Catholic Link

RESURRECTION IS A VERB

2nd Sunday of Easter • Year A
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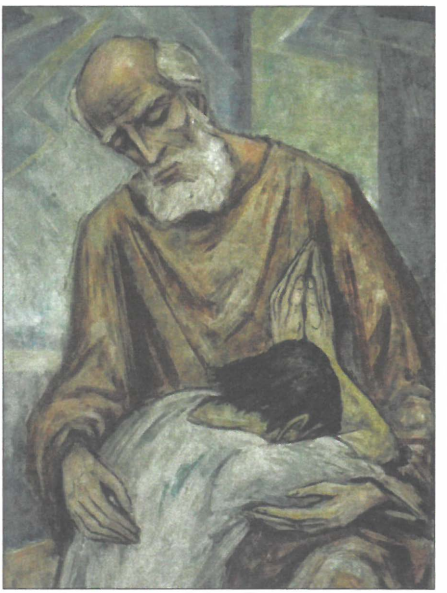
Easter Mercy

Many countries around the world have built into their legal systems the practice of judicial pardon. Often this power of pardon is lodged with the head of state – a president, king or queen, etc. Such pardons allow a person to be relieved of some or all the legal consequences resulting from a criminal conviction. It is interesting to note how the virtue of mercy shapes the legal power of pardon.

In the UK it is called "the royal prerogative of mercy"; in Spain, "derecho de gracia" (right of grace); and in France, simply "grace". Sometimes this prerogative of mercy is linked to specific events in the public life of the nation.



The Merciful Father by Sr Maria-Magdalena from Pixabay

Easter Mercy surpasses royal and presidential pardons by a long shot. Indeed, Easter Mercy is not one among a cluster of sociological or political attributes. Easter Mercy is theological. It is a revelation that God **is** Mercy by nature. Easter Mercy is a revelation that Jesus is Divine Mercy Incarnate. It is a revelation that all followers of Jesus live and move and have their being in Mercy. Mercy is part of our spiritual DNA.

That Mercy is part of the DNA of the Church is highlighted by the gift of the Risen Lord in the evening of the Resurrection when he appeared in the midst of his assembled disciples (minus Thomas, who would in due course require a more personal experience of Mercy). Jesus breathed on the gathered disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained". To be Christian is to live in a state of Mercy: Mercy received and Mercy given; Mercy celebrated and Mercy shared; Mercy preached and Mercy practiced.

Mercy Incarnate – Jesus – was, in his passion and death, himself denied mercy; in his Resurrection he released the Spirit of Mercy on all humanity. It is not surprising then to find the quality of mercy deeply embedded in many people, even without explicit knowledge of or faith in Jesus himself.

Catholics know well the terms, 'spiritual' and 'corporal' works of mercy. In the Year of Mercy (2016) there was a sustained effort to understand and live in the spirit of the Divine Mercy. In his exhortation that we all participate in this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis repeatedly declared that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy". Cynthia Bourgeault, a spiritual writer, puts it almost poetically, beginning with the enigmatic psalm verse, "mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced" (Psalm 85:10):

> When Jesus, the living truth, yielded himself faithfully in the Mercy; when he who was the Mercy dissolved into the Mercy, *in that exact moment the Mercy became one with the Body of Christ* (author's emphasis). From then on and forever hereafter, the Mercy wears a human face – and that is the face of Christ.

Mercy wears a human face, the face of a child; later the face of a carpenter, probably sunburnt; horrifically, the face of a tortured and crucified "criminal"; and three days later, the glowing face of the risen and glorified Christ proclaiming words of peace and forgiveness. Easter Mercy indeed!

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118.

RESPONSE:
Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

1. Let the house of Israel say,
   'His mercy endures forever'.
   Let the house of Aaron say,
   'His mercy endures forever'.
   Let those who fear the Lord say,
   'His mercy endures forever'. ℟
2. I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
   but the Lord was my helper.
   The Lord is my strength and my song;
   he was my saviour.
   There are shouts of joy and salvation
   in the tents of the just. ℟
3. The stone that the builders rejected
   has become the cornerstone.
   By the Lord has this been done,
   a marvel in our eyes.
   This is the day the Lord has made;
   let us rejoice in it and be glad. ℟

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Take your hand and feel the place of the nails, and be no longer doubtful but believing, alleluia.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 13 Apr (St Martin I, PM)

Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

"How can I learn to be healed from what hinders me from being ever more habitually established in the divine light that shines, transcends, and utterly permeates the broken edges of my life?" – James Finley

Tue 14 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93; John 3:7-15

Today our society is very far from reflecting the generous compassion of the early Christians. Where have we gone wrong? All we can do is to continue trying to live as lovingly and generously as Jesus' early followers.

