



THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

19 April 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)



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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9.00am - 3.30 pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by
appointment following a Baptism
Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least
6 months notice.

Sacred Heart Retreat Centre

For Bookings

Contact Robby on 0422 189 329

St. Vincent de Paul

If assistance is required, contact
St. Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330
(Free Call)

Care Group

Maree Minogue: 0402 310 617

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Seniors Group

Wilma De Jong 0488 776 294

Catholic Women's League

Maxine Grbac 0449 131 973

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Please consider the environment when you are
finished with this publication



Weekend Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm,

Neocatechumenal Mass 7.30pm, Sunday 8.15am and 10.15am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30 am (Note: on 2nd Thursday
monthly Seniors Mass is at 10:30am, this Mass replaces the 9.30 am Mass)

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Friday after 9.30 am Mass and
Saturday 5.30 pm until 6.00 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR 2020

Monday 20 April

Monday of Easter

Tuesday 21 April

Tuesday of Easter

Wednesday 22 April

Wednesday of Easter

Thursday 23 April

Thursday of Easter

Friday 24 April

Friday of Easter

Saturday 25 April

ANZAC DAY

Sunday 26 April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

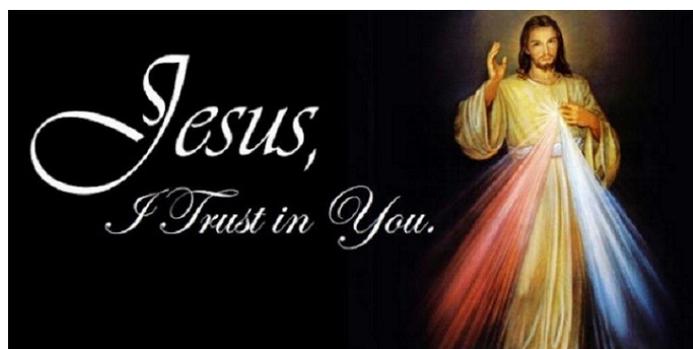
Special Collection:

Project Compassion—please keep your donation boxes until further notice, thank you.

Next week's Readings:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



THE CELEBRATION OF MASSES

The Masses that have been suspended at this time are the
regular, timetable Masses. This includes weekday and
Sunday Masses.

NOTE: The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply
during this time of suspension.

If a parishioner is in need of anointing and/or reconciliation
please contact the parish office.

Please pray for:

We pray for all who are sick, especially **Lucy Horgan, Beryl Clark, Sr. Gabriel, Sr. Carla.**

We pray for those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who have died recently, and for whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism has been suspended until further notice, please keep those families scheduled to have their children Baptised this weekend, in your prayers.



What should I do if I can't go to Mass?

We encourage you to participate in other ways -

- Such as spending time in personal and family prayer.
- Reflecting on and praying with the Scriptures (particularly the [Mass readings](#))
- Making a Stations of the Cross
- Praying the Rosary
- Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

How can I participate in Mass online?

Despite our current limitations, we can still participate in the celebration of Mass online thanks to modern technology. Many dioceses around the world provide online streaming of Masses, including our own Archdiocese of Melbourne. Below are some links to online Masses. We also encourage you to think about how you might help those homebound and less tech-savvy to be able to access Mass online during this time.

1. **Sacred Heart Parish Croydon Facebook page**—Fr. Len is uploading daily Masses.
2. **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne** Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

3. **Pope Francis' daily Mass** Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>
4. **Mass for You at Home** This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. It is also the fourth-longest running television show in Australia. <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html>
5. or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
7. **Bishop Robert Barron** Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire – Bishop Robert Barron has been using new media to evangelise for over a decade. On his website or YouTube channel, viewers can find daily Mass alongside hours of intelligent and thought-provoking content on topics relevant to the faith. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcCmJLgeWNwqL2LBGS-iPb1A> or <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>



SACRED HEART PARISH CROYDON APP

Fr Len would like to invite you all to download the Sacred Heart Parish Croydon App that is available to download from Apple and Google Play stores.

During this time of uncertainty Fr Len is keen to start using technology to stay connected with the whole parish community and also remove any feeling of isolation .

You can subscribe to our eNewsletter by completing your details on our website: www.sacredheartcroydon.org

PRAYER OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, CROYDON

Sacred Heart of Jesus be with us and send us wisdom through the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions and actions, so that we may do our part in the building of the Kingdom of God. May we reflect to all the loving care of God our Father. May we grow in the likeness of you the Son who came to serve and give your life for all. May Mary, our Mother, and our special Patrons, St. Edmund and St. Francis de Sales plead on our behalf to the Father, through You the Son in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VISION STATEMENT :

“Sacred Heart Parish is a joyful Catholic community in which, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ is offered through worship, sacraments, education, pastoral and charitable outreach and the lived witness of Gospel values in order to nurture, sustain and support the growth of the Catholic faith in Croydon and beyond.”

