

# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



## Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 5.30pm ( Reconciliation 4.30pm-5.15pm )

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm

### PARISH TEAM

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**E**ASTER TIME: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter.

*Universal Norms  
on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 22-24*

**S**ING ALLELUIA ! St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves,' and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over.'

*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 39*

## Easter Day Mass

20th - 21st April

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 138:18,5-6

**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

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

### Responsorial Psalm

117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23 ± v.24

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

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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

### Alternate Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

### Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia !

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

Alleluia, alleluia !

### Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

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

### Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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

## MASSSES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF EASTER

### The Octave of Easter

**Tuesday** NO MASS

**Wednesday** NO MASS

**Thursday** 8am ANZAC DAY

**Friday** 9.15am

**Saturday** 8am

**Divine Office: Psalter Wk 1 with Easter propers**

### NOTE

For parishioners' safety, Masses on Tuesday, 23rd and Wednesday, 24th of April are cancelled due to the fact that there will be numerous heavy trucks involved in the removal of soil in the oval. Thank you for your understanding.

**Parish Office Hours this week:****Tuesday - Friday - 9am - 4pm****Baptisms**

No Baptism this weekend.

The Baptism Preparation Class is a one on one session with the Priest. Parents and child along with their godparents attend the Naming Ceremony at the 9.30am Mass. Guests are encouraged to attend the Mass. Baptism is at 10.30am on Sundays.

For enquiries, please ring the Parish Office - (02) 9524 7283

**Catholic Weekly**

- A NEW LIFE: Former politician with Parkinsons finds a new lease on life
- A Crossroads for religious freedom?
- Pro-lifers slam Court decision
- How Christ died ... A doctor's view
- Movie review: Shazam
- Why seminary life appeals

**The Catholic Weekly is in the Foyer for \$2****Thank You - Holy Week & Easter Volunteers**

Many were willing and ready to be involved in the Parish over the various ceremonies and tasks in the lead up to and the actual Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. A BIG THANK YOU: to the donors and sponsors towards various projects, particularly where there were expenses to do with the ceremonies; to the Working Bees to do with cleaning inside and outside the Church; to those who decorated the Church, including Stations of the Cross, banners, draping and flowers; to those who were operating the AV; to the Welcomers - young and old, Acolytes and young Servers, the many Readers, Commenators, and Readers of the various Parts in the Passion readings; to the Collectors, Wardens, Counters, procession of Gifts; to BBQers; to the Musicians and Singers. Thank you to all who helped Mila with the various tasks to ensure the smooth running of the ceremonies.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and [Ministerial Integrity Office at \(02\) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police

**MASS INTENTIONS****Please pray for the faithful departed**

**Recently DECEASED:** Noah Osborne, Joyce Bateman, Geoffery Duggan, Anna Natoli, Dominic Mandile, Marie Maguire, John Michael Vassarotti, Sr Bernadette Franks, RSM, Liliana Pierina Teremi, Mary Lichtenbergers, Rita Agius, Dr Albert Montgomery.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Mary Ferrario, Mitchell Ferrario, Albert Ferrario, Silvio Tagliapietra, Albert Ferriera, Rocco Riccio, Giardini Family, Stillone Family, Marie and Don Maher, Varela Family, Montenegro Family, Josefa Valdivia, Ron Smith, John, May and Phillip Searson, .

**ALSO:** Charlton and Meads Families, Rhonda Shallala, Filomena Elgean, John Druon, John B.T. Quang, Anna Nho, John B.T. Van De, Eileen & John Cammerford, May and Frank Hammon, Charles Montgomery and Jean Montgomery. All the Souls in Purgatory.

**May they rest in peace.****Please pray for the sick**

Clark O'Brien, Hugh Walsh, Carlo Tagliapietra, Lauren Hanrahan, and all the patients in the hospitals in our Parish.

*Names in the bulletin will be published as follows: Recently Deceased 4 weeks, Anniversaries 2 weeks, Deceased 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified to the Parish Office, Special Intentions 1 week, Sick 2 weeks.*

<b>27th - 28th April</b>	<b>A/V Operator</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Mikayla / Brielle Mulcahy	Dianka Pons, Joe Sidoti
<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	Mark Abad	Van Bucek, Varsha Jojo
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Eleftheriades Family	Marilyn Batman, Annie Henry
<b>Sunday 5.30pm</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Greg Thornton, Maria Townsend

**Children's Liturgy, 28th April: NONE SCHOOL HOLIDAY****Communion Ministry to the Sick, 28th April: Wendy Martin, Paul Morris**

Jesus, Risen from the dead, is our Easter message.  
He lives! Jesus is Alive!