Wed 15 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34; John 3:16-21

God sent his Son to us because he loves us and wants us to be saved. His offer to us, in Jesus, is not one of punishment. Rather, he offers us *life*. Let the words of today's Gospel resonate in your heart.

Thu 16 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34; John 3:31-36

"To be risen with Christ means not only that one has a choice and that one may live by a higher law – the law of grace and love – but that one must do so." – Thomas Merton

Fri 17 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27; John 6:1-15

"Resurrection isn't just a once-a-year celebration, but something to live into slowly. Easter whispers, it doesn't demand perfection, but invites trust". – Henri Nouwen

Sat 18 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; John 6:16-21

Faith in the infinite love of God helps us understand that we are not alone in our suffering. The resurrection was not a one-time event, but a pattern of how God brings new life out of situations that appear hopeless.

Sun 19 Apr **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 2:14.22-23; Psalm 16; Luke 24:13-35

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." – 1 Peter 1:3

KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) P=Pope; M=Martyr

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MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 2026

11	Sat	18h00	RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues
12	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho & Palmira Dias RIP Maria dos Reis Ferreira RIP Herman Barlow Special intention for couples Preparing for Marriage
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues
		18h00	
13	Mon	18h00	**COMMUNION SERVICE**
14	Tues	18h00	
15	Wed	18h00	
16	Thu	18h00	
17	Fri	18h00	

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.

Richard Heslop, Kevin Demmer, Gerty Carmichael, Harold de Jongh, Lionel Peters, Gordon Milburn, Lyn Bogle, Andrea Strydom, Veronica Wheater, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Moira Lottering, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest, Miriam Marais and Jan Staas

I would appreciate an update every 2nd month

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday at 12h00 in the Denis Adami Hall. The agenda, as well as previous years minutes and financial report are available for perusal in the church foyer. The AGM will be followed by a **bring and share** parish birthday celebration for Fr Daniel. All are invited to attend. The QR code is attached if you would prefer to download the documents.

KAIROS LADIES PRISON MINISTRY:
Demonstrate selfless, sacrificial & unconditional love. Buy meal tickets or sign up for the prayer vigil or make place mats, slips for prayer chains or posters. If you want to know more, speak to Mitta after Mass or contact 083 643 7476.

BAPTISMS:
We will be having baptisms this weekend after the 10am Mass before the AGM.

WEDDINGS:
All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:
The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass.

SPRED

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the SPRED program. Please contact Catarina on 0813413583 or Jordy on 0614128918.

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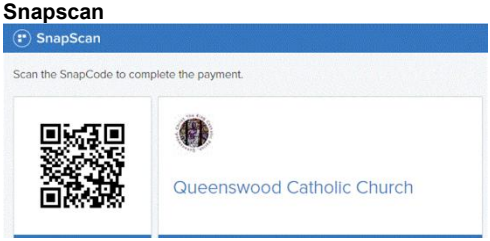

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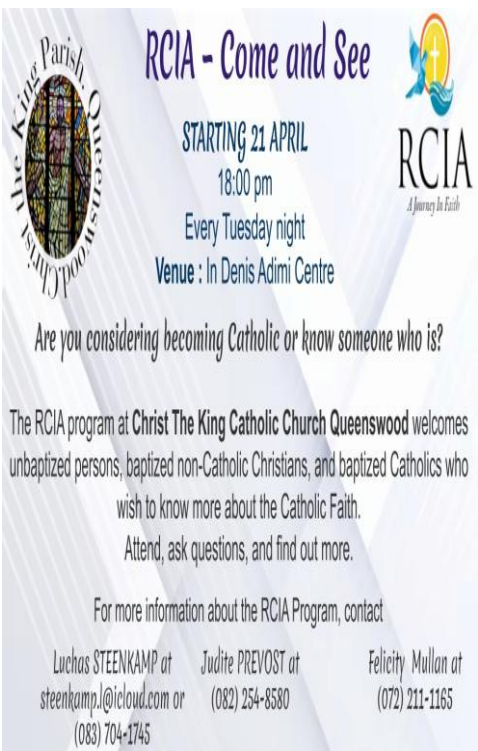

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