And I was so anxious for my baby! Finally, we were able to get a place in a better part of the prison and I was able to nurse my baby who was hungry."

In a dream she saw a great golden ladder reaching up to heaven, and after being assured she could climb up to the top, she saw a tall shepherd surrounded by thousands in white robes. The shepherd said to her, "Welcome child!" Strengthened by her vision, Perpetua refused to renounce her faith when she was brought before her Roman judge.

Perpetua and Felicity were condemned to die in the arena, consumed by wild beasts before a cheering crowd. During their imprisonment, they so impressed the officer in charge of the prison that he became a Christian, too. Their infants were taken care of by some Christian families, and the two young women walked calmly into the noisy amphitheatre. Leopards, wild boars, and bears attacked but they seemed to escape them unharmed. Calling out to some Christians who were looking on, Perpetua said, "Stand up for your faith and love one another. Don't let our sufferings frighten you." Finally, they were killed by the swords of gladiators. It was March 7, 203.

Taken from 'The Book of Saints'

Parish Security

Parishioners who have parish keys are asked to confirm that they are still holding the key that was allotted to them. Please phone or email the Parish Secretary, quoting the 'K' number that is on your key. Thanks to those who have already complied.



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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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