



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



## EASTER SUNDAY

12 April 2020

### Gladstone Parish

Includes the following areas:

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Gladstone  
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4973 4700

**Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!**

**Christ is risen! He is truly risen!**

This is the ancient traditional greeting amongst Greek Christians on Easter Sunday. Instead of greeting each with the usual “hello” or “how are you?”, Christians would greet each other by proclaiming the victory of Christ over death and responding with a powerful affirmation in agreement: Yes, he is truly risen!

Today the Church throughout the world rejoices that our Saviour has won the victory over Satan, over the power of sin in our lives, and over death itself. This is no merely symbolic victory – it is not just a vague metaphorical expression of hope that unfortunate events will one day improve. No, this day – the great day of the Lord – is the day when the very reality of things changed. He is **truly** risen, and everything has changed because of that.

If you are watching our live-stream of Mass on Facebook, you will see that from the Easter Vigil onwards (until Pentecost) a central symbol in the sanctuary is the *Paschal Candle*. This candle was lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil. It is traced with the shape of the cross, the numerals of the current year, and the symbols **A** and **Ω** (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). The candle is then carried into the dark church while the priest announces: “The light of Christ!” Christ’s praises are then sung in a special proclamation called the *Exsultet*.

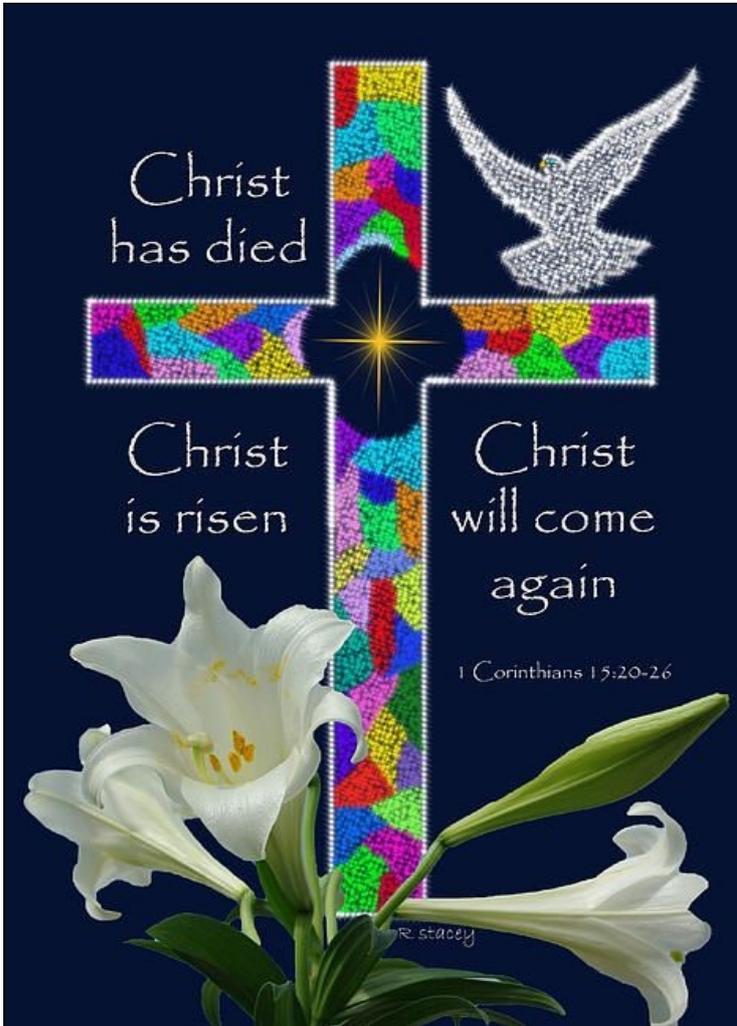
The candle represents Christ the light of the world; the light that has shone into the darkness thanks to his death and resurrection; the light that enlightens those who believe in him; the light that the darkness of evil can never overcome. The cross on the candle reminds us of how our salvation was won; the numerals of the current year remind us that Jesus Christ is the lord of all time, not just a figure from the past, and the **A** and **Ω** reminds us that he is the first and last, that his presence and power encompass every time and place.

As we enter this joyful Easter season, which extends for the next 7 weeks until the feast of Pentecost, we are all conscious of the radically different world we are currently living in. The profound Easter liturgies have been watched from afar by most Catholics on TV or computer screens, instead of participating bodily in them and in turn receiving the Lord’s saving Body. This is surely a source of sadness for us all. But none of this can cancel out the fact that Christ is risen – he is truly risen – and when we pass through this difficult time and return to the full practice of our faith, our celebration will be all the richer and more powerful.

May God bless you all this Easter day. My prayer is that our faith in the risen Christ will be strengthened and purified and that the full meaning and consequences of his Resurrection will resound in our hearts through the weeks ahead.

***The Lord has risen, as he said! Alleluia!***

Fr Andrew Chase PP



### **Can you help?**

The majority of our parish's finances come from the generous giving of you, its members, in the collection at Sunday Mass. As we are no longer gathering for Mass a significant part of our income has gone. If you are in a position to continue contributing to the up-keep of your parish, can I invite you to consider one of the following ways of giving:

- Make a direct payment to the parish account  
Account Name: Star of Sea Parish  
BSB: 034210 Account No: 410249  
Reference: Your name
- Sign up for direct-debit giving by contacting the parish office
- Drop an envelope into the parish office during the week

Thank you for your continued generosity in providing for the ongoing costs of our parish.



*Happy Easter from all at  
Caritas Australia!*

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives.



### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers**

Ailsa Mc Gree, John Gleeson, Remy Figuroa Blanco, Dene Kershaw, Anne Andrewartha, Joan Rogers Richard Navratil, Stan Janas, Jeffrey Hebbard, Glenda Cordwell, Margaret Shaw, Anthony Hallows, Bruce McGree, Cornelio Acosta, Marilyn Morris,

#### **We remember in prayer:**

Prothasis Thomas, Joseph & Jeanne Bultreys, Harry & Ev Gormley, Claude & Lorna Jordan, Dionisio Oro, Salvador Oro, Visitacion Capin, Kathleen Doris West, John T O'Hagan, Joe Mathews, Clare Mathews, Bernard Weber, Apolina Jacinto, Edwin Diola

#### **For those we love who are ill and frail**

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom, Janene Porter, Eli Colin Vale, Tom Barry, Betty Smith John & Joy Massingham, Noon Family, Ben Rose, Eion MacLeod, Ron O'Brien, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Benjamin Gibson, Michael Harrigan, Kathy Immoos, Patricia Lynch, Dorothy Maudsley, Julian Watkins, Gloria Carter, Alice Hodowaniec, Christopher Marra, Remy Scholl, Brad Maitland, Brendan Burkett

### **WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH**

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### **MASS LIVE STREAMED**

Fr Andrew and Fr Simeon will live stream Mass on Facebook at the following times.

5:30pm—Monday to Friday

8am and 6pm—Sunday

### **RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation will be available outside SOS church on Saturday between 8:30am and 9:30am.