

Fr Alo writes . . .

“Easter in the Midst of Corona Pandemic”

Corona pandemic has changed the world. Personally, I can say that it has changed the way I feel, think and relate on a personal level as well as my ministry. I and probably some of you have experienced that we are “trapped” staying at home. Our movement is limited. Are we really trapped? Physically maybe yes, and it could cause our mental and spiritual wellbeing. I personally don't feel too much of being “trapped”. The following are some points that I have learnt from this “abnormal situation”.

1. I've come to be aware that I am not the boss of my own life. I am not in control of my own life. I've come to realize that I have some limitations. I need others and OTHERS to journey with me.
2. The limitation brought me to admire people's presence, abilities, expertise and talents. When I say “live-streaming” Mass, I need people to help me to set it up and broadcast it. My homilies online were not just appreciated by people but people are not reluctant to correct and give me feedback, that helps me to improve my understanding of the things I say. I have received many phone calls of parishioners asking “how I am” as well as offering their support. I've come to be more appreciative of others' presence.
3. I feel closer and more united to the parishioners with regular communication such phone calls, Facebook, emails and WhatsApp groups.
4. I spend more time in prayer and reading. I visit the Blessed Sacrament for thirty minutes to an hour a day in the afternoon or evening, just to sit there and enjoy God's presence while thinking about you all.
5. Finally, there is a desire to meet all of you personally.

Let us celebrate the resurrection of Christ and our own resurrection in a new way and understanding. Personally I would like to summarise what I said above by saying that the RESURRECTION is not only about celebrating the Lord's passion and resurrection, but also it is a celebration of my own limitations, trusting that others (you all) and God are blessings for me. In a way I feel I am being united with you, and in prayer I can feel God's presence and your presence. This pandemic has helped me to come to a new understanding of the resurrection. I hope you also have a meaningful Easter Celebration at home. Happy Easter. I love you all.



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WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code below with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name requesting to join.



Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Oremus

Let us Pray

SICK

Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella,
Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family,
David Lai, Gavin Robertson, John Roberts, Chris (Cindy's
husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum),
Geoffrey Karpin, Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara,
John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/ HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter,
John & Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Laura Leon-
ard, Sebastiano Gentile, Gwen Smith, Margaret Stocker,
Maria Pockaj, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Frances McLaugh-
lin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Dennis Ryan, Anthony O'Donnell, Danny Sullivan,
Brigid Ada Moon

ANNIVERSARIES

Glen Kilmurray, Lionel Bowen, Alma Whittingham,
Desleigh Carlton

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are at home alone and trying to avoid being out and about, we are here to help you. We can arrange delivery of basic needs such as groceries or medications. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Alo if you require any assistance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sydney Archdiocesan Council
Kingsford Community Support Centre | Level 2, 1A Meeks Street KINGSFORD NSW 2032
If you are in need of emergency assistance please call on 9662 7380.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

28/29 March 2020: **1st Coll \$385** **2nd Coll \$85** **Env Coll \$1,650** **Raise the Roof: Nil**

If you would like to continue your contributions during this time, you can do so by electronic funds transfer. The church bank account details as follows:- Account Name: Kensington Parish Merchant Clearing Account | Bank: CBA | BSB: 062 784 | Account No: 4250100 | references to use: if for First Collection - "First", if for second Collection - "Second", and if for Envelope Collection - "Surname & Planned Giving Number" (eg Smith123). Alternatively you can contact the Parish Office to contribute by credit card over the phone. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Parish Collections during this difficult time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Holy Week 2020 Schedule

Broadcast or LIVE via facebook.com/OLRKenso/

Holy Thursday, 9th April 2020

Mass of the Last Supper at 6.30pm

Good Friday, 10th April 2020

The celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm

Easter Vigil Saturday, 11th April 2020

The resurrection of the Lord, LIVE at 6pm

Easter Sunday, 12th April 2020

LIVE at 9.30am

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PRAYERS IN TIME OF A PANDEMIC

The early Christians prayed in the church of the home. Once more, in troubled times when public worship has to be restricted, we are called to pray in 'the domestic church', always aware of the promise of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."

