

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

51 GUM ROAD, KINGS PARK, VIC 3021, AUSTRALIA

PHONE: 7064 3920

www.resurrectionkingspark.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12th December 2021

Resurrection Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

CHILD SAFETY - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

If you see something that seems inappropriate towards a child or a vulnerable adult please notify Fr Gerard

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Parish Website
www.resurrectionkingspark.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

CHANGE OF PARISH PHONE NUMBER



The parish number has changed, the new number is **7064 3920**.

This number is now up and running.

**First Rite Reconciliation -
9.30am on Saturday 18th December.**

THANK YOU

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the liturgy team and to those who volunteered countless hours in helping to prepare our nativity for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. A parish of our size requires a team of dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus and our parish by giving of their time and talent.



CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we congratulate children from Resurrection Parish Primary School and RE Sacramental program who are making their First Communion and receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. We ask keep these children in your prayers.



Mass Times

Saturday	Sunday
6.00 pm	9.00 am 10.30 am

Weekdays

Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	9.30 am
Thursday	6.30 pm



Livestreaming

Sunday Mass will be livestreamed up until Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Children's Mass (F.V. ONLY)

6.00pm Mass (F.V. ONLY)

8.00pm Mid Evening Mass (F.V. ONLY)

12.00am Midnight Mass (F.V. ONLY)

(Carols from 11.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Mass (unknown vaccination status)

9.00am Mass (F.V. ONLY)

*** F.V. ONLY - fully vaccinated**

With the latest update from the Victorian government, Places of Worship can open with unlimited numbers for the Fully Vaccinated (F.V.)

Masses for 'Unknown Vaccination Status' have a limit of 50 people in attendance. Therefore, we ask that you reserve your seat by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mass-unknown-vaccination-status-tickets-224354098147?ref=estw>

We pray for Rosita Tanchangco, Alfredo Gapit, Miguel Gouveia, Macario Pagdanganan and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Virgilio Madayag, Emanwel Calleja, Serina Calabro and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.

Please also pray for Emeterio Salalica and all those who are sick.

UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS MASS

The 4.00pm Vaccination Status Mass will end on Saturday 11th December.

To those members of our community for whom this applies we want to ensure that you feel part of the Resurrection Eucharist community we welcome you to attend any of our weekday Masses.

Dawn Masses have been celebrated over recent years here at Resurrection Parish with many parishioners embracing the nine day novena.

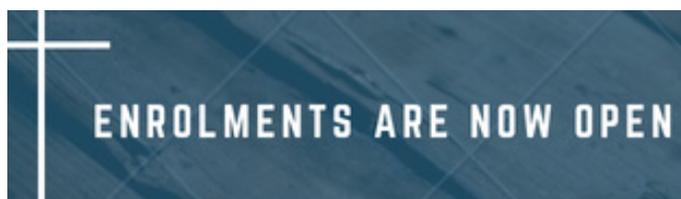
Again this coming December 16th at 5.00am we are inviting you to join us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day.

Come let us celebrate together as a parish.

Journeying with Jesus towards the Sacraments

Our Religious Education program is suitable for children who attend a non catholic school. Our program is designed to assist parents in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation.

Enrolments are now open for 2022



CHRISTMAS NEEDS YOU!

Do you realize that with six Christmas Masses this year over 280 parishioners are required to exercise one ministry or another?

Each Mass requires:

- 4 Proclaimers
- 6 Special Ministers of Communion
- 4 - 6 Hospitality Ministers
- 12-16 Collectors
- 20+ in each Choir
- 2 (at least) car park attendants
- 1 Mass Overseer
- 1 Data Projectionist
- 4 to straighten chairs after each Mass

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have assigned themselves to a ministry. There are still some vacancy for these ministries. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

The end of year school Mass will be on Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am.

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

To assist those in need in our community St Vincent De Paul is asking for:

- Christmas hampers for families (feel free to make your own)
- Books, puzzles and activities for children
- Toys for children



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed at noon Thursday 23rd December and will reopen on Monday 24th January



Religious Discrimination Bill 2021

The Age

A moderate protection for religious liberty

The great figure of American history and the star character of today's favourite musical, Hamilton, had this to say about religious liberty:

"Remember civil and religious liberty always go together, if the foundation of the one be sapped, the other will fall of course."
(Alexander Hamilton, A Full Vindication of the Measures of Congress, 1774)

After a long wait, we are now looking at a Religious Discrimination Bill in our federal Parliament, and it should be welcomed by all Australians, including the over 60% who profess a religious belief. The proposed law protects religious belief or activity, but also the right to not have a religious faith or participate in religious events.

If you believe in freedom for all, then you should support liberty to people of all faiths and none. If you believe in values like fairness, diversity and giving people a fair go, then you should support religious organisations being able to conduct their work according to their religious mission. It is perfectly normal for a range of views and beliefs to interact in a healthy democracy, and it is therefore reasonable to expect the laws of the land to protect each of those groups, especially if they are minority religious and ethnic ones who are vulnerable or face hostility.

