



St Mark's Parish Newsletter

**Easter Sunday, Year B.
12th April, 2009.**

Empty Tomb!

The empty tomb reminded the Apostles what Jesus had foretold about his resurrection. The Apostles remembered..

“That the Son of man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day. And they remembered his words. “ Luke 24:7

The empty tomb serves as a sign of hope.

“Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here. He is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee?” (Luke 24:50)

The empty tomb serves a sign of love.

“He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.” Mark 16:7

The empty tomb serves as a sign of service through the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist. On the way to Emmaus...

“...Jesus was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to hem. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other: Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32

The Apostles understood the message which transformed them to become new persons. It is the newness of life in Christ. Everything is new, everything is fresh and everything is made whole in Christ. We are called to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter because...



it reminds us of the Resurrection of Christ and

it serves to make us new in Him.

Fr Tuong.



There are many people who have helped to make St Mark's Easter Celebrations for 2009 memorable. Fr Paul Goodland, the Liturgy Group, the Youth Group, the St Mark's Choir, the Samoan Choir, two Vietnamese Choirs, the Children's Choir and the Tongan choir, the organist Glenys McKenna,

the many readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Special Ministers, altar servers, florists, collectors, cleaners, counters and the many people who contributed to the celebration in various ways—we pray that the Risen Christ will shower his blessings upon you. Special thank you to:

- St Mark's School choir and the Choir of Angels for their contributions to Passion Sunday.
- Kay Hartwig, our dedicated director of music.
- Tam Hoang, our Youth Group Coordinator.
- The St Mark's Youth Group for:
 1. The drama re-enactment of the Passion of Christ on Good Friday. Thank you also to director Eros
 2. Their contribution to the Masses of Reconciliation.
 3. The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. Special thanks to director Rizcel Gagawanan.

Finally thank you to all parishioners and visitors who have attended the Easter Liturgies, and prayed with one voice and heart to the Risen Lord.

Fr Tuong.

150 150 Stories, 150 Years.

Memories, reflections, stories, tales out of school, moments of inspiration, moving events, funny things that happened—parishioners are invited to make their contribution to the 150th website, where stories from all parishes in the Archdiocese will be collected for future generations. Make your mark and be part of living history.

See: www.150th.com.au/history.php for more details.



Please Remember!

The right or correct practice when receiving the Eucharist is to step to one side and immediately consume the host *before* returning to your seat.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Pope John Paul 11





What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me? (Psalms 116:120)



Project Compassion.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling against injustice. Thank you for supporting the Project Compassion 2009 appeal.

Please note:

Easter Monday
 April 13th
Mass will be
at 9am.

Sacramental Program 2009.

The parish is now taking enrolments for State School children in Years 4 and above to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Classes will commence on the 26th April.

Enrolment forms are on the church entrance table or can be downloaded from:

www.stmarksinala.net.au



Please submit your enrolment form, with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, to the parish office by: **Friday 17th April.**

Enquiries: 3372 5658.

Daily Mass this week, please note changes:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 am English	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English	No Mass.

Please remember in your prayers—

Recently Deceased: John Ah-Loo, Micae Nguyen Van Nhung, Elen Aherne, Marie Grant

Those who are ill: Bill Howard

Anniversaries: Juana Melendez, Severino M. Adel, Paul Tuat, Joseph Dieu, Kelvin Lang, Maria Da, Maria Tuoi, Laurie O'Brien.

Parish Directory.

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Fr. Vudinh Tuong

Pastoral Coordinator:

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Youth Group Coordinator

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Vigil Mass (Saturday):

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.15 pm

Sunday:

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

Reconciliation (English and Vietnamese) for the coming week:

By appointment—20 minutes after the morning weekday Mass or 20 minutes before the evening Mass. Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm.

Baptismal Enrolment Session after the 9.30 am Mass Sunday 3rd May

Parish Roster for Weekend 18th/19th April

Saturday 6.00 pm—

Reader: Rizcel Gagawanan & L de Jesus

Announcer: Dita Gagawanan

Communion Ministers: Norah Hall

Leilani Niedermayr

Youth for Christ Choir

Sunday 9.30 am

Reader: Bob Amadee

Announcer: Van Ho

Communion Ministers: Rita Fernandes

Evelyn Aherne

Lusia Winterstein

All Singers.

Church Cleaning:

Week Commencing 13th April:

Mrs Duyen, Mrs Tuyen, Mrs Nguyet.

Week Commencing 20th April:

Norah Hall, Caroline Vercoe.



Counting:

14th April:

Fons Mollee.

19th April:

J & M Byrne



Readings for Next Week's Mass:

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Readings & Rosters available from website.

Planned Giving—

First Collection \$ 1350.40

Second Collection \$ 2798.70

Project Compassion: \$ 4357.80 to date.

PIETY STALL HOURS

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am