

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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Easter Sunday - Year A

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Tuesday—1.30pm—4.15pm
Wednesday 1.30pm—4.15pm
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Weekday Mass,
Weekend Mass
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
Private Devotions
have been all been
suspended until further
notice due to COVID19.

All access codes have been
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Mass Intentions
OR
Sacrament of Reconciliation
OR
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Anointing of the dying

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! This is our psalm response for today, and it will be the Gospel Acclamation every day this week. This whole Octave of Easter is to be seen as one day, the glorious day on which Jesus Christ rose from death to new life. In our psalm today we also read, “By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.”

We have just finished following Jesus through the events of Holy Week, from his entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and his passion, death and burial. Even though we may have experienced many Holy Weeks before this one, and we know that Christ rose on Easter morning, we can still find ourselves surprised, as Pope Francis’s *Anawim Spiritual Reflections* points out, Jesus was nailed to the Cross. He died and was buried. We spent yesterday in the tomb with him. Our normal expectation would be that his story is over. Nothing more can happen once a person is in the tomb. As the disciples on the road to Emmaus put it, “We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel” - but apparently not, since the Romans executed him. So we might as well leave Jerusalem and go back to our everyday lives. An yet...no! He is risen from the dead and is alive again! We should try to enter into the experience of surprise at Jesus’ Resurrection. He was dead, and is now alive, walking around, talking to his followers, eating and drinking with them? He was laid in the tomb on Friday, really and completely dead, and now he has walked back out of the tomb alive on Sunday morning? How can this be? It sounds impossible. But as the angel announced to Mary at the Annunciation, “nothing will be impossible for God” (Lk 1:37) - even raising Jesus from death to life.

Pope Francis tells us, God is calling us to go on a new journey. We have died with Christ to the world’s way of living, and now we are called to rise with him to a new life.

Both the angel at the tomb, and then Jesus himself, tell the two Marys in the Gospel, “Do not be afraid!” The psalm tells us to “give thanks to the LORD,, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.” We have no reason for fear. Our God is showing us clearly that he loves us so much that he is ready to lay down his own life to bring us into union with himself. He is showing us that his love is stronger than sin and death. No matter how difficult our situation might be, we can say with the psalmist, “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.” The dying into which we are called to enter with Christ is not to end in death; it is for a glorious resurrection! Indeed this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!



Good Friday of the Lord's Passion — The Holy Gospel according to John 18:1-19

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfil what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counselled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone, 'in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die.' So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from? Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place

where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.* This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: *Not a bone of it will be broken.* And again another passage says: *They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

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

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

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

A Reading from St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and

sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Sequence

Christians, to the

Paschal Victim. Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you. Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

Christ,

our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to John - Jn 20:1-9

On the

first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture

that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of Lord

Notices

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Lyn Eaton, Giuseppina & Leanne Perugini, Joseph Mohanraj, Maureen Marshall, Bethany Marsh, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Teresa Donnellan,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Dixon,

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda White, Maurice Mabarrack, Val Black, Rosemary Keain, Glenn Freeborn, Daphne & Kevin Penglase, Ida Dick, Maurice Spiers, Brett Mansell, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Narciso Brion, Mons Horgan, Maurie Kempson, Carlo Santucci, Gerald Van der Jeugd, Relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy, McNulty families.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

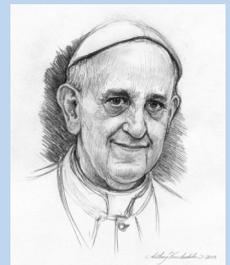
If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, then please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the

Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our please – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin



The Pope offered this prayer to the Virgin Mary in a video message to mark the Diocese of Rome's day of prayer and fasting for the coronavirus emergency.

Live streaming from St Anthony's of Padua— www.facebook.com/stanthony.edwardstown

Mass of the Lord's Supper—6.30pm

Passion of the Lord—3.00pm

Easter Vigil—6.30pm

Easter Sunday—9.30am

What	Source	Name	When
Daily Mass	CathNews	Mass on Demand	Accessible anytime online
Sunday Mass	Channel 10	Mass for you at Home	Each Sunday at 6am
Sunday Liturgy for Families	Archdiocese of Adelaide	Family-Parish bases catechesis	http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services

Name	Source	Service	When	From
Holy Week Mass	Channel 44	Easter Thursday	6.30pm	Adelaide
	Channel 7	Good Friday	3.00pm	Sydney
	Channel 44	Good Friday	3.00pm	Adelaide
	Channel 44	Easter Vigil	6.00pm	Sydney
	Channel 44	Easter Sunday	9.00am	Adelaide
	Channel 7	Easter Sunday	10.30am	Sydney



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