

NOTICEBOARD

LITURGIES: 9—14 APRIL

Mon	<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945</i>
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Tues	<i>William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761</i> <i>William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, 1347</i>
10	12 noon Mass
Wed	<i>George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878</i>
11	10.30 am Mass

Thu	
12	7.30 am Mass
Fri	
13	12 noon Stations of the Resurrection
Sat	Saturday—
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NEXT SUNDAY—15 APRIL

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00 am Lauds
9.30 am Solemn Mass

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4;
1 John 2:3-5; Luke 24:35-48

Monthly Parish Lunch at the Roche

Cnr George & Johnston Streets

3rd Sunday of the month—all welcome!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 Apr	Stations of the Resurrection
15 Apr	Lunch at the Roche—all welcome
16 Apr	Parish Council meeting—7 pm in the Old School
17 Apr	Pastoral Group at Ros Simmons House—7 pm

NEXT CHORAL MASSES

25 Apr	Saint Mark's Day
13 May	Easter Carols
3 June	Corpus Christi
1 July	Anniversary of Dedication

PUBLICATIONS—IN THE NARTHEX

April TMA

Janet Jukes' Address at the Summer Mass
Fr Stuart's Holy Week and Triduum Homilies

Feasts are made for laughter

Ecclesiastes 10:19



Jesus reserving a table for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

St Marks Community Centre—250 George St Fitzroy	St Marks RECYCLED—298 Smith St Collingwood
A Partnership with Anglicare Victoria	A Community Program Supporting Saint Mark's Community Centre
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8 APRIL 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GUIDE TO TODAY'S SOLEMN MASS

Gold is used as the colour for this Season of the Resurrection which is celebrated for 50 Days until Pentecost. The shortening and mellow days of Easter Time allowing for ongoing reflection and seeking for the signs of new life promised by the Risen One.

PRESIDING	Fr Stuart Soley	HOMILIST	Fr Tom Brown
HOSPITALITY	WELCOMING TEAM AT THE DOOR		Robin Murray and Jacquie Joslin
ENTRANCE	125 vv. 1,4-8 Ye sons and daughters of the		<i>TUNE: O FILII ET FILIAE</i>
SETTING	St Mark's Setting— <i>De angelis</i> —Cox and Skinner, 1984		
READINGS	Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31		
LECTOR	Susanne Dahn	CANTOR	James Allen
PSALM	<p>Mode VI - GC</p> <p>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his stead-fast love en - dures for ev - er.</p>		
PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS	106	Come ye faithful, raise the strain	<i>TUNE: AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM</i>
EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS	Rena Pritchard Rod Conn		
COMMUNION	102	A brighter dawn is breaking	<i>TUNE: NUN LASST UNS GOTT</i>
REGINA CAELI	See the second last page of the booklet		
RECESSIONAL	Chaconne in E Minor—Dietrich Buxtehude		
HOSPITALITY	In the Old School Hall	HOST	Jacquie Joslin

On the Sundays of Easter the Commemoration of Baptism through the thanksgiving for water and the rite of sprinkling the baptised replaces the penitential rite.

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CONTEMPLATING THE GOSPEL ...

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Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays *after* Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays *of* Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit.

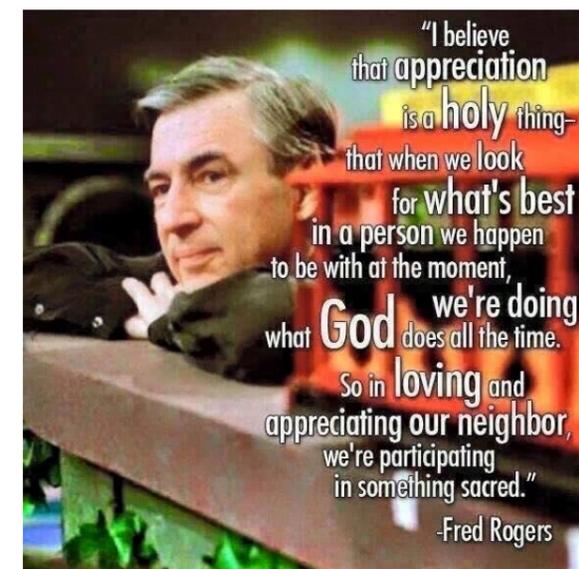
He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination.

Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.



Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time"?



STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

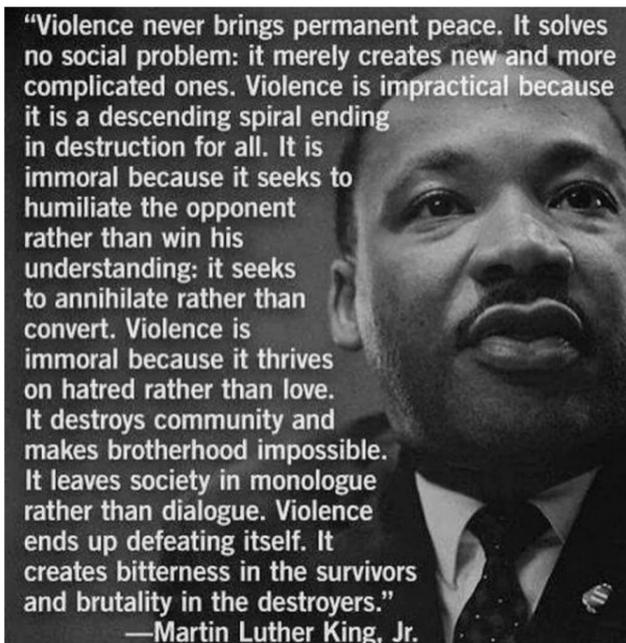
Through Lent and Passiontide there has been a long tradition in the Church of meditating on the events of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, called the Stations of the Cross. In the latter part of the twentieth century a complementary devotion emerged, possibly from the Iberian peninsula, called the Stations of the Resurrection or the Stations of Joy. They provide much-needed resources for the celebration of the Great Fifty Days.

As with the Stations of the Cross, we move from station to station, reading an appropriate bible passage and meditating on it. By using the resurrection appearances as a focus for reflection and meditation we have an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the Easter mysteries of the resurrection of our Lord. The resurrection appearances are more than just stories or history, they are a record of personal encounters with our risen Lord, so silence and space should be given to allow the liturgy to enable that encounter to happen today.

(From: *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, London: The Archbishop's Council, 2006, p.443)

Stations of the Resurrection at Saint Mark's:

Friday 13 April	12 noon
Wednesday 18 April	12 noon
Saturday 21 April	11 am



Vere resurrexit!

RISE, heart, thy lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise:
That, as his death calcinèd thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and, much more,
just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art,
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretchèd sinews taught all strings what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long
Or, since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied
Oh let thy blessèd Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

-George Herbert, 1633



50 YEARS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR

This is an edited excerpt from an op-ed piece by Dr Gregory E Sterling in the New York Times—3 April 2018

The civil rights struggle of the 1950s and 1960s was derived from religion, after all. Dr. King invoked Scripture, God and divine power to make theological arguments for equality and freedom. So many of



his words reverberate today and are as relevant now as at the height of the civil rights movement. In Dr. King's 1963 book, "Strength to Love," which is a collection of his sermons and thinking on racial segregation, the reverend's insights and wisdom delivered from America's pulpits can be both prescient and haunting.

In a chapter titled "Loving Your Enemy," he wrote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

However, the beauty and the power of the civil rights movement are that it truly was a rainbow coalition, bringing together people of different backgrounds, colors and creeds. Christians from across denominational lines and those belonging to no denomination breached the lines of segregation as one. Jews were centrally involved and on the front lines, from Selma to Montgomery and beyond. Churches were often the staging grounds for some of the most important civil rights engagements of this era. Progressive politics was informed and elevated by America's faith communities, not distanced from them, as is now the case.

The modern civil rights movement, and with it the more recent Black Lives Matters coalition, is more secular. Religion and the inherent power of faith communities are instead being perverted, used as a cudgel against the disenfranchised, whether immigrants, the L.G.B.T.Q. community, or other

underrepresented groups. This is not our historical norm. In Washington, the social safety nets that were woven during the civil rights era are being devoured by the moths of the Religious Right. Christians

who stand at the altar of political power would be well served to read through the sermons of Dr. King and find the echoes of Jesus Christ in his words. Dr. King's repeated exhortation to love your enemies — incidentally the thrust of that 1957 sermon — might seem Pollyannaish and quaint, but it is very much a core value of Christianity.