Our faith teaches us that from the time of the original fall of Adam and Eve till the death of Christ no one could enter into paradise. The gates of heaven were closed to humanity and could only be opened by Jesus through his saving death and Resurrection.

Jesus is the door which leads unto eternal life; His dying opens the door to paradise; He descends into hell to liberate those lost to their sins; He arises that we might enjoy such life too.



The Gospel shows us the contemporary implications of our faith in Jesus. For example, in the Gospel we see that it is important for Jesus to go into every wretched situation and bring healing and mercy. The Gospel allows us to see the shocking interaction of Jesus with those deemed lost and forsaken; the prostitutes, the leprous, the blind, the lame, the poor, the rich, and such people, who, in a metaphorical and literal sense, were prisoners of some type of hell. By hell, we mean, a separation from God, from love and life.

Now, for first century Jews there was no more hellish place than death itself. The Jews of the age believed that God created human beings to live in God's presence in this life. Death was separation from God – the result of sin.

Now, the Gospel witnesses that Jesus, the Incarnate Deity, suffers, is crucified and buried, and enters into hell, and, amazingly, is not a prisoner to death forever. Jesus rises and ascends into heaven. And all those who believe and trust in Him are saved. This is a transformation of universal proportions which we know is still happening today.

There are many forms of suffering and death.

Yes, we ourselves may be dying, or those we deeply care for and love, may be suffering from a myriad form of death. We may know of those suffering from depression, thoughts of suicide, incurable resentment, a wound so deep it seems it will never heal, a life of addiction, a life of some private hell that just leaves us too weak to open any door that leads to love and life.

The gates of heaven may, at times, seem closed to us for many reasons. And Jesus answers, "I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell....arise...let us leave this place."+

Now, please, once again, let Jesus help you.

Death is not the end. Resurrection. Jesus is Alive!

Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you and all those you love.

Fr Julian Belich

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## GROUP TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

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The Parish is organising a Group Tour to the Holy Land & Jordan departing in May 2020. (Tour Dates will be released in May 2019).

The fully conducted Tour for 11 days Twin Share is from \$2,771 Per Person.

Your Tour includes Breakfast daily and 7 dinners. A deposit of \$ 250.00 per person will secure your place on the Group Tour and this amount will be deducted from the total amount of the Tour Cost.

The Airfare is approx. \$2,000 per person. To get the best airfare, bookings will be made in September 2019.

Other costs based on 2019 prices:

**1. Arrival transfer in Tel Aviv \$48.00 per person** – if arriving same day as tour starts  
\$86.00 per person – if arriving on days before the tour starts

Departure transfer in Amman \$48.00 per person – if departing same day as tour ends

**2. Pre night Accommodation in Tel Aviv**  
Tel Aviv – Twin share Room: \$194.00 per person/room/night  
- Single Room: \$331.00 per room/ night

**3. Prepaid gratuity - \$149.00 per person**  
So based on Approx Prices, the total per person is **\$ 5248.00** (\$ 2771, \$ 86, \$ 48, \$ 194, \$149, \$2000).

### YOU ARE INVITED TO THE INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN: **Friday, 14th June 2019**

TIME: 6pm (meet Ruby Travels Worldwide & Cosmos at 6pm).

VENUE: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Meeting Room, 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, NSW 2229

RSVP: Mila Montgomery at the Parish Office (02) 9524 7283

REFRESHMENTS: Including pizza and soft drinks will be served on the night.

**Tour Chaplain: Fr Julian Belich**

**For more information & to book your place on the Group Tour please ring the Parish Office: 9524 7283**

## Parish Diary

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**28 April** - Masses as normal except Thursday at 7am

**5.30pm** - Vigil Mass (Saturday, 27 April) 8am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

**2pm** - Divine Mercy Program with Adoration until 3pm.

**3pm** Mass

### First Friday 3rd May

**7pm to 8pm** - Holy Hour (Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**8pm to 8.30pm** - Mass (after Mass adoration continues until midnight)

### 2019 SACRAMENTS

**Confirmation - Sunday, 23rd June**

12pm and 3pm Sessions

**First Holy Communion - Sunday, 8 September**

12pm and 3pm Sessions

**First Reconciliation - Tuesday, 19th November**

4pm and 6pm Sessions

### DATES OF PREPARATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS NOT IN THE PARISH SCHOOL

**Confirmation: 5 May, 12 May, 19 May, 26 May**

**Communion: 28 July (Lessons 1 and 2)**

4 August (Lessons 3 and 4)

**Reconciliation: 20 October (Lessons 1 and 2)**

27 October (Lessons 3 and 4)

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

**4 and 5 May - all Masses**

### NOTICES

#### 1. Positions Vacant

Housekeeper/Cleaner, St Mark's Parish Drummoyne. Part-time position, 3 days per week (9am-3pm Tues and Fri and 9am-1pm Wed). For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 23 April 2019.

