



EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2023 YEAR A/1

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today's Gospel concludes by saying, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus' resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

My resurrected Lord, Your sacred body and soul are forever united as one in a new and glorified state. You now invite all of us to share in Your suffering and death in this life so that we can share in Your Resurrection. Please fill my mind with understanding of this gift in order to fill me with hope so that I will work tirelessly for that day on which I hope to share in Your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Readings Second Sunday of Easter 16 April 2023
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

8.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

1st Wednesday 7.00pm

1st Saturday 9.00am

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday 6.00am

1st Wednesday 6.00pm

1st Saturday 8.30am

Novena

Wednesday 6.00pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

1st Sunday 2.00pm

Adoration & Rosary

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary & Mass

Friday 10.00am

Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.30pm

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Filipino Mass

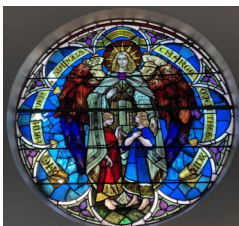
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



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RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom McGuire



By request, the names of our sick and deceased family and friends will be recorded in these books in each church

Please pray for all whose names are recorded in the Books of Remembrance



2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

The registration for the Sacramental Program for

First Holy Communion is **now** open

First Holy Communion is the second step in your child's sacramental journey.

The registration is open from

8 March to 20 April

It is available to all children who have completed their Confirmation and are in Year 4 and above (9 years and older). The program runs throughout Term 2 of this school year. The link for the online registration form is:

<https://scp.org.au/first-eucharist/2023-sacrament-of-first-holy-communion/>

or you can visit our webpage to access the form.

If you have any queries please contact Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or email sacramental@scp.org.au



BRISBANE CITY POPS ORCHESTRA

joined by our own School choirs

Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2.00pm

Please save the date

There will be no **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the school holidays from Sunday 2 April - Sunday 23 April
Children's Liturgy will recommence **30 April 2023**

Please come and join us at Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.04.2023 and on the 16.04.2023 for the Feast of Divine Mercy. The bus will be picking us up at 8.15 am on both days at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus fare is \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and phone number to Xavier Solomon on 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573
All are welcome.

BAPTISMS

During March we welcomed the following children into God's family

Leo Kuotiong, Kora Drane,
Kyro Campbell, Elliot Watson,
Adelyn Vitone, Jude Mathew
Maisie MacDonald, Ruby Wiseman

*A happy & Holy Easter to all our parishioners
and visitors and a thank you
to all our helpers, co-ordinators,
parish staff and Frs Vince, John and Marce*

Fr Gerard

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Easter Glory Fills the Sky

Easter glory fills the sky, Alleluia!
Christ now lives, no more to die,
Alleluia!
darkness has been put to flight,
Alleluia!
by the living Lord of light, Alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, Alleluia!
from the tomb where once he lay,
Alleluia!
he has risen as he said, Alleluia!
glorious first-born of the dead,
Alleluia!

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SPRINKLING WITH WATER

Come to the Water (Instrumental)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This Day Was Made by the Lord

***This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation!***

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
is the cornerstone,
is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! **R**
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are the Christ everlasting
born for us all of a virgin,
you have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud
from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you ever more”?

Alleluia! bread of angels,
and on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth’s redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal
you the Lord of lords we own,
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool,
heav’n your throne.
You within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
you on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.
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Table of Plenty

***Come to the feast
of heaven and earth.
Come to the table of plenty.
God will provide
for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R**

O, come and eat without money,
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your
spirit with faith and fullness of life. **R**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R**

Your fields will flower in fullness,
your homes will flourish in peace,
for I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet
he showed, Alleluia, alleluia!
those scars, their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
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