



St Anthony's Parish



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

12th April 2020

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PARISH NOTICE

EASTER SERVICES-LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Holy Thursday 9th April



6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by 1 hour adoration at the Altar of Repose
Concluding with night Prayer

Good Friday 10th April



10.30am Stations of the Cross
2.30pm Preparation for the Passion of Our Lord
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

Easter Vigil 11th April



6.00pm Mass

Easter Sunday



9.30am Mass

MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING

Masses are now being live streamed from the St Anthony's Parish. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonyofpadua.com.au. Click the link for Live Masses. The Masses are coming through the St Anthony's Facebook page— St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South (you will need to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Masses).

HOLY WEEK LITURGY PACKS

All the readings for Holy Week are in packs available at the car park entrance at the St Anthony's Parish and outside the entrance of the St Bernard's Presbytery. If you are out shopping for food or going to work you can call by and collect one. Please ensure you collect the correct pack .

Pack 1—For Parishioners who have no access to internet connection .

Pack 2- For Parishioners who have access to the internet and Facebook.

Pack 3- Children's Easter activities

All of the above packs will be on the website stanthonyofpadua.com.au

EASTER SERVICES ON FREE TO AIR TV

Good Friday 10th April 3pm—**Channel 7**

Easter Sunday 12th April 10.30am—**Channel 7**

Holy Thursday 9th April 7.30pm—**Channel 31**

Good Friday 10th April 3.00pm—**Channel 31**

Saturday Easter Vigil 7.30pm—**Channel 31**

Easter Sunday 10.30am—**Channel 31**

PALMS

Palms were blessed on Palm Sunday and will be available for collection after the suspension of Church services has ended.

HOLY WATER

Sufficient Holy Water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil and will be available for collection after the suspension of Church services has ended.

9th April 2020

Dear Parishioners,

At this challenging time, with our churches closed, I am mindful that I cannot speak to each of you personally. We are living through extraordinary times. In all my years as a catholic I have never experienced the suspension of public masses or parish gatherings.

I know for so many of the parish this is a cause for great sorrow, particularly as we approach the great feast of Easter.

However, we do need to steel ourselves for the Coronavirus crisis to last for months – and for its impact to touch every household. Despite these challenges, we cannot lose heart. We must continue to bring to the Lord in prayer all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

For ourselves as we enter into these solemn days of prayer. May our celebration of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection confirm us in faith and renew us in mission of finding creative ways of offering support and caring for those around us during these difficult times.

The work of our parish will and must go on, even if in different forms. At St Anthony's I have established a care group to keep in touch with each of you during this lockdown phase. I have used the updated parish census during the Thanksgiving campaign to contact you. However, there are surprisingly many numbers that seem to be incorrect. Hence the email. I will be available in the Parish office at St Anthony's on Friday from 10am-1pm. Tuesday – Thursday I will be at the office at St Anthony's because the office staff at St Anthony's are working from home.

At St Bernard's Parish I am calling all the parishioners until we set up a care group. From next week every Friday from 10am-1pm I will be available at the office at St Bernard's. Fr Lucas will be living at the presbytery at St Bernard's from next week until this crisis is abated. He will look after the day to day pastoral and spiritual care of the parish.

As for the office staff, Dolores is taking time off work to recover after surgery, Naim continues to work in the office at St Bernard's on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm. Lesley and Judy are both working from home. Please email Judy @ judyparishnews@gmail.com if you require to put any information in the news bulletin.

The care of our people is of utmost importance. Please know that I am praying for each of you at this time. You are remembered at the altar every day when I am offering mass. I am here for you, so please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 435 471 when you need to speak to me or send me a text if you like to be prayed for in particular. Please remember me in your prayers.

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you. Happy Easter!

Fr Fabian
Parish Priest

AN EASTER CALLING TO US BY NAME

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

What a strange and unsettling storm we are living through! Our lives have become a see-saw between physical isolation and online overload. We come to this year's Easter festivities having been tested in unprecedented ways. What might we draw from that first Easter that can sustain and renew us? Let me offer you the name of Mary of Magdala.

The first to see the resurrected Jesus at Easter dawn was Mary. She was the first to see him; the first to recognise him; the first to be named by him; and the first to be sent by him. Mary rightly is the first apostle, the one called and sent to proclaim Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Yet, all of this happened quietly, and away from the public gaze that had marked the suffering and death of the world's Saviour. Jesus did not return to his people in a blaze of publicity; but quietly, gently, personally – he called Mary by name.

