



HOLY CROSS PARISH + HELENSBURGH

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▲ 7 April 2024 ▲ 2nd Sunday of Easter/B

WEEKEND MASS

HOLY CROSS
HELENSBURGH

Sunday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8-8:20am



Of service and witness to Christ since 1911

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 Holy Cross Parish Community acknowledges the **Dharawal Nation** as the traditional custodians of the land on which this church & school are built.

Gospel Reflection...

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has been labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Thank you...

A sincere 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in so many ways over Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies.

The Acolytes, Greeters, Readers, to the people who helped tidy the Church on Saturday, and those who prepared flowers for the Church, the Altar servers, and the collectors.

And thank you to everyone who joined in and shared our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Heartfelt thanks from Fr Paul.



Thank you for your support of Project Compassion this year. Please return your Project Compassion boxes and/or envelopes as soon as possible.

Daylight Saving



Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on **Saturday night, 6 April** (Daylight Saving Time ends at 3am.) and gain an extra hour of sleep!

Please pray for the sick:

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Brown, Jan Burn, John Green, Hilton King, & Luis Veas.



For those who have died:

Sarah Woodward (2014), John Phillips (1963), David Haynes (2015), Libby Lawson (2019), Stephanie Scott (2015), Jane Carey (1973), Fr. Peter Hill (1995), Arthur Crabbe (2000), Pat Baker (2021) & Jeana Powers.

Please also pray for: Stephen Grieff, William Jeffrey and Paul Emmett who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Profession of Faith (Credo) The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us all and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
Bow your head for the following words:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

Then continue:

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and
I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

WEEKDAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY
ROSARY & MASS – 9AM

THURSDAY
MASS – 9AM

FRIDAY
MASS – 9AM

ALL WELCOME



Volunteers Required Garrawarra Centre Mass

****This Saturday**, 6 April 10:30am**

Your help is needed at the Garrawarra Centre Mass this Saturday, 6 April.

Very little is needed of the volunteers, just join in the hymns, and perhaps share a cup of tea afterwards.

If you can help, contact Fr. Paul or Kerrie and arrive about 15 minutes early at Garrawarra to take a COVID test or bring one that you have done that morning.

ROSTERS...

ACOLYTE

Apr 14 Greg Greening

GREETERS

Apr 14 Teri & Warren Shearer

READERS

Apr 14 Paul Morahan & Paul & Jess Hoffmann

CLEANERS

Apr 13 Nicole & Paul Hoffmann

MORNING TEA

April 14 Michael & Kerrie Halloran & Jim & Mary Dix

ROSARY STATUE

April Sue Clark