MARCH 16-20

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/pdf/2020/Prayers-in-Time-of-a-Pandemic-v3.0s.pdf>



CONNECTED BY FAITH
JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

Easter Sunday

ON GOOD FRIDAY MAKE A SIMPLE CROSS FROM BRANCHES OR TWIGS TO HANG ON YOUR FRONT DOOR OR WINDOW.

ON EASTER SUNDAY DECORATE YOUR CROSS TO REFLECT THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION, WITH RIBBONS, FLOWERS, IMAGES OR WORDS.

Take a photo and share it online with the hashtag:

#rejoiceeastersunday



Please post your photos on our online gallery:

padlet.com/rejoiceeastersunday/au


WATCH LIVE **DAILY MASS**

With
POPE FRANCIS

10:00AM AEDT
09:00AM AEST
07:00AM AWST
09:30AM ACST

04:55PM AEDT
03:55PM AEST
01:55PM AWST
04:25PM ACST

Repeat Telecast
10:00PM AEDT
09:00PM AEST
07:00AM AWST
09:30PM ACST



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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIVE MASS

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and in the search bar type St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Click St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find "Upcoming live streams" to watch live streams of Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

PRAYER RESOURCES

On the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) website you will find dedicated prayer resources page - <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. CAS update the website daily.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Archdiocese of Sydney has this week decided to temporarily halt printing **The Catholic Weekly**. It will however, continue to be published online so that you can stay informed with developments on all local, national, and international Catholic news. Visit their website: www.catholicweekly.com.au to keep up to date.

CHANNEL 7 TO BROADCAST EASTER SERVICES FROM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Channel 7 will broadcast the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (10 April) at 3pm and the Easter Sunday Mass (12 April) at 10:30am live from St Mary's Cathedral. At a time when Catholic churches across Australia are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a wonderful opportunity for people across all ages and no matter where they live to participate in the Mass at the holiest time in our Church's year.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

'JRS' Australia are working hard to ensure that we can meet the critical needs of the refugees and asylum seekers that we serve in the absence of any federal government support. If you are able to donate food or essential items please contact: Amelia.Savage@jrs.org.au or ring (02) 9098 9336 or consider making a donation to their emergency cash appeal: <https://www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/>.

CATHOLICARE

CatholicCare's "CCareline" is ensuring practical support, counselling and other services are provided by local communities or online as needed, especially for those who are isolated, anxious or financially insecure; CCareline can be contacted on 13 18 19 by/for anyone needing assistance during the current emergency.



PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2020
COVID-19 is affecting all of us. In these challenging times, your kindness and solidarity can make a world of difference to the lives of the most vulnerable. Your support is life saving.

DO YOU HAVE PC BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?
We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC Boxes, or cash, to parishes or schools at this time. Did you know that you can go online at leht.caritas.org.au and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413.

COVID-19: JRS Australia continues serving and advocating for people seeking protection

THE LATEST IMPACTS FROM ON THE GROUND IN WESTERN SYDNEY

COVID-19 is creating an avalanche of need on the ground. "More people are in crisis than ever before," says Katie Spiroski, JRS Casework Manager. "Calls to our casework service have doubled in the space of two weeks. There are more than a hundred families and individuals on our waiting-lists running out of food, rent, or money for medical payments," says Katie. **"Ninety percent of JRS' caseworker phone-calls with clients involve discussions about homelessness and hopelessness. Eighty percent contain suicidal ideations."**

There is much uncertainty about the government's response and clients feel anxious as to how to get by and support their families. Some have young children and others have relatives. They are in dire need of food and emergency relief and are feeling very anxious.

