



Newsletter

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Sunday March 28th 2021

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EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 1ST
7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND
10.30AM

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4TH
DAWN SERVICE 6.00AM OCEAN GROVE LOOKOUT

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4TH
10.30AM

REMEMBER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
FINISHES AT
3.00AM
SUNDAY APRIL 4TH.

SO REMEMBER THAT YOU NEED TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.

Lenten Huddles Idea—Resurrection Eggs

Buy or make at home.

Fill an egg carton with symbols of Easter.

Plastic eggs can be found in variety stores and fill them with symbols of your choosing : Bread, sponge, string-whip, cross, silver coins, one is left empty, stone, palm leaf, thorn circlet, towel, strips of cloth, spear etc.

For activity handout see... <https://biblegamescentral.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Resurrection-Eggs-Cards.pdf> .

Use the eggs on Easter Sunday and hide them.

Ask the kids to find them.

Older kids and adults can sought the symbols into the Holy week order and tell the story of Jesus.

Have a picture book handy to help them.

As they hand the plastic eggs back you can swap them for chocolate eggs.

Mental Health Matters The Reverend FI Bottcher Sunshine Mental Health

When my son Jack is overwhelmed with sadness, he sobs. A gentle sob from deep in his chest that begins with a quivering bottom lip as his eyes fill with tears. As the first audible sobs begin to rise, the tears roll down his cheeks. It is utterly genuine and utterly heart-breaking to witness, and nothing tears my heart open more. Jack doesn't have language, or words, to express his sadness and we rarely know what it is that may be the cause, although we can't help trying to guess. Perhaps something that someone did or said? And when you can't name the sadness there's no way of fast tracking it - no empty platitudes that will make it go away, no sore knee to rub or kiss better. Jack's sobs are Easter Saturday sobs. They are totally consuming even though I know they will end. And not only will they end, but from experience they're usually followed by smiles, even laughter, and an arm that reaches out for a hug. There is no genuine Easter Sunday without the fullness of Easter Saturday. We sit opposite Jesus' tomb (Mat 27:61) and we wait, in the depths of sadness and hope.

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

March 28th Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16 or 118:1-2, 19-29
Philemon 2: 5-11, Mark 14: 1-15:47 or Mark 15: 1-39, (40-47)
Or Mark 11:1-11 or John 12: 12-16

Bible Reader: Wilma Andrews

Prayers for the People The Reverend Bob Thomas

April 4th Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, or Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

Communion Steward: Pat Reid

Bible Reader: Jim Barry

Prayers for the People: David Runia

April 11th Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-35, Psalm 133,
1 John 1: 1-2: 2, John 20: 19-31

Bible Reader: Marjorie Barry,

Prayers for the People The Reverend Bob Thomas

April 18th Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4
1 John 3: 1-2, Luke 24: 36b-48

Bible Reader: David Roach

Prayers for the People Jim Barry

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“The next day the great crowd that has come for the Feast heard
that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.”**

John 12: 12

RECYCLED TREASURE SALE

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH

Thank you to all who helped with the setting up,
the actual selling of the goods and the packing up.

Special thanks to Fred for being our cook.

The total raised was just one \$800.00

\$250 Power Savings Bonus Program

Are you the named Energy Consumer
on your energy bill?

Do you receive one of the following payments?

Jobseeker

Youth Allowance

Pension

Including age, disability support, carer payment
and single parent payment.

If the answer is yes, then you may apply for the
\$250 Power Savings Bonus.

Applications can be submitted through the Victorian
Government Compare website.

(Please be aware of other energy compare websites)

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au>

You can access this website from computer, tablet
or smartphone. If you don't have access to any of
these—ask a family member or friend who does to
help you.

AUSTRALIAN CARE COLLABORATION.

Join UnitingCare—Australia and add your voice to the campaign
calling for the transformation of our Aged Care System.

Go online and sign the petition at
www.careaboutagedcare.org.au

FREE CUMQUATS

available for marmalade or cumquat cake.

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