



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—20 April 2025

*"He is not here. He is risen!"*

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

**Assistant Priest:**

Fr John Pham

**Parish office hours:**

**Tuesday-Friday**  
9.00am to 4.30pm

**Parish Secretary:**

Quyen Le Phan

**Accounts:**

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

**Weekday Mass Times:**

**English:**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:  
7.00am  
Wed: 6.30pm  
Sat: 9.00am

**Vietnamese:**

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm  
Wed: 7.00am

**Weekend Masses**

**English:**

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;  
6.00pm

**Vietnamese:**

**Saturday Vigil:**

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

**Sunday:**

7.00am; 7.30pm  
(Chaplain): 4.00pm

**Exposition:**

Saturdays: 8.00am

**Reconciliation:**

Wed: 6.00pm  
Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am  
5.30pm - 5.50pm

**Convent/Pastoral Care**

Sisters of Our Lady  
of the Southern Cross  
Phone: 9723 3704

**Sick Call Contact Number**

0451 945 756

**S.V.D.P.**

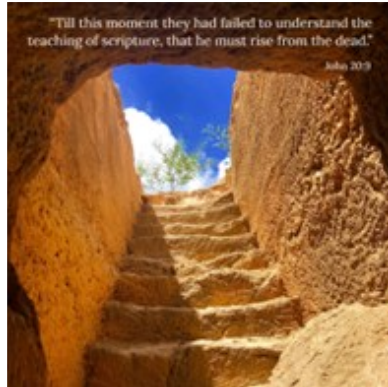
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Principal: Julie Straub  
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**Baptism & Wedding**

By appointment  
(6 months in  
advance for weddings)



Easter Sunday proclaims the most profound truth of our faith: **Jesus Christ has truly risen from the dead.** His resurrection is not simply a return to earthly life like that of Lazarus or the widow's son. It is a complete and eternal triumph over death, ushering in a new, glorified life that no longer ends in the grave. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). The Resurrection is not just a beautiful idea. It is the very foundation of Christian hope.

There is a story about a young boy who asked his mother where his recently deceased brother had gone. After a moment's silence, she replied, "Your brother is now in heaven with Jesus." A few days later, however, the mother wept while speaking of her loss to one of her friends. The boy saw his mother crying. Confused, he asked, "You only cry like that when you lose something and don't know where it is, right?" She nodded. Then he continued, "But you do know where my brother is. He's with Jesus. So why are you so sad?" His innocent wisdom pierced her grief with truth: death is not the end. For those who die in Christ, it is the beginning of eternal joy.

The Easter liturgy beautifully reflects this movement from death to life. We began in darkness, symbolising life without Christ - lost, empty, overshadowed by sin and death. But when the Paschal Candle was lit, carried in and proclaimed: *Lumen Christi* or *The Christ of Light*, light flooded the Church. That light is Christ, the Risen Lord, who conquers the darkness of sin and death. As the flame spread, so too does the light of Christ shine in each believer, dispelling fear and despair with joy and hope.

Living as Easter people means embracing this light in our daily lives. Through our Baptism, we are united with Christ's death and resurrection. But it is not enough to just believe. We are also called to live in the light. We are called to love, to forgive, to serve, and to proclaim this good news with our lives. In doing so, we prepare ourselves not only to live fully now but also to rise with Christ in glory.

This Easter, let us not grieve as those who have no hope. Like the young boy reminded his mother, we know where our loved ones are if they have died in Christ. And we too are on that same path - not toward the grave, but toward glory. The empty tomb means our hearts can be full of hope, joy, and purpose.

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia! And because He lives, we shall live also.**

*Fr. John Pham*

## Pope's April prayer intention



### FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

*Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. Pope Francis*

## Project Compassion-Holy Land Collections – Thank you

We are deeply grateful for your generous contribution to the Project Compassion and Holy Land collections during Lent and Good Friday this year. Your gifts and donations will significantly impact on the lives of those who rely on your support. God is never outdone in generosity

## Easter message from Fr Remy and Fr John

A Holy Easter to all of you. Thank you for being faithful, devoted parishioners of Sacred Heart. We thank all who helped to make these Holy Week celebrations so beautiful and inspiring. For all the preparations needed to make it happen, we extend our deep appreciation, in particular, to our Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, liturgical ministers, youth, choir members, florists, wardens, and other helpers...

We give thanks to God for the gift of you. May your families and homes be filled with the blessings of Easter and may Our Risen Lord fill us all with His joy, hope and new life along this Jubilee Year.

