

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

*The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am

Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am

Friday 8.00am

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: For one hour after the 8am Mass

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until  
the start of Friday 8am Mass

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**

please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet  
individually.

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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## Easter Sunday - 17th April 2022 (YEAR C)

*Dear Parishioners, wishing you and all your loved ones a really Happy and Blessed Easter and we hope you have had a safe and enjoyable break during school holidays.*

*From Fr Mario, all the friars and the Parish Team.*

## Reflection ...

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday of Easter 24 April 2022 — Year C

1st Reading - [Acts 5:12-16](#)

2nd Reading - [Rv 1:9-13, 17-19](#)

Gospel - [Jn 20:19-31](#)

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Leonardo Cantarella, Kerry Phillips, Gerard Janssen, Mary Lewis, Connie Oliveri, Santina Longdon, Alma Campbell, Gerardo Iorio, Pauline Ashmore, Agatino 'Tino' Palella, Carmel Bryan, Lorraine Aiken, Paul Hotchkis, Frank O'Brien.

**and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:**

Joe Hennessy, Dora Scarcella, Patrick Byrne, Gina Darch, Annette Donghi, Alice Golding, Trevor Stewart, Tim & Catherine Purcell, Alick Harding, Gina Darke, K. P. Matthai, Robin Sharry, Luigi Colavitti, Claudette McLeod, John Currie, James Stark, Bobbie Miscamble, Freddie Novisteros, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Norine Mullins.

**And those who are ill:**

Kathleen Daly, Alec Gallaher

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday 18 April**

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Taekwondo 4.30pm,  
5.45 & 7.00pm

**Tuesday 19 April**

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.00am  
St Anthony Yr2 + Prep Class  
11.15am

**Wednesday 20 April**

Mass 9.00am  
Delamore Mass 4.45pm  
Neighbourhood Watch 7.00pm

**Thursday 21 April**

8.00am Mass  
24hr Perpetual Adoration after  
Mass until Friday Mass

**Friday 22 April**

Mass 8.00am  
Intercessory Prayer group 8.30am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am  
(at Delamore)  
Padua Mass 10.50am  
St Anthony's ANZAC Liturgy  
2.00pm

**Saturday 23 April**

Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 24 April**

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am  
Mass 5.30pm



**Easter Sunday 17 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 2022 Lenten appeal.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**The Samaritan Community**

**Tuesday Morning Activities**, will resume on **Tuesday 19th April**. It will be a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys.

**A reminder please: We will require to see your 'double' vaccination certificate on entry. This may be on your phone or if that is not possible, you will need a printed certificate.**  
On the behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

**Confirmation 2022**

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have expectations that you will participate fully in the program.

If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: [sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)  
We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

**Enrolments**

**Enrolments are open until 9th May**

**Parent Information Night**

**Tuesday 10th May** at 4.00pm or  
**Wednesday 11th May** at 7.00pm  
(please choose only one to attend)

**Enrolment Mass**

**Sunday 15th May** at 4.00pm

**Compulsory Workshop**

**Sunday 5th June** (1.00-3.00pm)

**Confirmation Ceremony**

**Friday 10 June** at 5.00pm and 7.00pm  
(please choose only one to attend)

**EASTER SERVICES**

**Holy Thursday 14th April**

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Night Prayer at 9.00pm

**Good Friday 15th April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross (led by Youth)  
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord with Communion

**Holy Saturday 16th April**

**NO** Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
6.00pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 17th April**

Normal Sunday Mass times



**HOLY LAND  
FRANCISCANS  
of AUSTRALIA**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday.

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019).

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Fr Mario - *Commissary of the Holy Land, (Australia)*

### **ELDERS at EASTER – inviting Compassion ...**

As Easter approaches, I have been reflecting on this Season from an 'Elder Matters' perspective. As we anticipate the Passion of Christ, Holy Week is also a visceral reminder of elder loved ones who are suffering at this time – both close to home and across the globe.

**The experience of ageing** brings with it an array of particular challenges which can create profound pain and suffering - both visible and invisible - and obscure the gifts and wisdom of elder years.