This is not a time for progressive Christians — whether liberal or conservative in theology — to bow out. Instead, the proper celebration of Dr. King's legacy and all he stood for would be to see our nation's churches, synagogues, mosques and temples unite behind a common mission: to protect the innocent, to lift the needy, to love the immigrant and to feed the poor. I exhort fellow Christians, in particular, not to unite behind a party, but instead to unite behind Scripture and the Lord who speaks through it.

Dr. King understood how religion and the voice of Jesus Christ could power his cause. He preached it. He lived it. He gave his life for it. In honor of this great man, and as I celebrate his life and accomplishments, I will pray that his ultimate vision, his dream, will become a reality for all.

The article was published under the title 'The Politically Progressive Faith of Martin Luther King'. Gregory E. Sterling is dean and the Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament at Yale Divinity School.

FR STUART WRITES ...

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SAINT MARK'S DAY

Please come to our annual observance of our Patron Saint, Saint Mark. See the full page notice on page 5.

The **Solemn Mass** will be celebrated at **5.30 pm**. Those of you who have commitments for ANZAC Day will be able to come to church, give thanks and relax. The **full choir** will be present and we will be graced by the presence and fine preaching of **Bishop Graeme Rutherford**. Bishop Graeme was my training priest for my curacy in 1995/96 before becoming assistant bishop of Newcastle in 2000. After the Mass we will have a catered spit roast dinner. At \$29 per head this is a very good deal for a good meal. It affords us time to celebrate our community of faith under the grace and patronage of Saint Mark.

WORKS AROUND THE PLACE

On Easter Wednesday Ian Robertson supervised the removal of old rubble on the eastern side of the church and also some garden waste.

On that day, we also took delivery of our new photocopier. We have been using the previous machine for over five and a half years and we have entered a new lease agreement which saves us money *and* provides us with a better and more powerful machine. It has enabled us to produce this larger newsletter and the machine collates, folds and staples them!

May the radiance of the Risen Christ shine on us all this Easter Time so that you and I will be renewed in his risen image!

Fr Stuart

EASTER TRIUMPH

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

There is so much I could write about just how good the celebrations over Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum were! So I will confine myself to a few aspects alone.

Firstly I want to thank you, the people of God, for making sure you had time in your life to attend the various liturgies across the week to ponder God's great goodness to us. I do not say this as if you did a favour to me, as it may sound like that to some, but rather to 'name' that everyone of us 'chooses' to be here for this and any celebration. Your priest notices that you do this.

Second, many people prepare and devote their God-given gifts to enable the various liturgical ministries to flourish. The exercising of these ministries enhances the liturgy and gives life to us all: Geoffrey Cox and the choristers; Rod Conn and Leon Warden and the team of servers; Jacquie Joslin, Heather Stock, Gary Simmons and all those who assist in providing hospitality; Harry Sulikowski who tendered the garden; Meigs Ghent who prepared palm crosses and the great fire of Easter and others too many to name.

Thank you to all who made our celebrations so moving and life-giving!

EASTER CAROLS

Please mark the date of the Easter Carols Liturgy in your diary but make sure you inscribe the changed date! **13 May at 6 pm!**

We changed the date because we noticed that the original date clashed with a Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral.

Our Carols Liturgy is based on the ancient order of Evening Prayer; not later forms.

EASTER CAROLS

AN EVENING CELEBRATION OF
THE SEASON OF EASTER
IN READINGS & MUSIC

SING
CHRIST
RISEN!

SUNDAY
13 MAY
6PM

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ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
GEORGE ST, FITZROY

Come join us to
Celebrate St Mark's Day
25th April 2018

Spit Roast Dinner

\$29-00 per head

Please join us in the
Community Centre Hall after Mass

Funds raised from this function will purchase plants for the
Calvary garden

Our celebration commences with
Solemn Mass at 5.30 pm
Guest Preacher: Bishop Graeme Rutherford
Former Assistant Bishop of Newcastle