

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “think about the things above rather than things of earth.” We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

WORDS FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP

The Power of Prayer as a source of hope

“Although the noisy busyness of our world can make prayer difficult, it remains true that prayer, that deep communication with God, is the bedrock of our faith. It is in our prayers that we can rediscover our bearings when we lose our way. It is in prayer that we can find the strength to face the often daunting challenges of our lives.

In his letter to the Philippians Saint Paul advises them, and also us, in this way: do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (Phil 4:6). Many of us will have tried our best to devote a little more time to prayer during Lent. With the celebration of Easter, this invitation to a deeper prayer remains. “Come to Me,” the Lord says, “when you labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yolk and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matt 11:28-30). This is the Lord’s own invitation to us to enter into communion with Him, to be drawn into a dialogue of love with Him, to turn our gaze away from ourselves and on to Him, to allow Him to shed light on the difficulties and challenges we face...

Gratitude for hope promised and fulfilled

In commenting on the gospel story of Jesus’s healing of the ten lepers (cf. Luke 17:11-19) Pope Francis once commented that when gratitude arises in our hearts it is a sign that we have begun to realise that we are loved. This is the precious gift of generosity: not only does it open our own hearts through the joy of being able to see and respond to the needs of others; it also becomes a source of new life and hope for those who receive whatever gifts we share. This is especially true when we give with the mind and heart of Jesus, which expresses itself with tenderness. This tenderness, says Pope Francis, “is the very sign of Jesus’s presence”. The Easter greeting of Jesus - peace be with you - was for His disciples, after the horror of His crucifixion, a greeting of tenderness, or renewed hope, and of love. Our own gratitude to God for this Easter gift of peace can fan the flame of our desire to share this gift of peace with others. From this sharing of the peace of Christ, not just in words but in actions, wounds will be healed and hearts will be warmed...”

Taken from the Archbishop’s Easter Message 2025

DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 21 Apr	9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Adoration Family Holy Hour	7:00pm SVdP – Rm 1
Tue 22 Apr	9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Choir Practice	7.00pm RCIA - Rm 3
Wed 23 Apr	9.00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary	9:30am Craft – Rm 3 & Kitchen
Thu 24 Apr	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary	1:45pm Legion of Mary Rm 2 7:00pm Meditation – Rm 9
Fri, 25 Apr	11.15am Rosary 12.00pm Mass	
Sat 26 Apr	9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass	10.30am Men’s Group Bible Sharing WWJ
Sun 27Apr	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 2.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	1st Reading Acts 5: 12 – 16 2nd Reading Rev 1: 9 – 13, 17 – 19 Gospel Reading Jn 20: 19 – 31

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Altar servers please collect your next roster from the Church foyer.

CRAFT CIRCLE SALE

THE PARISH CRAFT GROUP WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL SALE ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 3 AND 4. THERE WILL BE KNITTED PRODUCTS, TOYS, COOKED FOOD AND PLANTS WHICH WILL BE SUITABLE AS MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTS. PLEASE SUPPORT THESE AMAZING LADIES WHO ARE SO TALENTED AND GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. THE PROCEEDS OF THIS WILL BE DONATED TO A NEEDY CAUSE.

INCLUDE ST VINCENT DE PAUL IN YOUR EASTER THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The Piety Stall has a large choice of EASTER Cards available. Why not consider giving an EASTER Story Book or an EASTER Activity book with stickers to your child. We also have booklets on Reconciliation and on the Stations of the Cross. Please come by the Piety Stall, our AMAZING volunteers are always happy to assist you.

Catholic Faith Renewal (CFR) invites you and your family to a Praise & Worship Evening at Sts John & Paul Church, Willetton, at **7.30pm on Friday 2 May 2025**. Features Songs of Praise, and Thanksgiving Mass in conjunction with 25th Anniversary of CFR Group. Mass will be con-celebrated by Fr Gino Henriques and Fr Greg Donovan. For info, phone Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

HAPPY EASTER AND MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF THE EASTER LITURGIES. WE HAVE SUCH GENEROUS TALENT IN THIS COMMUNITY! THANKS TO THE LITURGY COMMITTEE, THE MUSICIANS, THE PROCLAIMERS, THE ALTAR SERVERS AND THE ACOLYTES WITHOUT WHOM THE SERVICES WOULD NOT FLOW SO SMOOTHLY. THE LADIES WHO PREPARED THE FLOWERS AND THE MANY PEOPLE WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED MONEY TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS, THE CLEANERS, THE COLLECTORS, THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, THE LEGION OF MARY WHO CARED SO BEAUTIFULLY FOR OUR ALTAR OF RESPOSE...AND OF COURSE, ALL OF YOU!

THANK YOU...AND HAPPY EASTER!