



### **31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Easter Sunday - Year B**

In the early morning darkness, Mary Magdalene arrives at the tomb to find it empty. As the dawn breaks, Mary, Peter and John struggle to make sense of this incredible discovery. They react with fear, perplexity, amazement and confusion. They are still mourning the loss of one they loved. But as the Resurrected Jesus makes himself known, fear and sadness give way to faith and joy. The miracle of Jesus' resurrection took place in this world, among those who knew and loved him. In this experience they were changed and began to recognize in one another the Risen Lord. We continue to experience the Risen Jesus when we reach out to one another in love. The more fully we live out of love, the deeper we immerse ourselves in the mystery of Easter.

On behalf of all who participated, we want to thank those who gave so generously of their time, energy and creativity to make our Holy Week such a prayerful and inspiring experience. A Big thank you to our Sacristans, choirs, musicians, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and the children and young people involved in our Holy Week and Easter Services. A special thank you to those who care for and arrange our flowers, and to all who worked behind the "scenes" to decorate and set up the Church. Our gratitude also goes out to our Liturgy Committee, whom through we were able to travel through the mysteries of Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord very closely and intensely. Your generosity and enthusiasm are a part of what helps to raise us up and makes Easter happen anew.

And a very special thankyou to everyone who joined us over these grace-filled days. It is in our community that we come to know God's deepest blessings. May the joy that is Easter, dance within each heart.

Fr. Jerald.

## Medjugorge Pilgrimage

Interested or thinking about joining the Medjugorge Pilgrimage in September? Then come along to the information evening being held on Saturday the 7th of April at 7.15 pm here at Ss Peter and Paul's. Representatives from Maji Travel will be here to answer all your questions.

### **PREPARATION FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – 2021**

**AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS TO HAVE THEIR SAY! IT IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LAYITY OF THE CHURCH TO BE HEARD - PLEASE CONTRIBUTE.**

**CONSIDER PASSING THIS ON TO FAMILY/FRIENDS WHO, FOR WHATEVER REASON, HAVE SEPERATED FROM THE MAINSTREAM CHURCH. THEIR VIEWS/EXPERIENCES ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT.**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has decided to hold a Plenary Council in 2020 and 2021. The Council will be about the Future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge is the key spokesperson for the event. Archbishop Mark has said that we need to make important decisions for the future of our Church and "I hope that the agenda of our Plenary Council will be the result of genuine consultation within the Church, to be held between now and 2020. Anyone who wants to can have a say". He has clearly stated that everything is on the table and that this Plenary Council is a decision-making Council.

Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council Facilitator, said "It's an opportunity to engage with all Catholics in Australia – those who lead, those who work in Catholic organisations, those who may feel they don't have a voice, those who feel they are outside the Church and those who show up every Sunday for Mass – a process inclusive of all". "It's about becoming the kind of Australian Catholic community which Pope Francis is calling us to be: "a community of communities..." she said.

The Vatican has yet to approve the holding of the Plenary Council, but this is expected to occur in the next few months. Given the enormity of the task, the Yarra Deanery, of which we are a part, has decided to commence the process by inviting each of the parishes in the Deanery to participate in a meaningful dialogue to focus on three key questions:

1. What do we want our Church to look like in 2025?
2. What does our Church look like now?
3. What do we need to do to bridge the gap?

Respond to one, respond to all – your opinion will be appreciated.

Fr. Jerald is seeking written submissions to take to the Deanery to support them in their work. Submissions can be anonymous should respondents feel that is appropriate.

Please forward submissions:

1. By e-mail to [doncastereast@cam.org.au](mailto:doncastereast@cam.org.au)
2. By post or by hand to the Parish Office
3. By leaving same at the OLOP Primary School Administration Office in an envelope addressed to Fr. Jerald
4. Leave for Fr. Jerald at one of the Masses.



\*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.\*  
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

**Divine Mercy Sunday is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2018**

Divine mercy devotion begins here at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 2:30pm, which consists of Reconciliation, Adoration and Special Mass.

Look forward to seeing you there.

