

The Little Flower Messenger

Year C – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – 17th April 2022

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: John 20:1-9

'He must rise from the dead'

Mass book (P. 258)

1st Reading:

Acts 10: 34. 37-43

Psalm 117: 1-2:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;

let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (P. 262)

*Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep with the unleavened bread of purity
and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago we started what looked like a hopeless, and an endless journey. Today we have come to the end of that journey. Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. Today a new epoch has completely begun. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried has now been glorified.

The short story is that Christ has risen in fulfilment of his promise: "I will rise on the third day. "The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus is Lord! Today, we celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and of peace over chaos. We celebrate hope, patience, and the fulfilment of God's Promise to his people. We also celebrate the uniqueness of our religion, the resurrection of our Lord. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead.

One question that we must ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is: Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter? Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. In other words he did not cling to any "worldly" thing or allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary things that pull us down spiritually. Through our Lenten observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christ's disciples, our testimony from today shall be: "I saw Christ's glory as he rose...Christ my hope has risen...! Like the apostles, our duty is to spread the good news of the Lord's resurrection to the entire world. Like Peter in today's first reading, we must say to all people: "Now we are those witnesses...we eat and drank with Him after his resurrection..."

Having been raised with Christ, we must act like the living and not the dead. We must seek the things of light, things that are noble and things that glorify God. We must seek heavenly things by living



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like citizens of heaven rather than “earth bound spirits.” This is what Paul calls us to do today when he says: “Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is...”

In other words, we must live the type of life that is worthy of one who has risen and reigns with Christ. Let us therefore sing with the Psalmist on this glorious day of Easter: “This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.” Alleluia!

Deacon Des

Mass Times and Intentions

| HOLY SATURDAY | | |
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| Saturday 16 th April | Office of Readings & Morning Prayer: 9:30 a.m. | |
| THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | | |
| Saturday 16 th April | Divine Mercy Novena: 6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m. Mass: 8:30 a.m. | Anita Horton R.I.P. (Dave & Bernadette) People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17 th April | Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>All Masses are Livestreamed</i> Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. | |
| Monday 18 th April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. | |
| Tuesday 19 th April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Mass: 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> | Mark, Sophie & their Family (O. Salici) |
| Wednesday 20 th April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. | |
| Thursday 21 st April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. | |
| Friday 22 nd April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. | |
| DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – YEAR C | | |
| Saturday 23 rd April <i>Octave of Easter</i> | Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 p.m. Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> | Peter Bennett R.I.P. (Dalzell & Bennett Families) |
| Sunday 24 th April | Mass: 8:30 a.m. Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>All Masses are Livestreamed</i> | People of the Parish |

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