



The Partnered Parishes of
Our Lady of Lourdes & **St Peter's**
Armadales Toorak

PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st March 2024: EASTER SUNDAY - Year B

PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest

Father Brendan Hayes

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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him."

Gospel of the Vigil, Mark 16:6

"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."

Gospel of Easter Day, John 20:8-9

I am confident that you would all agree with me that this year's Lenten journey and celebration of the Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Sunday, have been enjoyable and spiritually uplifting. The Ecumenical Lenten Studies went very well and OLOL School's Presentation of the events of Holy Week was a joy to be part of.

Let us continue to thank God for our blessings. Let us also continue to be mindful of the plight of so many people in different nations and regions, especially in Ukraine, Gaza and Israel.

For all of these people and ourselves as well, the Lord Jesus died and rose that we might enjoy the freedom of the children of God on earth and eternal life in heaven.

I also wish all parishioners and visitors the Blessings of Easter.

On your behalf I wish to thank the Parish Staff and the many Volunteers for all the work of preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



Some of the work is quite obvious: detailed handouts for each of the Days, moving chairs around, arranging of flowers. There is also the work of endless phone calls, the work of sacristans and rehearsals for the Liturgies/Ceremonies.

Fr Hayes

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Peters

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

Mon & Tues: NONE

Wed. 9.30am at OLOL

Thurs. 9.30am St Peter's

Fri. 11.30am St Peter's

RECONCILIATION

SEE HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

BAPTISMS – MARRIAGES – FUNERALS

Please ring the Parish Secretaries to make arrangements

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Jane Mooney Bongiorno (in USA), Patricia Webb, Margaret Daniels, Marianne Parisi, Sam Osborne, Noela and John Gibb, Gary Woodruff, Dymrna Brady, Brendan O'Donnell, Mohan Paul, Ranjan Gregory, Anna Rallistan
If you would like to add names to the list, please ring Delisa at the parish office.

P.N. The privacy legislation requires us to have permission from an authorized person before any sick person's name can be included in this section.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Julianna Woi, Bernadette Berry, Antonio Zanca, Lady Norma Trescowthick, Carmel Nelson, Leonie Larmer and Anne Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Amerasinghe, Jane Webb-Murton, Sarah Webb, Col and Anne van Suylen and Gary Nadar

ROSTERS

ST PETER'S 6th & 7th April 2024

Lectors: 6.00pm –Clare Pettigrew
9.30am - Anthony Muir

Special Ministers:

6.00pm Clare Pettigrew
9.30am James Lally

OLOL 31st March 2024

Lectors: 11.15am Brenda Barry, Peter Moon,
Peter Bergin, Phil Thomas

Special Minister: Manique Corteling

READINGS – 6th & 7th April 2024

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v.1
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Thanksgiving	St Peter's	OLOL
2 nd Collection	Env \$810	\$ 86
24 th March	Cash \$347	\$227

Presbytery (for Clergy)

1 st Collection		
24 th March	\$1,339	\$464

Mass Count	138	61
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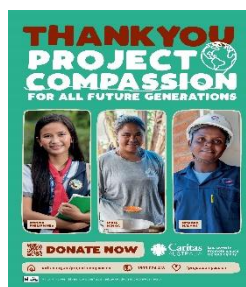
SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

At St Peter's – Next Friday 5th April, 11.00am.
All very welcome to attend.

BAPTISM AT OLOL

Congratulations to **Theodore Denton** and to his family.



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion

and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

KINROSS ARTS CENTRE (PART OF TOORAK UNITING CHURCH)

You are invited to a concert of sacred vocal music by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Rossini and many others, in support of Uniting AgeWell's Music for David program.

2.00pm Sunday 21st April 2024

Toorak Uniting Church

603 Toorak Road, Toorak

Admission \$35/ \$30 concession

Includes refreshments

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMGA>

Enquiries: 0429 907 908 or 0437 569 718

Tickets also available at the door.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

EXERCISE CLASSES

A chair-based exercise class is held
Every Thursday at 10.30am in St Peter's Parish
Centre. \$5 per person, payable on the day.

MORNING TEA AT ST PETER'S

Next Sunday 7th April in the Parish Centre, after the
9.30am Mass. All very welcome.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES (Easter Dues)

Are in the pews, for the support of your parish priest.
A percentage of this Offering also supports some
priests of the Archdiocese whose own parishes
cannot fully support them.

I thank you for your customary generosity and
thoughtfulness.

Fr Hayes

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR 2024.

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
will commence on **Tuesday 16th April 2024 at
4:30pm** at St Peter's Parish Centre.

Enrolments close Thursday 28th March 2024 at
5:00pm.

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First
Eucharist are open for all children in Year 3 and
above.

Please Note: Sacramental Preparation Classes are
open to any child, in Year 3 and above, who attend
any Government or Private school and live within our
Partnered Parishes.

Children who haven't participated in the Sacrament
of Reconciliation prior to First Eucharist, will be
unable to participate in the First Eucharist program.

Please contact **Delisa** on (03) 9068 8602 or
delisa.gonsalves@cam.org.au

HYMNS THIS WEEK AT OLOL

No. 553: Love is his word

No. 354: Christ the Lord is ris'n

HEART OF LIFE

Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation

For all forthcoming events please see:

[Reflection Events | Heart of Life](#)

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



*Mission: Transform Lives
- theirs...and yours*

Have you been considering whether an overseas
professional placement with Palms is for you?
Wanting to share your skills with communities in the
Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance
and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at
Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April. Meet our
director Soraya and former Palms participants to find
out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Sacred Heart PRIMARY School

Address: 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh

Date: Monday 22nd April 2024

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au

EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

In his message for Easter this year, Archbishop Peter
A Comensoli asks us to reflect on the experience of
the disciples between the time of Jesus' death and
resurrection. 'It would have been darkness for them;
a questioning of everything they had come to know
and had hoped for,' he says.

But God did not want the disciples to drift into
oblivion, the Archbishop reminds us. 'God shook
them into a new creation that would change them and
everything for all time ...

'Because, at Easter, life had found a way.'

Please click on the link below to view the
Archbishop's message.

https://youtu.be/7eoW1Hl_8t0



FIRST READING

[Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

Response

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

SECOND READING

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[1 Corinthians 5:7-8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [John 20:1-9](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

