

NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

Popular fiction is replete with doomsday stories depicting seers and prophets predicting the end of the world. In such stories, the end comes courtesy of an alien invasion, an ecological disaster, a meteorite collision, or a zombie apocalypse.

The gospel story today is similarly apocalyptic in its outlook, although there are no aliens or zombies at the empty tomb. And there is no doomsaying involved.

The Matthean version of Jesus' resurrection is replete with all the trappings of a world-ending apocalypse – earthquakes, radiant angels descending from heaven, and temple police paralysed with fear. Similar portents attended the death of Jesus in Matthew, with thunder, lightning and earth-shaking storms, the dead rising from their tombs and Roman centurions quaking in awe.

The events of Easter Sunday (as it has come to be known) are at the heart of the Gospel story, and rightly so. Up until his resurrection, Jesus may have appeared to most as a simple sage or street preacher, at best, a prophet. And like many such prophets before him, he met his death at the hands of those whom he criticised. Tragic! But far from uncommon in Jesus' world. On that first Easter Sunday morning, however, his emergence from the empty tomb was seen as something earth-shatteringly new.

Such was the extraordinary nature of the encounter with Jesus redivivus, that his disciples could only describe their experience in terms that had previously been associated with end-of-world scenarios. Resurrection is not simply resuscitation. Those saints who rose from their tombs at Jesus' death were merely resuscitated – much like Lazarus in John's Gospel.

The risen Jesus was an entirely new order of being. Not resuscitated or reborn, but re-created as part of a now-and-future reality when God would remake all creation.

Paul, writing decades before Matthew's Gospel, indicates that these initial witnesses saw Jesus' resurrection as the first fruit of the anticipated end-time event of the general resurrection of the dead (1 Co 6:14; 15:12-23; 1 Th 4:13-18; Rm 8:11; cf. Lk 14:14) – a portent of the future reign of God upon the earth. Moreover, as Paul stresses in today's second reading, they came to believe that through baptism they could share in Christ's new life (Col 3:3-4).

Paul wrote letters; Matthew wrote stories. Two very different genres of literature; but both authors are wont to stress the apocalyptic nature of Jesus' death and resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is not an end, it is a promise and a sign that we too will be raised to new life in a new creation.

We do not know how the end will come, despite the aliens, zombies and meteorites conjured up in the popular imagination. But we do know that having died with Christ, we will also be raised when he comes in his glory (Col 3:4). This is the central message of the "good news" – death is not the end; nor is the end of the world as we know it the final chapter in the human story.

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9th April, 2023

Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
Year A
White

Today's Readings
Acts 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

16th April, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter
Year A
White

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 2:42-47
1 St Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Parish Meetings	
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday, 11th April in Parish Centre at 6.45pm
Vinnies	Wednesday, 12th April in Parish Centre at 7.00pm

Easter Monday Mass

There will be Mass on Monday 10th April at 9am.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB 2023 Easter Message

Please visit Perth Archdiocese website at www.perthcatholic.org.au/
[Our Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest News-2023 Easter Message.htm](#) to view or download your copy of Archbishop Costelloe's Easter message.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased
Julius Cork, Winefride Blackshaw

Death Anniversary
Alvara Alicante, Beatrice Moreira,
Egerton Moreira, Peter Moreira, Daphne Paul

Deceased
Cesar Alicante, George Kessler

Our Sick
Ammini Jose, John Breag,
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,
Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess,
Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price,
Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal,
Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Rene Priest,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans,
Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Feast Days this Week		
Apr 11	Tue	St Stanislaw
12	Wed	St Zeno of Verona
13	Thu	Pope St Martin I, St Margaret Castello

Rosters for 8/9 April, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Separate Roster		Separate Roster	Separate Roster	Separate Roster
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteers	Separate Roster		Separate Roster	Separate Roster	Separate Roster
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteers	Separate Roster		Separate Roster	Separate Roster	Separate Roster
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak		

Rosters for 15/16 April, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Mary Ann Bombita	Kaye Cox	Martin Loh	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Jack Roach	Ronan Roach	Geoff Mills	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Diobett Bangayan, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Ciara Jacob	Paige Jacob	Lenny Dcruz	Cigi Dcruz Carolina Hayward	Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar Juan Carlos Borlongan, Able Biju

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THE LORD HAS RISEN! 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour will commence at 3pm on the Second Sunday of Easter, 16th April, which is Divine Mercy Sunday - the Feast of Mercy. All are welcome.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have contributed towards the cost of the flowers for our Easter Celebration.



Easter Sunday 9th April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion - past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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New Rosters for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers - Out Now

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.

Turning Blue For Type 1 Diabetes

Many people will ask why Suzanne and Stewart have blue hair! May we advise you all that we are raising funds for Type 1 Diabetes research. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation JDRF has set several challenges to raise funds to develop a cure. We are participating as grandparents with two Type 1 Diabetic grandchildren. If you would like to donate and assist us in our fundraising use the QR code. Many thanks Stewart and Suzanne



Easter Faith & Fun Afternoon For Girls Aged 11-15 & Their Mums

Come and join us as mothers and daughters (11-15 years) for an afternoon of prayer and celebration of Easter on Saturday 15th April, 2pm to 4.30pm, Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. Please bring along a plate to share for afternoon tea and some Easter chocolates. Cost: \$5 per girl. RSVP by Wednesday 12th April. To register or for inquiries please contact Marissa Yang at peacefulspirit180@gmail.com or 0448 966 998; Sr M Luka Junemann at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843.

There are some blessed palms in the church foyer if you missed out last week



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment 2023

Spirituality brochures from the ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart are now available in the foyer. *Come....rest a while... Create a sacred space to listen to the Spirit's Whisper within you.* Choose from various retreats, meditation gatherings, days of prayer and other offerings. For updates and new events please visit: www.sosj.org.au and www.marymackillopperth.org.au

Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 11th April with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.



Youth Night

Thank you to all those who attended the youth event on the 11th of March. It was lovely to see new and regular faces. The next youth event will be on the 14th of April, from 7pm to 9pm. Registration and contact details are located in the foyer. Remember to RSVP your attendance by 7pm the day before. Can't wait to see you at our next event.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

The Liturgy of the Word, normally conducted at our 9.30am Mass, for Children 4 years and over will be in recess until 30th April when school term begins. We pray that the children will enjoy the holidays and continue to join our Sunday Liturgy with their families.

Caritas Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

AUSTRALIA The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that has devastated Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number rising daily is still in need of your help.



We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can continue to support and help the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.



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Christian Healing Course

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5th - 7th and May 19th - 21st, both weekends are required! Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a PREREQUISITE for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend, not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost for each module is \$65. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further information contact Dan 0409 849 049.

Safeguarding FREE Webinar

The Safeguarding Program Office is pleased to be able to offer a FREE webinar on Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness Tuesday, 2nd May 7pm - 9pm. Please register at safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

We invite ALL church workers to attend a safeguarding induction. The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please visit www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au, phone 9221 7762 or email safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au to register for a in person or online session.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



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