

HAPPY EASTER! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Re-invigorated, this is a time for us to celebrate! Renewed! Revitalised! Refreshed! Maybe a little lighter from our Lenten diet, however, that has been more than offset by the extra support we have given to those in need. That has been the formula for us these past 40 days. We have given up - and given much in Lent for our own spiritual benefit, plus the physical and other benefits bestowed on so many recipients of God's generosity and mercy in and through us. We have emerged from our Lenten sacrifices to the new dawn of our Christian life enjoyed in our commemoration of Christ's Resurrection today!

May YOU enjoy the fullness of His personal love for you, also the peace and happiness He brings into your life, the lives of your family and those precious to you.

As Jesus moved from His human world into the eternal life whence He originally came, He also invites us to do the same (in a spiritual sense) by joining Him in His victory over death through this great Paschal Feast of Easter.

I also take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of myself and all parishioners, the many families and individuals who have made this year's Lent and Easter so special for all of us through their extra, most valuable contribution to the planning and conduct of our liturgies.

Finally, a massive accolade to our Music Group who gave our Masses/liturgies that very special 'polish' that lifted the spirits of all who shared the events of this week. Amazing!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (3rd April): Next Sunday is that very special Feast of Divine Mercy, that feast proclaimed for us by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St Faustina Kowalski on 30th April 2000. In his proclamation, Pope St John Paul said "... it is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this 2nd Sunday of Easter which, from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The readings on that Sunday are all about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. Locally, on that day, special celebrations are to be held at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura from 2.45pm. So, spread the word among your friends.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Next Sunday, remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** as Daylight Saving ends at 3.00am which becomes 2.00am. That tells me we all get another hour's sleep-in next Sunday morning. Probably better if we make the change before we go to bed on Saturday night. At least, that is what I'll be doing!

LETTER FROM UGANDA: Have just received a letter from Fr John Bosco Musungura, Uganda, thanking us once more for recent support we extended to him and his parish. You may read for yourself its contents as the original letter will be found on our notice board. Enjoy!

God Bless & Happy Easter! Father Bob

The next **Benedictine Spirituality morning** will be held at the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls on 1st April 10am till noon. The chapter "**Integral Ecology**" in the Pope's letter **Laudato Si'** will be discussed. Morning prayer and a time of silence as well as morning tea will be part of the program. **All welcome.** Enq: Srs Therese & Jacinta 4757 2290



Easter Sunday



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2016 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413



WITH OUR THANKS

On behalf of our Sacred Heart Community, we would like to acknowledge and thank **Michelle Funnell** for co-ordinating our Care Group. Michelle's dedication, sensitivity and commitment over many long years has been a very important gift to so many of our parishioners. We thank you Michelle and wish you many blessings. **Sacred Heart Care Group**

RAFFLE will be drawn TODAY
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Brand New **Premium Beefmaster 4 Burner Built-in BBQ** valued at \$699 with new trolley valued at \$249. All funds raised will go the Parish.

Happy Birthday
Ray Wood
28th March
Pat Drummond
2nd April

CAKE/PLANT STALL
Will be on sale before and after Mass today!
Please buy a cake and a plant and help support your parish.

Mark you diary for our **Parish Dinner** which has been booked for Friday, 27th May. It will be held in our Parish Hall, with entertainment by our very own **Pat Drummond**. All welcome! More details to come.

Please pray for the sick and their carers: **Sharon Booth; Stan Dochniak; Frank Farsaci; Frank Mackrell; Kevin Madden and Jack Solomons.**
To add someone's name to the list for 'Prayers for the sick', please email the Parish Office: shbheath2@bigpond.com

Come and join us at the next **Laudato Si' Discussion and Action Group** gathering on **Wednesday 6 April** in the Parish meeting room 7pm-8.30pm. Prepared reading from *Laudato Si'* is pages 23-40. Come and look more closely at Pope Francis' encyclical. **All Welcome!**

In memoriam: † **Fr Bernard Shah** ~ 31st March; † **Ken Cullen** ~ 1st April; † **Edna Moran** ~ 2nd April and † **Mathew Walker** ~ 2nd April.