More broadly, schools are an obvious example. Parents send their children to Catholic and other religious schools for a purpose—they want a Catholic education and it is reasonable to protect their right to do so.

In Australia, we aren't used to having to talk about religious freedom largely because we've taken it for granted. We are unlike other parts of the world in which you can lose your job, be locked up without charge, have your children denied an education, all because of the place you attend for worship. We should be grateful we don't face such heavy-handed discrimination.

Nevertheless, we would be a naive nation if we thought that serious discrimination on religious grounds does not occur, or cannot happen in Australia. My friends in other faith communities, including Jewish and Muslim ones, have shared stories that send a chill up my spine – tales of real discrimination and pain caused to people in the schools and families of their communities. In my own Christian tradition, I am hearing more and more tales of distress from young people whose reputation is torn apart online or who get socially ostracised because they express a religious view. That is not fair, and to be frank we should consider it un-Australian.

Given the increasing number of real challenges being faced by people of faith, the time is right to pass a law to protect their wellbeing, and to give parity to religious freedom alongside other important laws against discrimination. The Bill is moderate and should be un-controversial.

In fact, the Bill does not provide complete protection from every anti-religious discrimination, but it is at least a good start and a perfectly sensible foundation. It is something we can all rally around and support, without any fear of other rights being lost.

If you are not a believer, that's fine, no one is demanding that you change your mind. But out of fairness, I ask you to give your support to the protection of religious faith on the basis that in a free and open society, that's the right thing to do.

As Hamilton could see, civil and religious liberty always go together.

Peter Comensoli is the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne





CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

media release

6 December 2021

Re: Passing of the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill

In our pluralist society, diversity of belief has long been celebrated and protected.

Regrettably, this pluralism has been diminished with the passing of the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill on Friday.

The Government has imposed an unbalanced law on people of faith which adds to a steady decline of religious freedom in Victoria.

Despite the Attorney General confirming that not a single problem of discrimination could be identified in Catholic schools, the Catholic education sector will bear the brunt of new administration burdens and be subject to an 'inherent religious requirement' test.

The legislation is a serious overreach by the Victorian Government into the rightful freedoms of faith-based organisations. It unfairly targets and undermines the ability of faith organisations to confidently manage employment matters according to their mission.

A multitude of faith leaders raised their concerns, but there was little attempt by the Government to engage with these concerns.

A rushed law, with inadequate consultation, and with no amendments in parliament, is not something to be celebrated.

Strangely, Victorian Labor is now at odds with the federal Labor Party on an issue which ought not be divisive; that people of faith should be protected from religious discrimination.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to working with others to shape and promote a fair and just society in which pluralism is valued and respected.

We ask that the same consideration is given by others, particularly the Victorian Government.

Statements attributable to the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

Media Enquiries to:

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18th & 19th December 2021
Forth Sunday of Advent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Vilinda Rebutillo	Marissa Medilo
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Grace Eppingstall	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Marques Navarro
DATA PROJECTOR	Julia Portelli	Oliver D'Souza	Calvin Alderson
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Isabella Portelli Marlene Axiak Isabella Portelli Marlene Axiak	Paula Prosia Minh Pham Paula Prosia Minh Pham	Jet Nacional Joana Nacional Jet Nacional Joana Nacional
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Cathy Downing Martine Grech Karen Colaco Spira Attard	Fr Gerard Keith Andrew Cassar Emmanuelle Brizuela Marc Dicconson Minh Pham	Fr Gerard Keith Margaret Vilaro Teresita Villar Zita Alderson Fely Baltazar Christine Perram
SACRISTY DUTY	Adelina Borja	Need Volunteer	Cecilia Navarro

Resurrection Young Adults
Christmas Picnic

Sunday, December 12th at 12.00pm

To celebrate Christmas, the RYA of Resurrection Parish invite you to our final get-together of the year!

Location: Organ Pipes National Park
Cost \$10 lunch will be provided

Next Week's Readings — 19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Reading 1

Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until
the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his
God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

**R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

Reading 2

Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no
delight. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the
scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”
First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired
nor delighted in.” These are offered according
to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do
your will.” He takes away the first to establish
the second. By this “will,” we have been
consecrated through the offering of the body of
Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in
haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth,
filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud
voice and said, “Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped
for joy.

Blessed are you who believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”



Stewardship Reflection

*“For behold, when the voice of your
greeting came to my ears, the babe in
my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)*

*When you hear the scripture readings and
Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?”
If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather
look inside yourself. What are you doing to
grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you
prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just
show up and expect to be entertained? As
the Body of Christ, we are called to be active
participants, not just passive observers.*