



Sunday 9th April 2023

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**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

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**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES**



O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life

Easter Sunday, 9th April 2023.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-easter-sunday-year-a>

*Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.*

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***Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.***

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

*Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you



**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM** is one continuing liturgy over 3 days which marks the end of the forty days of Lent. It begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday instituting the celebration of the Eucharist, continues through the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and culminates with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations of Christ's resurrection. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18)

**ST MARY'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Thursday April 13th: Bus trip to Kilmore Races. \$72 for Bus, 2 Course Lunch, betting book and race day program. 26 seater bus with 3 steps. Some seats still available. Can accommodate frames. Bus leaving St Mary's William Street Car Park 9.30 Returning 4.00pm or earlier on the day if group prefer. Need to give Numbers no later than April 5th. It is usually a great day. and the horses are beautiful. Please call Geraldine on 0438 148 896.

**CHURCH SECURITY** Group members and parishioners are reminded to check that **ALL doors** of the church and gathering space **are securely locked** and **all lights are off** when you leave after evening Masses and meetings. Thank you.

**HELP WANTED FOR BAPTISM SUNDAYS** Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.30 am. Presently there are 2 members on the team who help with setting up for Baptisms. We need a couple more volunteers to join the team so we could set up a roster for Baptism Sundays. The work involved is easy and takes approximately an hour in total.

If you are able to join the team or have any questions, please call Genny Schokman on 0424892283. We welcome any help possible regardless of age or gender.

**FOR SALE:** Standard Size Bar Fridge—almost new - \$70.00. Medium size suitcase with four wheels, only used a few times-\$50.00. Please contact the Parish Office on 9435 1543 if interested.

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:

**KNITTERS** can you please place knitted items in the Ladies Auxiliary Basket in the Gathering Space by 16th April. Enquiries: Maureen: 94355906.

**PLANT SALE** after Masses weekend 15th/16th April



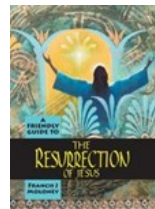
*Be informed, inspired and entertained*

Book of the week: Friendly Guide To The Resurrection Of Jesus by Francis Moloney

Without belief in the Resurrection there would be no such thing as Christianity as we know it. How was this belief born? Once it was alive and central to the lives of the earliest Christians, how did they pass on their belief to following generations? This book traces the earliest confessions of faith in the Risen Jesus, from the first moments of the



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life of the Church, to the stories from Paul, Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. These inspired writings convey not only what happened, but also what it meant to the earliest Christians, and what it continues to mean today.

**If the Library is not open** please ask a priest or sacristan to open the room and you can record your loans on the form provided. Please return in one month through the chute outside the Library.

Access to the catalogue is available at: [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)

## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PARISH 2023 FETE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

The St. Mary's Primary School would like to announce the return of the Fete of the year. We have over 30 volunteers already committed to bringing the Fete to life. However, we still need many more volunteers and are reaching out to the Parish for your expertise. Can you lend a hand? We have set up many teams that will report to a co-ordinator who then report to the Chairpeople team, thus making a big job much easier. All hands-on deck are needed for promoting and sourcing donations – Is this something you can help with? Do you have contacts that might provide an item or experience we can auction? We are still needing 2 more people to join our Chairpeople Team – perhaps your skills are in logistics or project management? Are you in finance? We would love your expertise to set up the logistics of funds for the day. Any help, no matter how small is appreciated. So if you can volunteer some time we would be grateful and pleased to hear from you.

Please email Lisa Arends, PA President St Mary's at: [papresident@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au](mailto:papresident@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S CONTINUED

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

**SILENCE IN LITURGY** God addresses us through the scriptures. But silence is what helps us discover the meaning and power of these words, letting them 'sink in' and be absorbed into our minds and hearts. In addition to the short periods of silence observed by the Reader after the first and second readings, we will again have a period of silent reflection following the Homily. **The first collection** will be taken up after this period of reflection.

**TOOL DONATIONS** The MaD Team is in need of tools and equipment to replace a large amount of tired equipment currently in use. If you have any tools that you would like to donate we would greatly appreciate it! Items such as Rakes Shovels Picks Wheelbarrows Blowers Wiper Snippers Chainsaws Please only provide tools that are in good condition, working order with minimal repairable costs. We cannot accept items that are broken or for disposal. Tools can be dropped off this weekend at the Working Bee, 1-April Questions? Please email [stmarysmadteam@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmadteam@gmail.com) Thank you from the MaD Team

*Easter is a time to celebrate life, to value life in all of its forms and at all of its stages. A wondrous world of mystery has opened up before us, inviting us to step into it.'*

Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*He is not here;*

*He has been raised!'*

Luke 24.6



**THANK YOU!**



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

**Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

### SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

#### SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE LAUNCHED FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Employees will soon be able to access the training module on Employment Hero. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

This will be: an annual requirement for everyone/possible to complete individually online./At the completion of the training participants will receive a certificate of completion accessible via the training module dashboard./participants will receive email notification that the module has been completed successfully./**Training to be completed by Friday the 28th April.**

To access the online training go to: [www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org)



### EASTER SUNDAY 9th April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

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### St Thomas the Apostle Parish

is hosting The **Alpha Parenting Children Course** Starting Tuesday 9th May– 6th June 2023



**Are you a parent, grandparent or care-giver of children aged 0-10 years?**

Are you looking for practical support to strengthen your family relationships?