Key statistics are as follows:

- **Job cuts** - Many of the people that JRS Australia's Empowered to Work employment program has assisted in the last two years have lost jobs in the last ten days.
- **Foodbank shortages** - Foodbank and emergency goods stocks (that already supported approximately 400 families and children with rice, flour, oil, dignity kits, nappies, and other essential products pre-COVID 19) are now being depleted every 72 hours.
- **Emergency support doubles** - JRS Australia is now spending more than double on emergency relief payments for rent and essential medications for the people we serve.

The employment situation for people seeking asylum is dire. "The people we serve are at the bottom of the list," says JRS' Employment Coordinator, Leonie Dyer. "In the last two weeks, fifty-one people who were previously employed contacted me about losing their jobs. This includes entry level jobs in hospitality, security, cleaning, and tutoring," continues Leonie. One man was told to self-isolate without pay for fourteen days, and then told not to come back. Another young woman lost her job and is now at home caring for a sick parent. People seeking asylum studying at TAFE no longer have classes, and will graduate much later than expected. Upskilling is a huge priority for many. **As of yet, people seeking asylum who have lost jobs do not have access to any form of safety net. "There is nothing in the government package at all for our clients,"** said Leonie. "I'm worried," says Leonie. "I just feel everything that we have worked towards for the last three years is unraveling."

HOW YOU CAN HELP IN THIS TIME OF NEED

We thank every single person in the community who is helping us right now. In the absence of any federal government support to JRS Australia, this generosity is essential for refugees, people seeking asylum and migrants in vulnerable situations to have food, shelter and other essential support. **We have to draw upon your kindness further.**

Please help by:

1. **Giving to JRS Australia's Emergency Cash Appeal.** This money will go towards replenishing our foodbank, paying for medication, and rent, and supporting women out of domestic violence situations. To donate, please call (02) 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au or [click here](#).
2. **Donating essential food and hygiene items to JRS Australia's foodbank.** To donate, please call (02) 9098 9336 or email amelia.savage@jrs.org.au.
3. **Volunteering.** We need people to act as drivers. Please call (02) 9098 9336 or email jane.turner@jrs.org.au.
4. **Keeping updated.** Please follow our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for updates on the situation for refugees and people seeking asylum and our response.

Prayer to St Corona in a Time of Epidemic

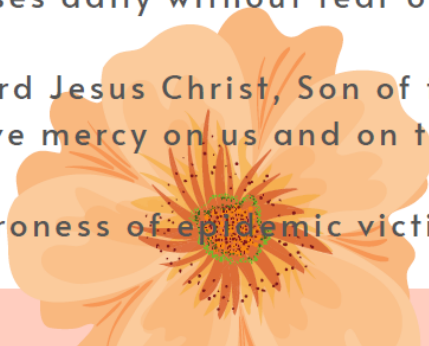
Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.



KEEPING THE FAITH



Helping families stay connected

As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free of charge.

CathFamily has a vast library of free resources for families, schools and parishes that celebrates Catholic culture. The free weekly eNews lists seasonal resources including downloadable prayers, feast day celebrations, recipes, craft, articles and links to other helpful resources. Visitors can search and browse our thousands of posts or take advantage of our eNews to triage the most relevant content for the week.

Children's Sunday Liturgy @ Home

CathKids is a weekly interactive experience designed for primary aged children that includes a short animated video on the Sunday reading, 'I wonder' questions, craft activities and prayers. CathKids has a modest subscription fee but due to the situation with COVID19 we are offering this resource FREE for the next 3 months.



Making the home the heart of the Church



Visit CathFamily website for more details

<https://cathfamily.org>

CathFamily is an initiative of the Parish & Marriage Resource Centre and is dedicated to providing families with resources to create a faith-filled Catholic culture in the home.



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KIDSCHURCH

Easter Sunday

YEAR A

ALLELUIA!

THE WORD

While it was still dark, early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She ran to get Peter and John. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb," she said. They ran to the tomb, saw the linen wrappings on the ground and they believed.

John 19:39-42 | Mark 16:1-8 | Luke 24:1-8

LOOK CLOSER

The Easter Season begins! The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday.