#### 2. Interested in volunteering to lend a helping hand to seniors?

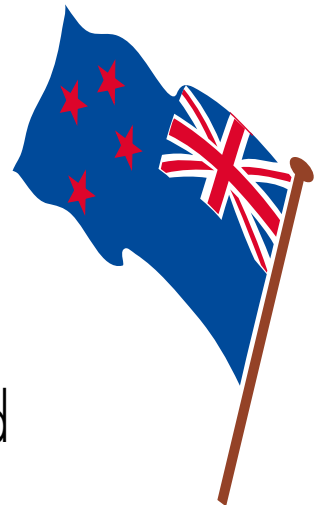
CatholicCare needs people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.



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**ANZAC**

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# **ANZAC DAWN SERVICE**

**4.20 am on Thursday, 25th April 2019**

**AT THE WAR MEMORIAL**

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**MARCH FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL WILL LEAVE**

**CNR. KINGSWAY AND DENMAN AVENUE at 4.10 am**

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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

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Kingsway and Denman Avenue at 4.00 am*

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# JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

## Jesus Christ is risen!

Jn 20:1-9

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J B M G I F K C R Y E V S D  
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D B H M T A Q B F E S O Q F  
G Q J W J E N T R A N C E E  
N R S T O N E M G M C Q U V  
G D P K P L I N E N M A R Y

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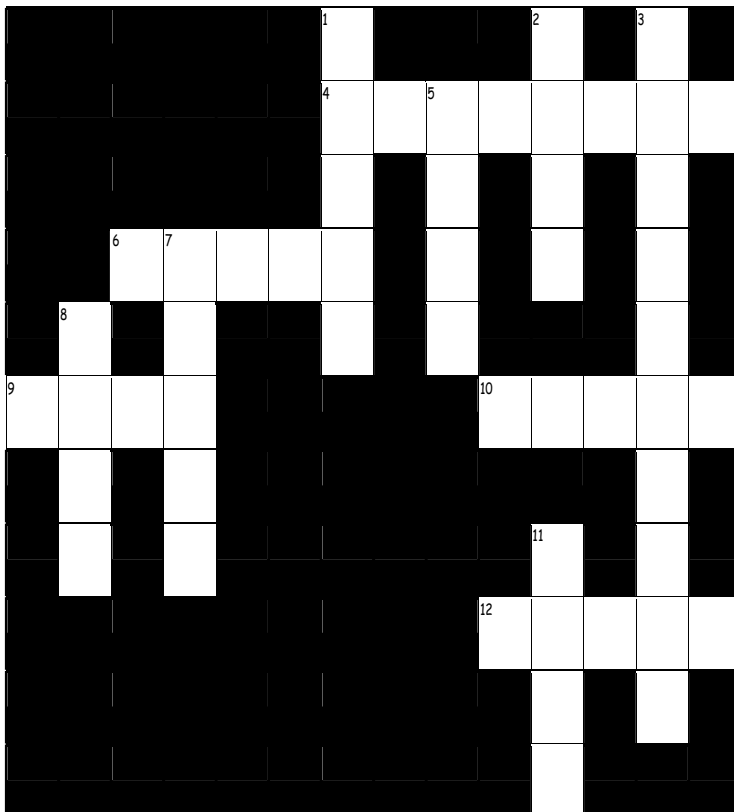
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# CROSSWORD

## Jesus Christ is risen!

Jn 20:1-9

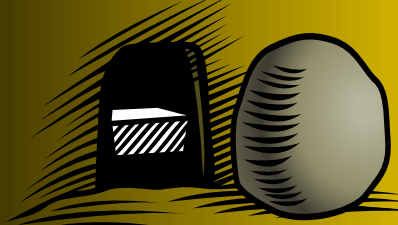


Across

- 4: the front opening of a building
- 6: this covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 9: without light
- 10: a piece of fabric
- 12: a type of cotton fabric

Down

- 1: Jesus' disciple who was also known as Simon
- 2: the front part of the head
- 3: sacred texts
- 5: burial chamber
- 7: removed
- 8: she was the first to notice that Jesus' body was missing
- 11: the opposite of death

