

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

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

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.'

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Easter Wishes and Blessings

On behalf of the parish, I extend warm Easter wishes and heartfelt blessings to all our parishioners. May this Easter season be filled with joy, renewal, and the abundant blessings of faith, hope, and love. May the resurrection of our Lord bring peace and happiness to your hearts and homes. Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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**
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**
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**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

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.

The word of the Lord



CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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ROSTERS— 26/27 Apr 2025
2nd Sunday of EASTER

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
Children's Liturgy	- Term Break -
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	12/13 Apr 2025
Open Plate	\$741.25
Planned Giving	\$605.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,346.25

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$1,045.45



Please remember in your prayers

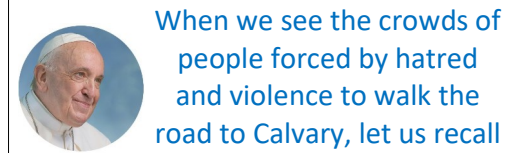
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



When we see the crowds of people forced by hatred and violence to walk the road to Calvary, let us recall that God has redeemed this road, walking it Himself, giving His life for us. Many Simons of Cyrene exist in our own day, bearing the cross of Christ on their shoulders!

SPECIAL THANKS to the Liturgy Committee and Volunteers

A sincere expression of gratitude goes to the Liturgy Committee, the dedicated volunteers, and everyone who helped preparing for Easter. Your commitment and hard work have truly enriched our celebrations and brought the spirit of Easter alive in our community.
Thank you all for your contributions!



PROJECT COMPASSION

Sharing the value that no human being should have their dignity or freedom compromised. Every person should have access to the goods and resources of society so that they can have fulfilling lives. Thank you.
For more information: caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8172.



ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Marian Procession

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18, 2025, beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 17 (10am – 12pm) and Sunday May 18 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

Easter Message 2025 – Jubilee Year
By Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is truly Risen!

With hearts filled with joy and hope, I greet you this Easter as we celebrate not only the Resurrection of our Lord but also the Jubilee Year 2025, under the inspiring theme: “Pilgrims of Hope.”

Easter is the celebration of new life, of God's triumph over sin and death. It is the radiant dawn that breaks into the darkest corners of our human experience with the promise that nothing is impossible for God. As we journey together in this special Jubilee Year, the Resurrection of Jesus becomes our surest sign that we are never alone that we walk each day with the Risen Christ at our side.

As pilgrims of hope, we are called to be people who live with courage, purpose, and joy in the midst of a world that often feels weary and uncertain. The empty tomb reminds us that despair is never the end of the story God always has more in store. Our faith is not just about looking back at what Jesus did but stepping forward with trust in what He is still doing in and through us.

In this Jubilee Year, let us make our lives a spiritual pilgrimage seeking renewal, reconciliation, and deeper communion with Christ and with one another. Let us open our hearts to the grace of this holy time by strengthening our families, healing divisions, welcoming the lost, and serving the poor.

I invite each of you to be a living sign of hope in our parish and community. Let your faith be active, your joy be contagious, and your love be generous. As we journey together, may our parish become a beacon of Easter light in a world longing for peace, compassion, and meaning. May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with peace, healing, and renewed hope. And may this Jubilee Easter be a true springtime for your soul.

Happy Easter! And may we continue to walk together as Pilgrims of Hope.

Yours in Risen Christ,
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM
Parish Priest

The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 20th, 2025



What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks!

Alleluia!
Jesus is Risen!
Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

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Answer to puzzle on Front:
Jesus is Alive!
Answer to Word-Find Puzzle: Jesus
was raised from the dead.
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