Resurrection Party! Celebrate with streamers, ribbons and balloons proclaiming 'Alleluia!' 'He is Risen' and 'Jesus Lives!'

PRAYER SPACE

Symbol: White

Ribbon on a Cross

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise to Jesus

Christ!

He has risen from the dead.

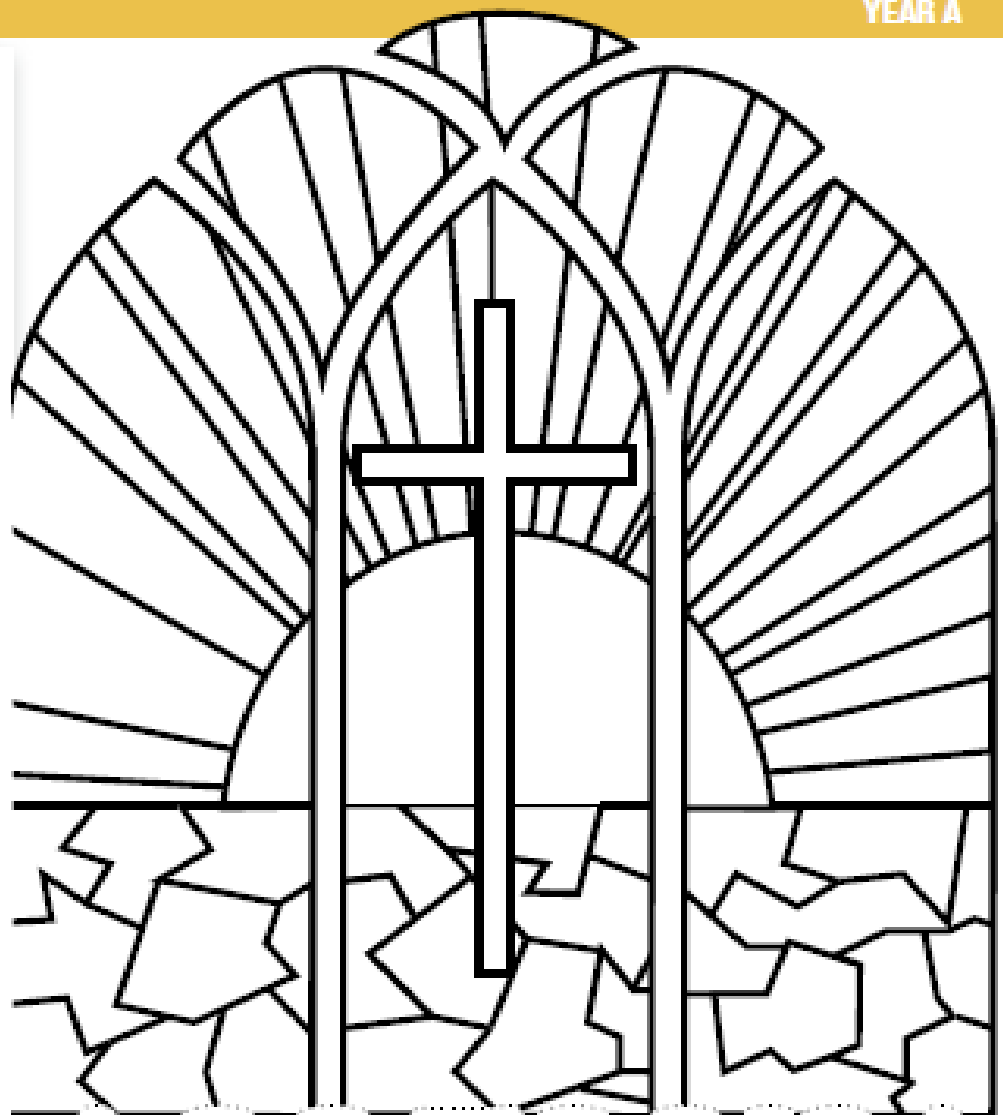
He will live forever!

Alleluia!



DID YOU KNOW?