## Lời Chúc Phục Sinh của Cha Lâm & Cha Quân

Thành thật cảm ơn quý ông bà anh chị em đã sốt sắng tham dự các nghi lễ Tuần Thánh. Cách riêng quý Soeurs, quý thừa tác viên phụng vụ, các ca viên và nhiều thành viên ban phụng vụ, ban trang trí, trật tự và vệ sinh đã bỏ nhiều thời gian và công sức để giúp cho các nghi thức Tuần Thánh được long trọng và tốt đẹp. Tạ ơn Chúa về món quà Chúa ban là mỗi quý vị trong gia đình Giáo Xứ Thánh Tâm.

Xin Chúa Phục Sinh ban cho tất cả quý ông bà anh chị em và gia quyến tràn đầy niềm vui, hy vọng và sức sống mới trong năm Thánh này.

## Holy Water

Holy Water vials are available after the Easter Vigil or Day Mass. There is also an Easter House Blessing and Easter Meal Blessing sheet attached for all to take home and use. (One vial only for each family– white in English -blue in Vietnamese)

## Congratulations Newly Baptised

We warmly welcome 16 brothers and sisters who are initiated into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil 2025 (6.00 pm—English; 9.00 pm - Vietnamese & 10.00 am Sunday).

Chúc mừng quý Anh Chị Tân Tòng gia nhập Giáo Hội Công Giáo trong đêm Vọng Phục Sinh năm 2025

**Thanh Bui; Marvin Do; Sonia Feng; Derek Mai; Kathy Tran; Tyra Yeab; Hannah Anh Loan Tran; Serena Mai; Britney Mai. Tiare Belen Castro (baptized), Đặng, Thị Hà My; Lê, Kim Anh; Phạm, Nhật Huy; Phạm, Xuân Hoa; Nguyễn, Thị Mỹ Nhiên; Nguyễn, Gia Huy.**

**(Nguyễn, Thu Huyền - to be baptised at a later date)**

(Please join with them at 8.30 am this Holy Saturday for the RCIA Preparation Rite and particularly, for the celebration of their Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil.)

Extending our many thanks to our RCIA teams: Peter Tran, Sr Thi Bach Huong Nguyen, Mr. Van Thuc Tran, and godparents/sponsors who have given their time, knowledge, love, faith, support, prepare and journey with these new members from last October until June. May the Risen Lord bring new life, peace and grace to all in every way.

## An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,

Our most glorious Creator,

As we greet the signs in nature around us:

Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,

In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,

We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.

For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,

By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,

As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,  
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.  
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.  
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.  
Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013

### Office Break

Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 18th April to Friday 25th April. We will reopen on Tuesday 29th April.** If you or family members are sick in emergency and need our Fathers, please message to this number: **0451 945 756**

### Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ đóng cửa

Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ sẽ đóng cửa từ ngày Thứ Sáu Tuần Thánh **18/04/2025** và sẽ mở cửa làm việc ngày thứ ba **29/04/2025**. Nếu quý vị hoặc thân nhân cần đến hai Cha trong trường hợp đau yếu khẩn cấp xin gọi tin nhắn ở số điện thoại: **0451 945 756**

### Anzac Day 25 April– 8.00 am Mass

You are warmly invited to attend Mass at 8:00 AM on ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April, as we honour the memory of the ANZAC and all who have served our nation. Let us come together in prayer and remembrance.

### Understanding Parish Collections

#### First Collection

- Supports the needs of the Priests of our Parish – a monthly stipend, their food, cleaner, presbytery electricity, water, rates etc.
- Supports some priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney whose parishes lack sufficient funds, also priests on study leave or other duties.
- Supports health care & insurances of priests, migrant priests, deacons etc.

#### Second Collection

- Pays for the maintenance of the Parish church, presbytery and convent.

- Parish insurance, electricity, council rates.
- Liturgical expenses – Instruments, candles, music licenses, Hosts, Altar wine.
- Parish office – staff wages, bulletins, copier, phones, computers, internet, furniture etc.
- Priest's car expenses and car insurances
- General expenses of parish and services & functions

### Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Nguyen Thi Nga (VN), Maria (VN)

