

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April

Mass at 8:00 am, 9:30 am. Afternoon the “Divine Mercy Celebration” begins at 2pm with Confession in the garden. Mass to the Divine Mercy at 3pm and after the Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan: 1) those with flu symptoms must not enter the church; 2) sanitising hands and registration are strict requirements; 3) singing prohibited; 4) required sanitisation of the seats before and after each service; 5) social distancing 1.5m apart (only 120 seats).

Daily Masses: 7.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); Tuesday 5.00pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass.

First Fridays: 5pm Holy Hour and 6pm Mass
Weekend Mass times: Saturday: Vigil 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am and 3pm (2nd Sun only): Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. Baptisms after 9:30 Mass (by appt only)

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Our sick: Elizabeth Kinsela Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House (1st Wed. 10.30 mass).

Dear Friends, at this very joyful time of Easter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in this challenging time of restrictions caused by Covid-19. I pray that you and your loved ones have a very blessed Easter and all will be well. Coming before the Lord, please pray for the unity of our parish, because when we are united we are strong. May the Risen Lord bless you all now and forever. We have to be watchful still, as uncertainties of daily life and unexpected happenings may occur. Trusting in God and relying on His Providence we shall continue our journey in faith overcoming difficult circumstances together.

May the Risen Lord bless you all! Fr Jerzy

Easter, Latin **Pascha**, Greek **Pascha**, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier. The English word Easter, which parallels the German word *Ostern*, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as *in albis*, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of *alba* (“dawn”) and became *eostarum* in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek Pascha (“Passover”) provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.

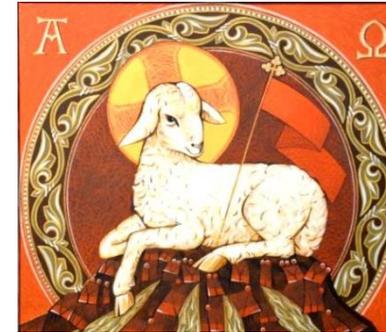


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8 Ways Jesus' Resurrection Changes Everything

1. The resurrection proves who Jesus is
2. Jesus' resurrection offers us the gift of forgiveness
3. The resurrection offers us the gift of salvation through Christ
4. Jesus' resurrection gives us the ability to live free
5. The resurrection means that we can have hope
6. The resurrection means we can have the power of Christ dwelling within us today
7. The resurrection of Jesus offers the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven
8. It reminds us that He's coming again.

Lamb is a traditional Easter food. Christians refer to Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” though lamb at Easter also has roots in early Passover celebrations. In the story of Exodus, the people of Egypt suffered a series of terrible plagues, including the death of all firstborn sons. Members of the Jewish faith



Painted their doorposts with sacrificed lamb's blood so that God would “pass over” their homes. Jews who converted to Christianity continued the tradition of eating lamb at Easter. Historically, lamb would have been one of the first fresh meats available after a long winter with no livestock to slaughter

On Dec. 8, 2020, Pope Francis marked the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church by [proclaiming](#) a yearlong celebration dedicated to Jesus's foster father. For the occasion, Pope Francis wrote [Patris Corde](#) (“With a father's heart”), in which he said Christians can find in St. Joseph “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.” In his surprise announcement, Pope Francis said it was the coronavirus pandemic that encouraged him to write and reflect on St. Joseph, that strong presence in salvation history who accomplished so much so quietly. “Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” Pope Francis wrote. “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”