**Men's Coffee Club  
Coffee Time @ 11am every Tuesday**

By request coffee time will be held at 11am from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2018. All men are invited to attend.

Held in the drop in center. For friendship. Me of all ages are welcome. All carers male or female are welcome.  
Phone Kevin for all enquiries on 98487858

**ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL FUN RUN**

**Sunday 15 April, 9.30am, Princes Park, Royal Parade, Carlton North**

As part of their 125th birthday celebrations, this year's St Vincent's Fun Run promises to be an exciting and rewarding family fun day.

Registration: [www.stvincentsfunrun.com.au](http://www.stvincentsfunrun.com.au)

**SPARC**

Songs- Prayer -Adoration- Reconciliation- Celebration  
Worship night at Ss. Peter and Paul's church  
Sat 21 April 2018 at 7:30pm -9:30pm

**Parish Groups.**

<p><b>VISITATION GROUP</b> The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p><b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</b> The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am. New members always welcome.</p>
<p><b>SUPPORT GROUP-</b> <b>for widows, widowers and separated</b> The next Yarra Deanery Parish Support Group Gathering will take place in the Narthex of our Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB</b> Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.</p>
<p><b>1 in a 100 Appeal</b> The next collection is due on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> April for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p><b>DROP-IN CENTRE</b> Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm except during school holidays.</p>
<p><b>Knights of the Southern Cross</b> Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 - 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	<p><b>Parish Office Opening Hours;</b> Monday and Thursday 9.00-5.00pm Friday 9.00-4.00pm</p>

**SUPPORTING MINISTRIES**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jerald Mariadas  
 Email : [gerald.mariadas@cam.org.au](mailto:gerald.mariadas@cam.org.au)

**Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:**  
 David Ng: [lipmian\\_ng@hotmail.com](mailto:lipmian_ng@hotmail.com)

**Parish Primary School:** 16 Beverley Street  
 Doncaster East 3109

t: 9842 2056 f: 9842 1125

e: [principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Anita Kelliher

**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday after  
 Mass/Communion Service

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm  
 and any weekday after Mass

**Baptisms:** On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of  
 every month at 12.30pm by appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in  
 our Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30-8.30pm.  
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 and Reconciliation.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

<b>Acts : 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31</b>		<b>Projector Operators</b>
<b>6.00pm Readers Commentator</b>	Nina Tan Josie Lim	Nick Soo
<b>8.00am Readers Commentator</b>	Paul O'Connor Diane Neuecker	Frank Smit
<b>11.00am Reader Commentator</b>	Suzanne Marshall Carmel Nigro	James Ting
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6.00pm  8.00am  11.00am	Chantelle and Ashley  Volunteers Please  Dominic and Canute
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Group 6:</b> Greg Sleeth, William Lee	Norman and Kevin Smith
<b>Our Next Children's liturgy Masses</b>	15th Apr, 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	

**Our Prayers** are asked for those **who died recently: Sue Deo** and for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time:



Pasqua Serruto, Ross Serruto, Joseph Aloysius O'Connor, Joseph Pick, Ottavio Fiorini, Vin Ryan, Piergiorgio Cappelloto, Cesido Massorotti, Gina Aloj, Kathleen Davies Colin Cran

**For those who are sick:** Madeline Gilmore, Brenda McMahan, Dan McMahan, Ava Pelikan, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini and Mong Kee Lim, Cyril Taya, Mary Ritus, Desiree Du Sart, Lois Norton Old, Leigh McArthur, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamadduma, Priyanthi Perera, Elena Toh, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks and Graham Holmes, Elena Toh, Joyce Foo and Peter Wilkinson.

**MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of  
 Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale  
 & Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster**

*NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only*

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9.00am CS
Tuesday	-	9.00am am
Wednesday	9.00am	9.00am CS
Thursday	9.00am CS	9.00am
Friday	9.00am	9.00am CS 7.30pm Divine Mercy
Saturday	6pm VIGIL (1st Sat of Month ONLY)	9am Mass- 6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11am 2.30 Divine Mercy Sunday

**April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday**

**"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." – COLOSSIANS 3:2**

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.