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Teresa Sebastiano Facchetti, Franco Fornasier, Phero, the souls of ancestors (2), Anna Tran, Matthew Nguyen, all souls (4), Maria (7), Giuse (4), Anton, souls in purgatory, Daminh Nguyen Huu Khue, Daminh, Maria Madalena, Gioan Baotixita, phanxico Xavie Maria, Giuse Canh, Andre, Maria (4), Joseph (5), Peter (2), Vincent (2), Lucia (2), Therese (1), Anthony (2), James (2), Martino (1), Cecilia (), Anna (3), Joakim (1), Augustin (), souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (), for all souls (4). Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Ivan Puskas, Paul Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc, Maria & Grace, Peter Huynh Thien Nhon, Rosa & Giuseppe Florio, Pasquale Lanzo, Oliveri Maria, Armando Florio, Pasquale Arena, Maria Rosa Fotea, Anna Tran Thi Xuyen, Catarina Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen Hue, John Tran Nguyen Thanh Huy, Peter Nguyen Dinh Tuan, Peter Nguyen Hau,

**Other Intentions:** thanksgiving to God, Mary & St Joseph, healing of sickness (2), peace for family, personal intention (3), safe travels (2), conversion of heart (2), succesful surgery (2), converion of my parents, For the sick (1), for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (3), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (6), for safe travel (1), for healing & recovery (2), for stable work (1), for personal intention (5)

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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,



## Chúa Nhật 1 Phục Sinh

### Bài đọc 1: Cv 10, 34a. 37-43

*Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.*

Trong những ngày ấy, Phêrô lên tiếng nói rằng: “Như anh em biết điều đã xảy ra trong toàn cõi Giuđêa, khởi đầu từ Galilêa, sau khi Gioan rao giảng phép rửa: ấy là Chúa Giêsu thành Nadarét. Thiên Chúa đã dùng Thánh Thần và quyền năng mà xúc đầu cho Người. Người đi khắp nơi, ban bố ơn lành và chữa mọi người bị quỷ ám, bởi vì Thiên Chúa ở cùng Người. Và chúng tôi, chúng tôi là chứng nhân tất cả những gì Người đã làm trong nước Do-thái, và tại Giêrusalem, Người là Đấng người ta đã giết treo Người trên thập giá. Nhưng ngày thứ ba, Thiên Chúa đã cho Người sống lại và hiện ra không phải với toàn dân, mà là với chúng tôi là nhân chứng Thiên Chúa đã tuyển chọn trước, chính chúng tôi đã ăn uống với Người sau khi Người từ cõi chết sống lại. Và Người đã truyền cho chúng tôi rao giảng cho toàn dân và làm chứng rằng chính Người đã được Thiên Chúa tôn làm quan án xét xử kẻ sống và kẻ chết. Mọi tiên tri đều làm chứng về Người rằng: Tất cả những ai tin vào Người, thì nhờ danh Người mà được tha tội”.

### Đáp Ca: Tv 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23

**Đáp:** Đây là ngày Chúa đã lập ra, chúng ta hãy mừng rỡ hân hoan về ngày đó.

### Bài đọc II: Cl 3, 1-4

*Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Côlôxê.*

Anh em thân mến, nếu anh em đã sống lại với Đức Kitô, anh em hãy tìm những sự trên trời, nơi Đức Kitô ngự bên hữu Thiên Chúa. Anh em hãy nghĩ đến những sự trên trời, chứ đừng nghĩ đến những sự dưới đất. Vì anh em đã chết, và sự sống anh em được ẩn giấu với Đức Kitô trong Thiên Chúa. Khi Đức Kitô là sự sống anh em xuất hiện, bấy giờ anh em sẽ xuất hiện với Người trong vinh quang.

### PHÚC ÂM: Ga 20, 1-9

*Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan.*

Ngày đầu tuần, Maria Mađalêna đi ra mồ từ sáng sớm khi trời còn tối và bà thấy tảng đá đã được lăn ra khỏi mồ, bà liền chạy về tìm Simon-Phêrô và người môn đệ kia được Chúa Giêsu yêu mến, bà nói với các ông rằng: “Người ta đã lấy xác Thầy khỏi mồ, và chúng tôi không biết người ta đã để Thầy ở đâu”. Phêrô và môn đệ kia ra đi đến mồ. Cả hai cùng chạy, nhưng môn đệ kia chạy nhanh hơn Phêrô, và đến mồ trước. Ông cúi mình xuống thấy những khăn liệm để đó, nhưng ông không vào trong. Vậy Simon-Phêrô theo sau cũng tới nơi, ông vào trong mồ và thấy những dây băng nhỏ để đó, và khăn liệm che đầu Người trước đây, khăn này không để lẫn với dây băng, nhưng cuộn lại để riêng một chỗ. Bấy giờ môn đệ kia mới vào, dù ông đã tới mồ trước. Ông thấy và ông tin, vì chung các ông còn chưa hiểu rằng, theo Kinh Thánh, thì Người phải sống lại từ cõi chết.

can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side 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.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

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.

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 20:1-9

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

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.