



# St Mary's on Swanson

*(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)*

An inner-city Catholic community  
In the care of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Welcoming all to celebrate with us.



*We acknowledge the  
traditional custodians of  
the land, The Gadigal  
people of the Eora Nation*

## Sunday of the Resurrection

21 April 2019

### Dawn has Broken The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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### Appeal for Contributions towards the Purchase of Thurible

Donations to help with the purchase of a new Thurible, may be made via the [SUPPORT US](#) Link on our

website please use '1340454—Other' from the dropdown and use 'Thurible' for the Purpose of Payment, or if you would rather make your donation in cash please place an envelope marked 'Thurible' In the 2nd Collection at Mass.

The cost to the Parish is \$2,310.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Want to make Donation to the Parish?

You can now make donations or payments via our parish website. Visit our website, [www.stmaryserskineville.org.au](http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au) and click on button at the top right of the screen and follow the prompts.

### Listening Circle

#### The Impact of the Church Abuse Crisis

Last Tuesday of the month

7:30pm - 9pm Parish House

An opportunity for us to express how we have been impacted by any form of abuse within the church and wounded in any way. All of us have been impacted in some way, especially victims, survivors and their families. We can support each other in the shock, trauma and confusion by gathering and speaking openly and listening empathetically. Come along and be part of this welcoming safe space.

This is a sharing, it is not a discussion nor debate. A space to talk and be heard and express our feelings in a safe place.

Need more information contact Patricia Thomas [0438 263 036](tel:0438263036)

## Mass Times

**Saturday**

**6pm**

**Sunday**

**9am & 6pm**

**Wed—Fri**

**9:15am**

### Call2Mercy Mass

2nd Sunday of the month

11:30am

### Healing Mass

1st Tuesday of the month

10:30am

### Individual Reconciliation

Sat 5:15pm—5:45pm

Sun 8:15am—8:45am &  
5:15pm—5:45pm

Baptisms (1st Sunday of the Month) Please register your enquiry online at:

<http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au/sacraments/baptism>

Weddings By Appointment

## Year C

<b>Easter</b>	<b>2nd Sunday 28/4/19</b>	<b>3rd Sunday 5/5/19</b>	<b>4th Sunday 12/5/19</b>
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	John 10:27-30
1st Reading	Acts 5:12-16	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41	Acts 13:14, 43.52
2nd Reading	Revelation 1:-113, 17-19	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9, 14-17

### Parish Diary 2019

<b>21 Apr</b>	Easter Sunday Masses	<b>9am &amp; 6pm</b>
<b>4 May</b>	Liturgy Committee Meeting	<b>3-5pm</b>
<b>4/5 May</b>	Charitable Works Fund Appeal	<b>All Masses</b>
<b>7 May</b>	Pastoral Council Meeting	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>28 May</b>	Church Locks Changed	
<b>29 May</b>	Applications for First Eucharist close	
<b>3 Jun</b>	First Eucharist Parent Information Night	<b>7pm</b>
<b>21 Jun</b>	First Eucharist Retreat Day	<b>9am-3pm</b>
<b>23 Jun</b>	First Eucharist Mass	<b>9am</b>

### Church Security

The locks on the Church doors will be changed on 28 May. New keys are available for a non refundable charge of \$30 per key. Keys will need to be paid for and collected from the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8:30am and 1pm, all keys must be signed for by each user and copy of a current photo ID must also be provided.

### Sacramental Program 2019

Registrations are now open for First Eucharist please see website for application form and full details.

Sacramental Programs are for baptised Catholic children only. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details.

### Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**

**Sunday 26 May @ 10:30am**

**Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street,  
The Rocks, Sydney**



### 2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Force for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019

Time: 5.30pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

### Charitable Works Fund 2019

#### Pastoral Appeal



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** will be held on the weekend of 4 and 5

May and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit [www.cwf.org.au](http://www.cwf.org.au) to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. Please use the special envelopes provided or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include Erskineville as your nominated parish as this helps us too).

To find out more, phone **1800 753 959** or email [cwf@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:cwf@sydneycatholic.org). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Thank you.

### Catholic Bishops' Federal Election Statement

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

**Take a look at our updated website**  
**[www.stmaryserskineville.org.au](http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au)**



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



## Have We, Australia, Become a Country that Breeds Mass Murderers with our Words?

Richard Flanagan,  
The Guardian, 14 April 2019

In this speech given at the Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees, Richard Flanagan says we are better than our politicians' dark fears

I have only ever heard Behrouz Boochani's voice through speakers. One day, he will stand here before us, and we will hear and see him in the flesh. As a free human being. And I am here today to say that day is coming.

Because change is coming. You can feel it, you sense it. It is coming and it will not be denied. But it needs us to fight for it and to keep fighting for it, and we need to fight for it, not only for the refugees of Manus and Nauru, but for our own salvation. There is no fineness of oppression. We become the words we use. One small lie inevitably must be paid for with another larger lie, and that with more again. To rob one human of freedom demands that we must rob another, or the crime becomes too obvious. That is why to falsely imprison one human for no crime is a scandal while to kidnap and falsely imprison thousands for no crime is called a national necessity.

This was, and always was only about the basest electoral politics, playing to a racist idea of Australia, that over 20 years, gave cover and then legitimacy to increasingly dangerous and murderous groups in our society. And so it went for two decades until the horror of Christchurch, when New Zealand could truthfully say in atonement, "he is not one of us".

