Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco **SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION** **5 April 2026**

Let us remember in our prayers …

Recently deceased: Colin Marshall, Bernard Lynch, Sr Mary Gilhooley RGS, Maree Bruers, Robert Pinto, James Nelson

Anniversaries: Gary Lim, Sr Bernard RSM

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Kaja, Sue, Kaye, Anunciata Alteri, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Catherine, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Peter Foss, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Anne Hutchins, Felice Jennings and baby Marcel, Lionel Roberts, Gay Dyer

EASTER IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DAY IN THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

Easter is the most significant day in the Christian calendar, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, marking the birth of our eternal hope. The term 'Easter' literally means 'the feast of fresh flowers,' and is the greatest and most important feast in the Church. We celebrate it with pride and jubilation for four reasons:

1. **The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith**. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain"*(*I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen"* (*Rom 10:9*), was the central theme of the kerygma or 'preaching', of the Apostles.
2. **Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies…"* (*Jn 11:25-26*).)
3. **Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow and tears.** It reminds us life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.
4. **Easter gives meaning to our prayers:** It supports our belief in the real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

But, what led to the resurrection? What happened between the crucifixion and resurrection? And how does it impact us throughout the year and not just for Holy Week? According to the Cathechism of the Catholic Church, "Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history.

Nevertheless, God kept His promise to send and sacrifice the perfect Lamb to bear the sins of those who trust in Him. Jesus had to die because He is the only one who can pay the penalty for our sins. As Isaiah foretold, Jesus was crucified in between two criminals but was buried in a rich man's tomb. But He didn't remain in the grave. Because God accepted His Lamb's sacrifice, He fulfilled another prophecy by raising Jesus from the dead. (*Isaiah 26:19*)

Easter is not just a one-day event that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an important season that should remind us of the teachings of Christ and how we can apply them in our lives. As Catholics, we are called to live out our faith every day, not just during Holy Week. Here are some ways we can apply the teachings of Easter throughout our lives:

***Forgive Others*:** Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross was an act of forgiveness. He died for our sins so we may be forgiven and have eternal life. As followers of Christ, we should strive to forgive others, even when it's difficult. Forgiveness is a powerful tool that can heal relationships and bring peace to our lives.

***Love One Another*:** Jesus taught us to love one another as He loved us. We can apply this teaching in our daily lives by being kind, compassionate, and understanding towards others. We can also show love by serving others and helping those in need.

***Have Faith*:** The resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder of the power of faith. Despite the challenges and trials we face, we can have faith God is with us and has a plan for our lives. We can deepen our faith through prayer, attending Mass, and reading the Bible.

***Spread the Good News*:** As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can do this by sharing our faith with others, living out our faith through our actions, and inviting others to Mass or prayer groups. We can also support Catholic missions and charities that help those in need.

***Embrace Hope*:** The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for eternal life. We can apply this teaching in our lives by embracing hope, even during difficult times. We can also help others find hope by being a source of encouragement and support.

The resurrection of Jesus is a testament to God's power over death and the victory of life over darkness. It is a reminder that, despite the challenges we may face, we can have hope and faith that God will see us through. In conclusion, the teachings of Easter are not just for Holy Week. They are a reminder of how we should live our lives every day. By forgiving others, loving one another, having faith, spreading the Good News, and embracing hope, we can live the teachings of Christ and make a positive impact in our world. Let us remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the hope His resurrection brings. Let us live our lives with faith, knowing God is with us always.

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WEEKLY HYMNS **9am, Sunday 5 April**

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting **stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics**. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Entrance	*Offertory*	*Communion*	*Recessional*
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (21) *Sprinkling Rite:* I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (182)	Easter Glory Fills the Sky (97)	By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord (55) How Great is Our God (169) Before the Throne of God Above In Christ Alone (189)	Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today

ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE 2026 EASTER MESSAGE

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SBD has released his Easter Message, which is available online at **Catholic Archdiocese of Perth** or the **St Joseph's Parish website**.

ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group	Faith Formation for Little Tots	Youth Group	Seniors Morning Tea
12 April	26 April	22 May	7 May

PROJECT COMPASSION EASTER SUNDAY **4 & 5 April**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves our of poverty. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them as soon as possible, preferably via the collections at weekend Mass.. You can still support Project Compassion by calling 1800 024 413, or at **projectcompassion.org.au/donate**.

BE SWEET AND FAIR THIS EASTER THROUGH SLAVERY-FREE PURCHASING

Did you know much of the world's chocolate is produced using cocoa beans harvested by child labourers, many of whom endure enslavement and poor, sometimes dangerous, working conditions? Most are deprived of an education. You are encouraged to '**Indulge Responsibly**' this Easter and beyond by selecting ethically sourced chocolate and supporting companies working to eliminate slavery from their supply chains. Consult the **Chocolate Scorecard** (chocolatescorecard.com/) and look for the **Fairtrade** or **Rainforest Alliance** logos on the packaging of your favourite chocolate brands. Take a stand and indulge responsibly.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Suitably qualified persons are invited to join the team. For details and how to apply, refer to **perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm**.

- Advocate, Daydawn Advocacy Centre (Permanent, Part-time)
- Team Leader, Parish Finance (Permanent, Full-time)
- Vocal Tutor, St Mary's Cathedral (Part-time)
- Liaison, Deaf Support, Personal Advocacy Service (Casual)
- Pastoral Assistant, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (Permanent, Full-time)

PERTH RETREAT – RACHEL'S VINEYARD AUSTRALIA **10 to 12 April**

Enjoy an opportunity to address the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Experience God's mercy and compassion in a safe, non-judgemental environment. Get away from daily pressures to focus on any buried emotions and begin the healing journey. Help your soul transform pain into grace, hope and love. To register your interest, email connect@rachelsvineyard.au or call 0404 448 532.

MASS TIMES (*Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)*	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	9am & 5pm

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First Collection EFT Details
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BSB: 086 006
Account #: 887 970 525
Reference: Name

Second Collection EFT Details
Account Name: St Joseph's Church Subiaco
BSB: 086 006
Account #: 564 990 302
Reference: Name

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5 April		**Sunday of the Resurrection**	
Monday 6 April		**Monday within the Octave of Easter**	
Tuesday 7 April	2pm 6pm	**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter** Upper Room: *St Joseph's Ladies Book Club* Upper Room: *St Vincent de Paul Meeting*	
Wednesday 8 April	1pm 5pm	**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter** Wedding Rehearsal: *Taylor Raftis & Sebastian Fazzari* Upper Room: *Centering Prayer*	*Fr Nicholas Diedler*
Thursday 9 April	3.30pm	**Thursday within the Octave of Easter** Wedding Rehearsal: *Emilia Neo & Edward Stephen*	*Fr Philip Perreau*
Friday 10 April	2.30pm	**Friday within the Octave of Easter** Wedding Rehearsal: *Clara Wuaya & Nelson Zelig*	*Fr Jason Guo Sheng Yeap*
Saturday 11 April	9.30am 11am 2pm	**Saturday within the Octave of Easter** Baptism: *Oscar James Ferris* Nuptial Mass*: Emilia Neo & Edward Stephen* Wedding Service: *Taylor Raftis & Sebastian Fazzari*	*Fr Oscar Aguilera* *Fr Philip Perreau* *Fr Nicholas Diedler*

MONSIGNOR KEVIN