

All Hallows' Five Dock



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | Year B | Sunday 31st March 2024

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

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Parish Bulletin: We ask that you take home your bulletin. Please do not put it back for others to reuse or leave it on the pew for others to pick up. Thank you.

A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and scepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

***I pray that you and your loved ones have a very blessed and happy Easter!
May the Risen Lord continue to bless you now and always.***

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

Monday - Communion Service - 8am

Tuesday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm - 3:40pm (when priest is available - contact office to confirm)
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
or by appointment.

Baptisms:

Sunday: 11am

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime.

The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you

can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).

Welcome to our Neophytes and our newly Confirmed

Adults who wish to be baptised or, if already baptised and wish to become Catholic, follow a program known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Over the last few months, several adults have completed this program and we welcome them into the Church this Easter Vigil. They are Eden Victoria Cox and Selin Valletta. We also would like to congratulate Edgar Leonardo Ortiz Vargas, Marcello Fiorentini, Salvatore Baselice and Jessica Parisi on their Confirmation. Congratulations to them all and may they continue to grow closer to God leading one day to eternal life. Special thanks to Robyn Rosina, Mary Coleman and Rhonda Eadie who guided and helped them throughout this journey.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Anna Tan
Damian Natoli
Ann Kerley
Michele McCabe
Giulia Mercuri
Giuseppina La Spina
Anthony B.
Emilia Bocconi
Frank Hume
Siosuia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu

**names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified*

Recently Deceased:

Ava Lynch
Tullio Fonti
Wayne Spaulding
Patrick O'Donnell
Josefa Ramea

Blessing of the Home with Easter Holy Water



As a small gift from the parish there will be bottles of water that have been blessed available for you to take home. Please feel free to take one with you to bless your home. All the rooms and members of the family should be sprinkled with the Holy Water and blessed with the following Easter house blessing:

Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death, by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. 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 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate to Project Compassion by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Anniversaries:

Brigit Kelly
Vincenzo Benfatto
Rosina Zappacoste

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them.*

*May all the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*

Sacramental Program 2024

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday 7th May at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at the Parent Information Night.
- Celebration of First Reconciliation:
Wednesday (evening), 12th June at 7pm in the Church.



Sacrament of Confirmation - Years 6 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 30th July at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of Confirmation: **Saturday, 7th September** - times to be advised.



Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 24th September at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of First Holy Communion: **Saturday, 16th November and Sunday, 17th November** – times to be advised.



Parish Notices



Lenten Groups and Easter Preparations

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated, prepared and attended our Lenten Group Programs held here at All Hallows. Thank you to our group hosts who, each week, guided us through the Lenten Program.



Thank you to those who made time during this Lenten season to attend our weekly Wednesday Lenten Adoration sessions and our Stations of the Cross prayer sessions. Finally we would like to thank our readers, choirs, ministers of holy communion, wardens, church cleaners, altar servers, acolytes, those who decorated the church during Lent and especially Holy Week, and all the other helpers who volunteered their time during this Lenten season.

Fr Richard's Farewell

A farewell for Fr Richard Dumba is being held on the **7th April**. We will farewell Fr Richard at the 10am Sunday Mass followed by a morning tea in the parish hall. We hope you can join us.



There is also a farewell card in the gathering space that parishioners are welcome to sign, which will be given to Fr Richard on the day.

No weekday Masses: 8th - 11th April

Please note there will be no weekday Masses from the 8th to the 11th April as Fr Sebastian will be attending a priest live-in conference. Communion Services will be held during this week instead.

Volunteers Needed



Communion to the Sick Roster -

Volunteers are needed to bring the host to elderly parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT in Nature. Relax, Reflect on your journey. Rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit in the Serene surrounds of JAMBEROO ABBEY

**Friday 19th (from 3pm for 6.00pm start)
to Sunday 21st April 2024 (2pm finish)**

Jamberoo Abbey,

695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo NSW

YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18 to mid-30s)

COST: \$320 (shared cottage/own room)

\$400 (Private Hermitage).

Inquiries: admin@grailaustralia.org.au

To Book: events.humanitix.com/ignite-your-spirit

Prayer over the Easter meal

Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy. May you bless this table and this food, and each of us in your holy name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Fr Sebastian's Silver Jubilee celebration



A celebration for Fr Sebastian's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination is being held on the **28th April**. The Mass will be held at 11:30am followed by a celebration in the Parish hall.