Over **five sessions**, the course will help you to:

- build strong foundations,**
- meet your children's needs and**
- teach healthy relationships.**

The course emphasises the role of the family, and acknowledges there is no instant recipe for bringing up children. However, some general principles apply to all families, and there is great value in discussions with others. The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all people with or without a church background.

When: Tuesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm    Where: In your own home – Online via Zoom

**Dates: May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & June 6th**

**Bookings essential by 7pm Sunday 7th May at**

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGZJF>

For more information contact: Emilia 0418 120902 or [emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com](mailto:emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com)

**\*\*\* Alpha begins 23 May, St Mary's Parish – Register now \*\*\***



Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about **life, meaning and faith?**

**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space. Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its impact on various aspects of our lives. All are invited.



**We share a meal**

**We watch a video**

**We engage in discussion**

**Register** using the above QR code or by clicking this link <https://tinyurl.com/y87kzhj3>

**ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S EASTER MESSAGE 2023**

**RECOGNISES, HEALED AND SENT'**

[Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023:... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Friends,

Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus *recognises us* personally; he *invites us* to peace; and he *sends us* out.

The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name.

Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life.

Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace.

Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.

*Mary:* Go and tell the others.

*Peter:* Go and feed my sheep.

*Friends:* Go and make disciples.

Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.

These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.

The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.

The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.

So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.

Happy Easter to you.

**Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



**BAPTISMS:** we pray for Alayna, Sophia, Isabella and Charlotte who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in April.

**COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES:** There will be a collection at the 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Thank you.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Thank you to those who have returned donations. Money boxes and envelopes can be left in the collection baskets outside the Sacristy.

**READERS & COMMENTATORS MEETING:** Thursday, 27 April at 7.00 pm at Sacred Heart Church

The formation session for Readers and Commentators of St Peter's and Sacred Heart has been rescheduled for Thursday evening, 27 April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. To prepare for this session, please refer to Pope Francis' three talks on the Liturgy of the Word and your reflections to questions sent previously. For your convenience, these documents will be emailed to you again. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact me at [Margaret.Sapsford@cam.org.au](mailto:Margaret.Sapsford@cam.org.au) to arrange another formation opportunity. Thank you.

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS:** Save the Day - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Fr Steve will celebrate Mass at 9am on this day and we would like to invite all parishioners to morning tea in the church hall afterwards. If you know any former Family Group members we would love to see them.

**VOLUNTEER WORK:** THANK YOU to Chris who has volunteered for the treasurer's position with Diamond Creek St Vincent Paul.

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April Lunch & Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12pm Lunch at Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Suggestion box in back of church or email: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

### **ROSTERS:**

**Week 11<sup>th</sup> April**                      **Cleaning:** C & F Ledda

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April St Peter's 7.15pm**

**Reader:** E. Gittins    **Commentator:** Aminda                      **Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Nicolaisen, Dharshanie

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April Sacred Heart 9am**

**Reader:** L. Armiento                      **Commentator:** F. Ledda                      **Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Bell, Y. O'Brien

*Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time: Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.*

### **Recently Deceased:**

*We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:*

*Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Jane Coyle, Elaine Chapman.*



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS

**BAPTISMS:** Please pray for Sonny, Lucy Anne, Tessa and Lucy who are being baptised later this month.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Next Meeting, Wednesday 19th April AGM Email: [stthomasppc@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasppc@gmail.com)

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH:** Thank you to the small group of volunteers who cleaned the Church yesterday. With the installation of the RAC and the dust around, it really has come up sparkling.

Thank  
you



**PLAQUE FOR PRIESTS:** At our PPC meeting in March it was agreed that we should remember Priests who have died in service while at St Thomas.

We will be taking donation for a plaque both for Fr Peter Fulton and Fr Tao Pham, if you would to donate you can drop the donation into the Parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or in the collections on the weekend.

*Envelopes are available in the church foyer.*

### Rosters for Weekend 15th & 16th April 2023

#### Saturday 6.00pm

**Reader:** K. Salm

**Commentator:** T. Holland

**Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Salm, M. Bedford, L. Carty

**Set Up:** J. De Carlo

#### Sunday 10.30am

**Reader:** T. Williamson

**Commentator:** FJ. Kerr

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Piccolo, C. Riordan, A. Letzia

**Set Up:** J. Kerr

**St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:**

**Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:**

*Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Andelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Lilian Hobson*

**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Kathleen Jordan, Maria de Bartolo, Elaine Chapman, Shirley Bourke, Maria del Popolo, Rosa Alvaro, Dragan Zilic, Kaye Dixon

## ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love"** Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. 28th– 30th April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close** It was very early in the morning when Mary Magdalene went among the graves to find Jesus: 'it was still dark'. It must have been unnerving to find an empty space where a stone and a body should have been. The resurrection took everybody by surprise, even those who had heard Jesus say, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19).

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9 April 2023

### First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad.**

**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**or: 1 Cor 5:6-8**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Jn 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

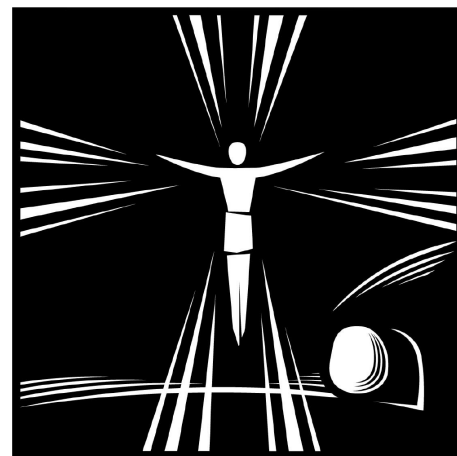
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**or Mt 28:1-10**

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'



### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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