Privacy in 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

The Sacred Heart Parish of Croydon, along with the ARCHDIOCESE of Melbourne, is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THANKSGIVING

If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight.
If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendour of stars
If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.
If you look beneath, you may see it as a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.
If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.
If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.
If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappointment and doubt.
If you look beneath, you may see the stuff that new dreams contain.
If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.
If you look beneath, you may see that love lives forever in the heart.
If you look at the planet's pain and creatures' woe, you might see only despair.
If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in

the compassionate care of many.
If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.
If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.
If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.
If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of diving love.

Thanksgiving is a time to look beneath our external lives for the unwavering love, the ceaseless peace, and the enduring strength that lie in the deep waters of our soul. The more we trust the "unknowable depths" of our existence, the more the power of gratitude becomes a song we daily sing. With what do you struggle today? What might lie beneath that struggle for which you can give thanks?

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Thanksgiving

The running costs of the parish, repayments of loans, administration expenses and maintenance of priests are still on-going.

If you would like to continue with your offering, please follow either of the methods below:

1. Bank Account Transfer—please use the following parish account details to transfer funds to our account at N.A.B.

SACRED HEART PARISH

CHURCH ACCOUNT

BSB: 083 347

A/C no: 46436 3811

Reference - use your surname OR your T.G. envelope number (if known)

2. Credit card payment—please provide credit card details to the office.

Your cooperation is most appreciated at this difficult time.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You
as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to
be separated
from You.
Amen.



The Resurrection Essential

There is a series of events that form links in a chain from eternity to eternity. These include the incarnation of Jesus, His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and return. Any missing link and the chain is destroyed.

All of Christianity as a system of truth collapses if the resurrection is rejected. As Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

In addition to breaking the chain of redemptive events, if the resurrection were not essential, then the good news of salvation would be flat, lifeless, and negative. Resurrection is central to the gospel. Paul said: "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4).

In my book *World Aflame*, I told the story about Auguste Comte, the French philosopher, and Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish essayist. Comte said he was going to start a new religion that would supplant the religion of Christ. It was to have no mysteries and was to be as plain as the multiplication table; its name was to be positivism. "Very good, Mr Comte," Carlyle replied, "very good. All you will need to do will be to speak as never a man spake, and live as never a man lived, and be crucified, and rise again the third day, and get the world to believe that you are still alive. Then your religion will have a chance to get on."

Today many "new religions" are springing up, like toadstools after a summer rain. I wonder how many could meet the criteria that Carlyle told his friend?

A personal salvation experience is directly related to belief in the resurrection. Paul gave the formula for saving faith and showed that it centred in this belief: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation" (Rom. 10:9,10).

It couldn't be clearer in the Scriptures. Yet there are churches where ministers say they believe in

the resurrection, but that this means Jesus immediately rose from death into spiritual life with God. They say they believe in a "spiritual" but not a "physical" resurrection. This is what some modern preachers proclaim on Easter morning—though I am thankful they are diminishing in number.

No wonder there are many who sit in some churches week after week, year after year, without hearing the whole gospel and knowing what it is to be converted. They hear a gospel which is incomplete, and consequently not good news at all. The resurrection was not disembodied, it was physical. Eyewitnesses said, "We saw His glory"; "You will see Him"; "He appeared"; "I have seen Jesus the Lord."

Within the short span of three days both events, the death and resurrection, took place bodily and not symbolically—tangibly, not spiritually—watched by men of flesh and blood, not fabricated by hallucination.

The resurrection was also the pledge and the promise of our own resurrection.

To understand this we need to see that, in the Bible, death affects both personality and body. (Remember the three dimensions of death?) The body, too, has to be retrieved from condemnation. Only by resurrecting the body could God make a complete conquest of death. He started with the body of Jesus, but He will also work in a similar manner with the bodies of all who believe. As the judgment of death was total, so salvation from its penalty is total, involving the physical, spiritual, and eternal.

Obviously our resurrection bodies will be recognizable, but they can't possibly be the exact bodies we have here. However, they must be like Christ's resurrected body. He had the nail prints and the wound in His side, and yet He could pass through closed doors. When it was time for Him to go to heaven He was able to ascend.

What a promise this is! "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus" (1 Thess 4:14).

Jesus staked everything upon His rising from the dead. By His resurrection He would be judged true or false.

From - How to be Born Again
By Billy Graham