But he is one of us. And the terrible truth is that we are him. We are our media, which too often promotes neo-Nazis. We are our parliament, which voted for a neo-Nazi slogan, resolving that it is OK to be white. We are our senator, who called for a "final solution" to the so-called problem of immigration.

We are our leaders of both major parties, who for too long competed in open cruelty towards refugees. We are our prime minister, who has said those on Manus and Nauru may be paedophiles, rapists, murderers. And yet it is the refugees of the camps who suffered sexual abuse, rapes, violence, and the psychological destruction of one human being after another in Australia's name – our name – in Australian internment centres. And so we became the words we used. In the almost two decades since Tampa, it is we who have become the paedophiles, the rapists, the murderers. In the 2001 election, we decided who we would become and the circumstances in which we could become a new country. We became the charring flesh of 23-year-old Omid Masoumali as he burnt himself to death on Nauru. We became the screams of Hodan Yasin, who did the same thing a few days later. We became the ignored begging of a woman refugee on Nauru being raped.

We became these words, we became these things, in the eyes of the world and in our own hearts, and now the shame of it must end, because we can no longer go forward as a nation when Australia's soul is daily a little more stained by such evil. Someone is responsible. Someone is guilty. And it is they and not the innocent of Nauru and Manus who should be in jail. That is why there must be a royal commission into these camps – so that Omid Masoumali did not burn himself to death in vain; so that Reza Barati's murder is not completely meaningless; so that the countless lives and souls destroyed know some justice. We need to establish the truth of what we did in those camps so that the white nationalists, the racial supremacists, the Islamophobes – those many new disguises for what is an older evil: fascism – cannot argue that it is in our national interest to persecute, vilify and destroy innocent human beings.

Because there are so many unanswered questions about those camps. Where did the billions of our dollars go? How could so much taxpayers money be spent and the asylum seekers still be

unsafe and often hungry? Who is responsible for the numerous human rights violations, the corrupt business deals, the many criminal acts? Who sanctioned the immense suffering? Who promoted it and who covered it up to keep the evil charade going?

This is not a time for pessimism, but optimism. After 20 years, Australia is once more beginning to move. We are not what we were in 2001. We have lived the shame, we have seen the cost in human lives, and we understand we are less free in consequence. It is time Australia once more walked tall in the company of other nations; time that we no longer bred mass murderers with our words. And I tell you today, we will win. The camps are mired in the stories of their horror and the corruption that fed off the horror. The camps have lost all moral legitimacy and their closure is only a matter of time.

When a Chinese Communist Party-aligned billionaire – previously found by ASIO to represent a serious security risk – is able, on the payment of a \$20,000 fee to an ex-Liberal minister, to secure a lunch meeting with the immigration minister to advance his claim for a visa, it's no longer possible to take a single word that this government says on border security seriously. Listening to Behrouz Boochani, I thought we should never ever think words don't matter. Never ever think one person speaking their truth to power won't be heard if they are brave enough for long enough. If one jailed man and a mobile phone can achieve what Behrouz did, then together we can close the camps.

In this election and after, we must push harder than ever. We must fight and continue to fight and never ever give up. Because Christchurch proves one thing: national security does not lie in the fairytale of border security; it does not repose in the ongoing torture of free human beings: it exists in tolerance and human decency. We are better than our politicians' dark fears. We are not their hate. We are optimistic about a country built on openness. We are hopeful about our Australia that has as its compass the recognition that strength resides in the willingness to help the weakest.

It is our time, it is our country, and we are no longer marching to the beat of those who would sell it out to the NRA, to the neo-Nazis and the mass murderers. **We become the words we use.** Mr Morrison, Mr Shorten: use different words: love, kindness, compassion, goodness, justice. Mr Morrison, Mr Shorten, tear down those camps. **Close Manus and Nauru now. Close the camps and bring them home.**

*This is an edited version of a speech given by Richard Flanagan at Melbourne Palm Sunday Rally on 14 April 2019.*

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Easter Sunday  
21 April 2019**

**Caritas  
AUSTRALIA**

### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)  
#projectcompassion 1800 024 413





## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 1st Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

### 2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

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

### Gospel Acclamation:

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

### Gospel:

John 20:1-9

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

### Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



**Please keep in your prayers:**

**Please contact the office if you know of anyone who can come off this list.**

Nick Hurst, Nadia Kumar, Betty Brady, Bernie Newman, Graham Meyer, Gerard Cash, Trevor Wiencke, Mandy Hartas, Rosa Maria Santos, Barry Bamber, Colleen Bombaci, Ken Hogan, Sophia Gill, Lauren Learmoth, Basil Comely, Wendy Bridges, Keryn Wallace, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Joan McCormick, John Leahy, Val Hartas, Lee Tillam, Michael Dillon, Malcolm Skerritt, Margaret & Colin Farrugea, Ernie Anderson, Graham Sims.

### In Memoriam:

Pearl Gaha, Deanna Kim Ball, Veronica May (Maisie) Williams, Patrick & Anne Thomas, Vaughan Joseph Kelly, Hayden William Wetherill, George Wilfred Tregenza, Vera May Griffiths, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Leonard Griffiths, Colin Lloyd Whaley, Stephen John Dewberry, John Maxwell Haynes, Christine Marie Davies

### Recently Deceased

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