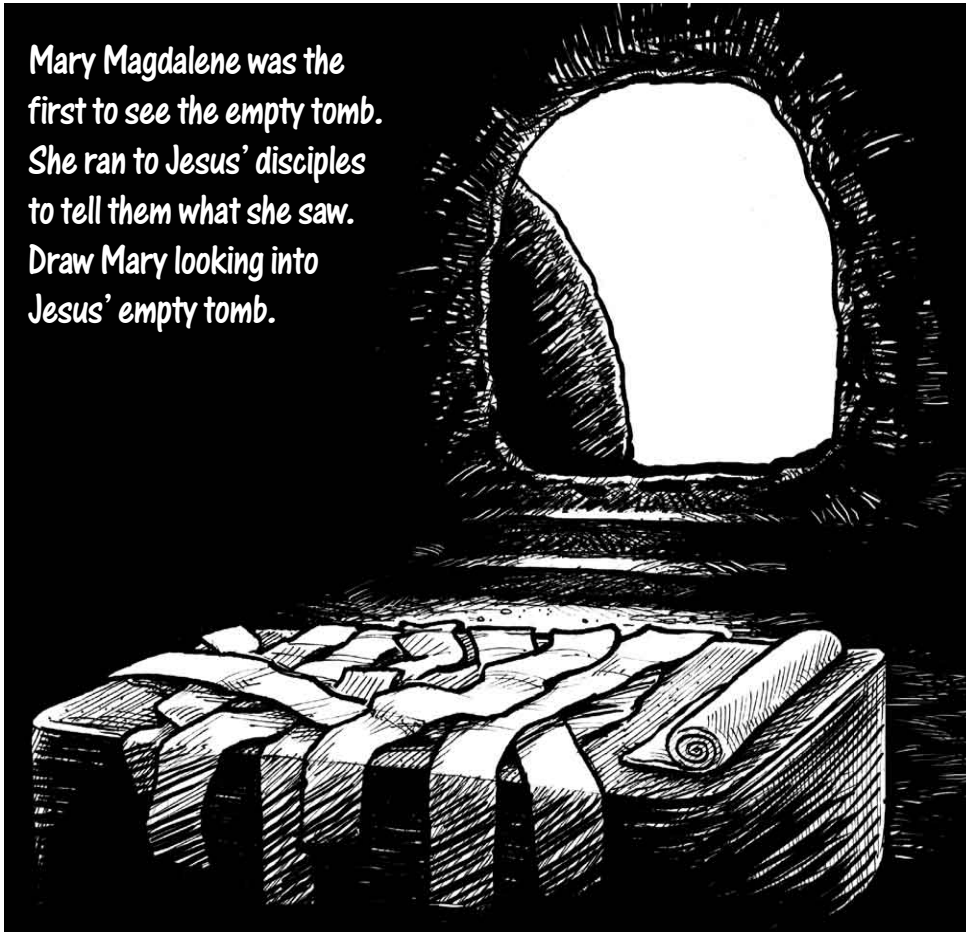


# He is risen! Alleluia!

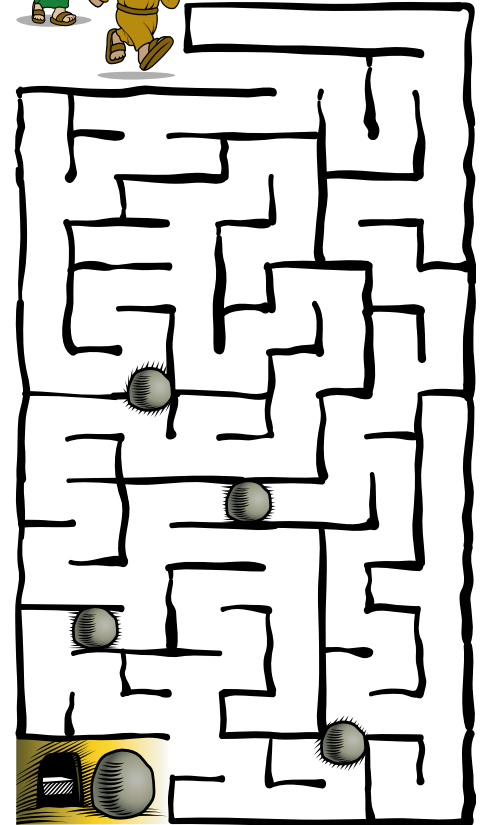


Easter Sunday

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.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

## DIFFERENT VIEW

### An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.