As we grow older, life challenges can often become more complex and confronting, and can include:

- multiple losses and/or bereavements,
- chronic illness and pain,
- health and capacity diagnoses,
- living with dementia,
- mobility difficulties,
- domestic violence, elder abuse and/or victims of crime;
- mental health challenges, including grief, depression, anxiety and trauma,
- poverty and/or homelessness,
- estrangements, loneliness and isolation,
- the very difficult decision/s about how, when and where to access care, and
- significant life transitions (for example, transitions to aged care).

These and other varied circumstances of ageing can create a profound experience of loss and grief and negatively impact on confidence and self-esteem, sense of self and identity, independence, family relationships, quality of life, support networks, spiritual wellness, living circumstances, and general

### **WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH THIS EASTER ...**

At the Easter Vigil Mass, we are so privileged to welcome these brothers and sisters who have journeyed through the RCIA these past months. Through Baptism: **Lisa Geyl**, through Full Communion with the Catholic Church: **Beryl McCubben, Katie Clowes, Kylie Yore, Maree Ross & Sarah McCallan**, and through Confirmation: **Nino Caranese & Susan McIntyre**.

We thank them and their families for their faith in God and our Parish community. Let us continue to build our relationships as a parish family and encourage one another in the faith we share. A huge thank you to our RCIA Team who have given so generously of their time and energy! Fr Mario ofm

wellbeing. These psychological impacts of ageing are less visible to families and loved ones, but no less painful.

**As families and carers**, we are also affected by the challenges of ageing as we witness health and capacity changes of our partner, parent, loved one, and struggle to understand how best to provide quality care and compassion. Loss and grief in the face of added responsibility, and carer fatigue, are very real experiences of ageing which are often unseen, misunderstood, unacknowledged and/or unappreciated. Carer stress, vicarious loss and compassion fatigue can affect us all at different times and in different ways and, importantly, can impact on our wellbeing and the wellbeing of our elders.

**Easter also brings the hope of resurrection**, yet many elders who are suffering in our world/families/community may have lost the capacity to hope. For some, a lifetime of giving to others and/or pushing through pain and difficulties can make it difficult to receive/accept or recognise help from others. This can create a sense of helplessness for those offering care and support.

What we all can recognise and receive in times of pain and loss is **the power of kindness and compassion** (including self-compassion).

As people who care, let's pay attention this Easter to the human suffering – both visible and invisible - experienced by our elders. An important gift we can share with our elders this Easter is to **Listen**.

In the words of Cheryl Richardson (2020): "Listen – people start to heal the moment they feel heard."

Wishing you all a very special Easter!!

*Trish Carroll, Elder Matters*

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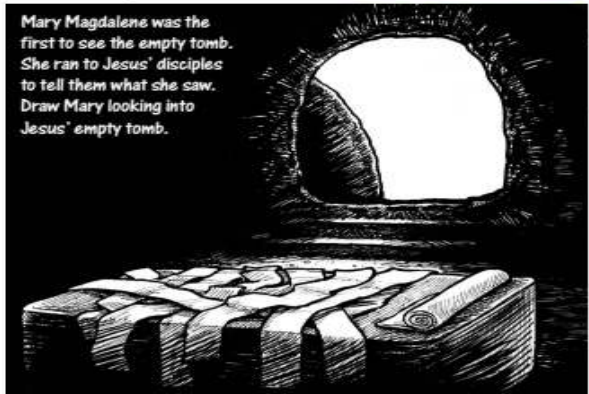
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# Something for the Kids...

## He is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.

Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.

**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!**

What can you do to make people glad today?

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Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M  went to the tomb.

"They have taken the  from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d  of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f  than Peter.

He saw the strips of  cloth lying inside the tomb.

B  he did not go in.

When he saw  he believed.

The Scriptures s  Jesus would rise to life.

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**Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!**

There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>. In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed. **If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.** If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

**YUN TAEKWONDO & HAP SELF DEFENCE**

**Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL**  
 Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm  
 All ages welcome - family discounts  
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