Please register if you will be attending via the QR code or by writing your name in the Registration book in the gathering space of the church. **Please RSVP by 14th April if you wish to attend.**



Please note there will be no 10am Mass on this day.

Children Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word - This is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.



We will be reintroducing Children's Liturgy at All Hallows on **Sunday, 5th May at the 10am Family Mass.**

Due to our safeguarding requirements, **any child attending Children's Liturgy will have to register before being allowed to attend.** If you would like your child to attend Children's Liturgy, please fill out a registration form found in the gathering space and return it to the parish office (either in person or by email).

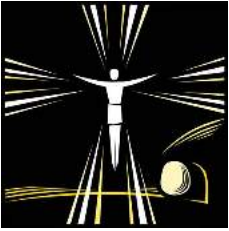
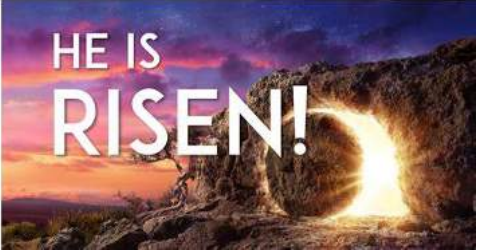

Children's Corner


Jesus Christ is risen!



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G D P K P L I N E N M A R Y

Try to find these words:

cloth
dark
entrance
face
life
linen
Mary
Peter
Scriptures
stone
taken
tomb

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.</i></p> <p>Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'</p>	<p>(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</p> <p>1. 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.' (R.)</p> <p>2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)</p> <p>3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)</p> 	<p>Colossians 3:1-4 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians <i>Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel
<p>John 20:1-9 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John <i>The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'</p> <p>So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.</p> 

Easter Blessing
 <p>Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.</p> 

LOOK

Sunday 31 March 2024
 John 20:1-9
 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS ALIVE!

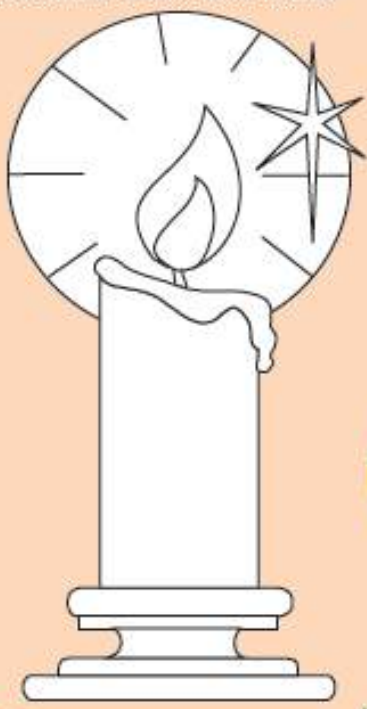
Paschal Candle

Last night the Easter candle was blessed and set alight. Jesus, our light, is risen!

Jesus is alive in 2024.

Write in the year on the candle, to match the Paschal candle in your church.

Colour the candle and flame.



Mary goes to Jesus' tomb and finds it is empty! She runs to tell the other disciples who rush to see for themselves. Now they know it is true – Jesus has risen! He is alive!

Maze

Simon Peter and another disciple are running to get to the tomb.

Can you help them find the tomb as fast as they can?



Things to do today

Find out why we celebrate at Easter with eggs.

Share some of the happiness of today by giving everyone you meet a big smile!



Hunt the egg

How many Easter eggs can you find hidden on this page?

Some of the eggs have letters on them.

Put the letters in the right place below to find a special announcement for today.

J _ S _ _ _ S A _ _ V _ !

Fill in the right word

_____ ran to Jesus' _____ in the _____ morning.

She _____ the _____ had been _____ and _____ had _____.

Choose the right word from this list to fill in the spaces in the sentence:

- stone
- Jesus
- rolled away
- early
- found
- Mary
- gone
- tomb

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so happy that you are alive again, Jesus! Thank you for being here with me. Help me to spread Easter joy with everyone I meet. Amen.



Answer: There are ten eggs. Jesus is alive!