St Mark is one of the four writers of the Gospel, writing the first (and oldest) Gospel. In the Middle Ages, St Mark became the patron saint of the city of Venice in Italy. His relics were smuggled into Venice and are kept in the massive cathedral in the centre of the city. He is symbolised by a winged lion.



ALLELUIA

In today's second reading, Paul wrote something important about Easter to the Colossians. Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to find out what he wrote.

WH _ N CHR _ ST _ S
R _ V _ _ L _ D, Y _ _ T _
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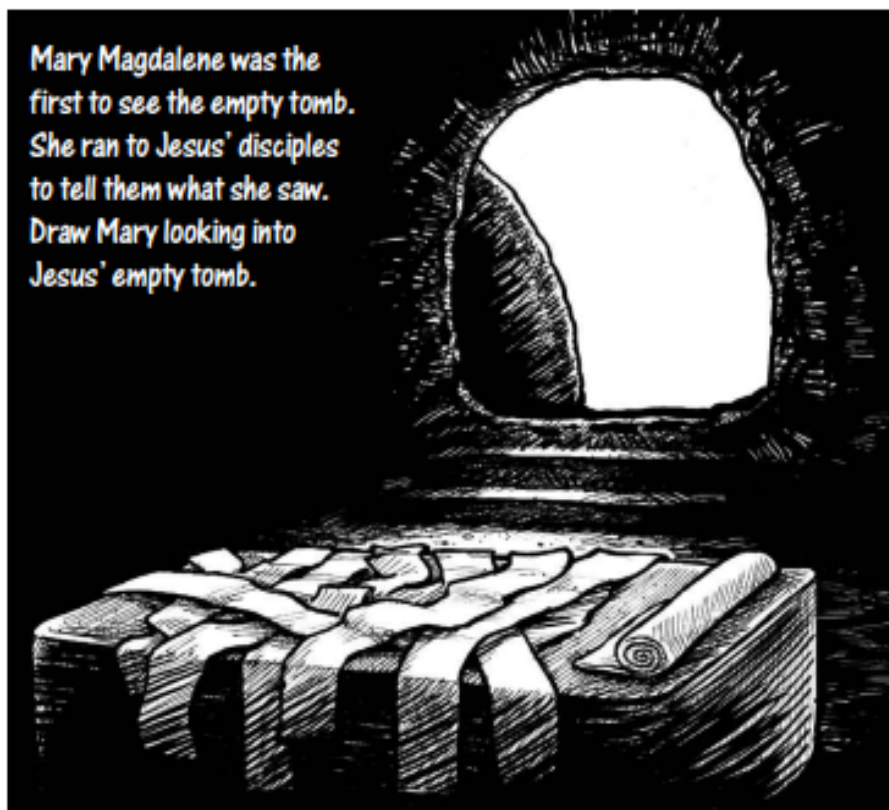


He is risen! Alleluia!

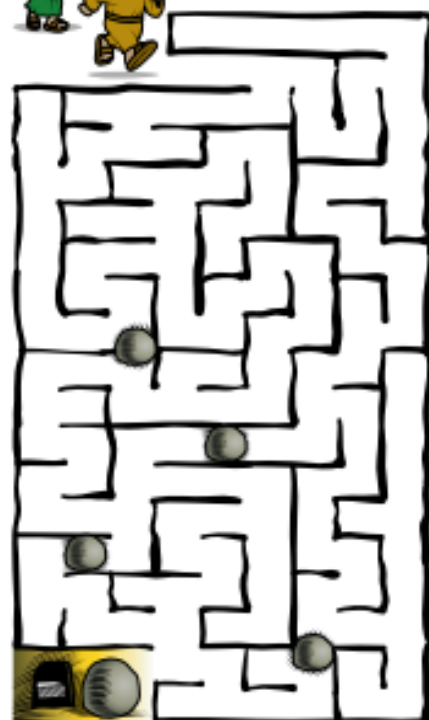


Easter Sunday

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?

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.