

The Living Word

Easter Sunday Morning of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

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

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

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

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.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

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

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

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

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.

19TH/20TH OF APRIL 2025



EASTER VIGIL &
EASTER SUNDAY

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MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:

If you would like a Mass intention or Prayer for the Sick to be listed in the bulletin and/or Prayer of the Faithful, please email or call Isabella.

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 7am onwards
Tuesday: 3pm onwards
Wednesday: 4pm onwards
Friday: 7am onwards

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Saturday

11:30 am	Reconciliation
6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

10:00am	Mass
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Wednesday

5:00pm	Mass
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THURSDAY MASS RESCHEDULED: Due to the Anzac Commemoration Concert, the customary 5pm Mass has been rescheduled to 10am.

MORNING TEA:

Morning Tea is held on the 1st Sunday of every month, following the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

SEND US MAIL:

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BAPTISM: Celebrated every second Sunday of the month at 11am
Enquires to: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

COLUMBA CARE: Convenor Shaun Maton admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

COLUMBARIUM: Enquiries to: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

MARRIAGE: Celebrated at 1pm and 3:30pm on Saturday's. Other days by arrangement:
Enquires to: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, PRE-CONFIRMATION, & FIRST RECONCILIATION: Contact our Catechist Helen by phone/text on 0401 329 479

MASS INTENTIONS:

6pm Vigil: For Parishioner's intentions.

7:30am: For Parishioner's intentions.

9:30am: For Parishioner's intentions.

***THIS THURSDAY!* ANZAC COMMEMORATION CONCERT - Featuring Mozart Requiem** **Orchestral and Choral Performance by Choralis Australia and Perth Baroque Orchestra:**

Please join us in the Church on the eve of Anzac Day on the **24th of April at 8pm** for a 45minute performance.

Choralis Australia is a Western Australian group of 16 semi-professional singers from the national Choralis Australis. Perth Baroque Orchestra has approximately 20 players who will be performing. Both choir and orchestra will come together, conducted by Dr. Margaret Pride OAM, we hope you will join us for a special evening of beautiful music, all free of charge. ***We hope to see you there!***

DONATING TO OUR PARISH: Whilst we prefer contributions by direct credit, we invite you to use the EFTPOS machines as you enter the church, or the cash collection boxes at either entrance.

1st Collection – For the Priest	2nd Collection – For the Parish Expenses
Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 72646 1615	Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 45853 7299

RESTORATION DONATIONS: Envelopes are available on all pews and at the back of the Church! All donations are appreciated as we slowly restore the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre.

- Fr. Nino Vinciguerra

St. Columba's Parish is continuously raising funds to contribute towards our various renovations around the Presbytery, Church and Parish Centre. Every donation assists and we can not thank you enough for your generosity. *- Fr. Nino Vinciguerra*

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Mother of Hope
A special **Mother's Day** concert

This Mother's Day treat your mother, grandmother or yourselves to experience a beautiful afternoon recital of sacred music with strings and choir. Proceeds will support Catholic Mission's maternity health project in Zambia providing life-giving support for vulnerable mothers and their babies.

All are welcome to this hour-long performance by Perth's finest choral singers and instrumentalists including Paul Wright (violinist) & Emma Spadaccini (soprano).

SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025
2.30pm - 3.30pm

St Columba's Catholic Church
25 Forrest St, South Perth

After the concert please join us in St Columba's gardens and share in Devonshire Tea overlooking the picturesque view of the Swan River.

Book your tickets now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DALFN> or scan the QR code

For enquiries: Francis Leong, 6234 1760
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Adult \$40pp
Concession \$30pp
17 Yrs and under Free
Devonshire Tea \$10pp
Hosted by St Columba's Parish

ANGELO STREET PARTY - 3rd of May 2025 - 1pm to 5pm:

We need your help!

St. Columba's Parish will be hosting a fundraising stall at the upcoming Angelo Street Party. We are looking for donations of baked goods, preserves and crafts. If you would like to assist at the market stall or donate any homemade goods, please leave your contact details on the sign up sheet at the main porch entrance or email Isabella. Isabella will provide more information throughout the week!



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NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM - Based on John 20:1-9

He saw and he believed.

The day begins with darkness and fear. The tomb has been desecrated. The body has been stolen. Whatever Jesus said about resurrection, his disciples did not expect him to rise until the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time. The anonymous disciple loved by Jesus races to the tomb, sees the linen cloth and the face cloth placed apart and believes. In this simple sign of a 'tidy' tomb, he sees what Peter missed, that God has entered this story of death and transformed it to a story of life.

On two occasions in this short reading, we find the use of the passive voice – 'the stone had been moved away' and the linen cloth over his head, 'rolled up' in a place by itself. Frequently in the Scriptures, the use of the passive voice is called the Divine Passive, as it is a way of referring to the action of God without naming God as the direct agent of the action. This is a Semitic way of reverencing God. The face-veil has been removed and rolled with care. Although never named, God is the Divine agent in this episode.

John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

ANZAC DAY - 25th of April 2025: We thank all those who laid down their lives to serve our country. This Thursday evening, we come together to commemorate the Anzac's with a beautiful performance - all are welcomed. On Friday, we will offer the Mass to all those who have so graciously served our country. *Lest we Forget.*



PARISH CENSUS FORMS: Can be found on the ledges of the pews or at the main porch entrance door. If you have filled out this form before, there is no need for you to do it again. However, if you have not and wish to be kept informed of the Parish activities, please fill out the form and leave it in the Parish Census box at the main porch entrance at the Church or email it to Isabella.

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PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES & ENVELOPES:

Following the conclusion of Lent, we ask for all Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes to be bought back to the Parish over the upcoming weeks. Thank you so much for your generosity!



NANO NAGLE CENTRE - THE PILGRIM'S JUBILEE'S GIFTS OF REST AND HEALING:

In the Jubilee year, Pope Francis reminds us that, blessings of grace and transformation are forever present, we simply need to be aware and awake. Thursday 1 May 9:30am to 3pm. Cost \$40.00 with morning tea provided, bring your own lunch. Presenter: Geraldine Taylor. Further information and booking: catherinewarner29@gmail.com