It is worth honouring Mary Magdalene at this strange and disorienting Easter of 2020, when none of our customary ways of marking these Greatest of Days can occur. For in the tender meeting of Jesus with Mary we have a sure sign of how we might make our way through these days of suffering.

Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead so as to show the world something marvellous and clever. His rising instead showed that suffering and death would no longer have the last word. Rather, that first word spoken to Mary and then repeated through the generations is a name, bearing hope and life for each whose name is called. Easter is a word that re-created the world.

Christians have not been able to gather physically to participate in the Easter Ceremonies this year. Friends and family have not been free to socialise together. No shared leisure; no common activities; no sport. There are no public ways to mark this religious festival. Yet, that first word Jesus spoke at his resurrection – a name on the lips of God – he is now speaking into this storm that has engulfed us. Overwhelmed, disoriented and fearful as we might feel, a calm, clear and tender voice is calling our name.

It is not a voice to magically whisk us away to comfort and security, nor a voice that pretends there is no storm to ride through. It is, rather, the voice of the Risen One, who has known suffering and death, and has tamed their power to overwhelm us. He stands with each of us, so that we need not stand alone. He calls each of us, so that we have a sure compass point. He walks with each of us to show the way through.

Death does not have the last word any longer, even though it's threat remains. Our lives – held in the heart of God and carried through death to life by his Son – have not been forgotten. We are remembered by God; he calls each of us by name.

And as Jesus is calling us, he is also sending us to speak words of care, support and comfort into the lives of those around us, and into our #HomeChurch. He is the voice that speaks through those we are close to at this time – our children we are caring for, our leaders protecting the people, our healthcare workers serving in danger, our spouses and loved ones.

As we remember this Easter that the first word of the risen Jesus was the name 'Mary', may we hear our own names echo in that call. Let us hold onto this anchor in the storm we are currently living through. To borrow a colloquial phrase, Christ has our back, and we will be OK with him.

Happy Easter.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

MASS TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Monday-Saturday: 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 9.30am Mass

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES/RECENT DEATHS & THE SICK

The list of our sick Parishioners and the Death Anniversaries will be placed on the Altar for every Mass, at both Parishes. If you know of anyone who is ill and you would like to add their name to the sick list or if you have recently lost a loved one and would like to add their name to be mentioned at the Mass that is being live streamed please send a text or leave a message for Judy Johnson

0414 007 009 or email judyparishnews@gmail .com.

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION OR PARISH APPEALS

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

Parishioners are able to make quick and easy recurring thanksgiving payments or can choose a one-off offering from the comfort of their own home.

When making an offertory online, parishioners have the option to choose which collection they would like to partake in, as they usually would during Sunday Mass - first collection, second collection or a parish appeal.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: [CDFpay for St Anthony's Parish, Melton South](#)

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: [CDFpay for St Bernard's Parish, Bacchus Marsh](#)

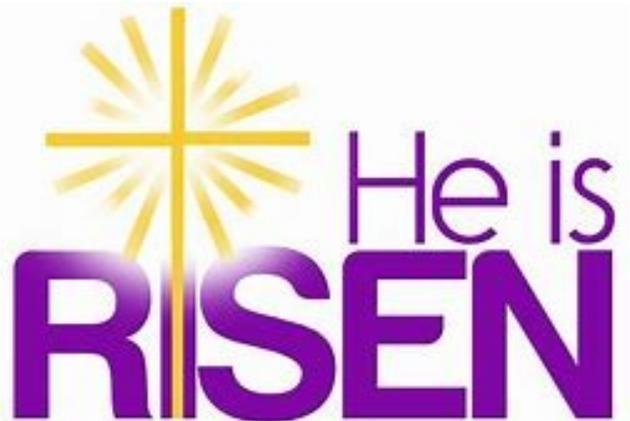
Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.



Source: www.lords-prayer-words.com

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Godwin Arandez

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Aquilina, Emmanuela Borg, Joseph Borg, Susan Boslem, Caroline Galanti, Carmelo Giordamaja, Charles Giordmaina, Kika Jessop, Carlo Lloyd, Fred Pullicino & Tony Pullicino

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Liza Fernandes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Kevin Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Richard & Rosabella Tuala** 0422 390 617

Group 2: **Anna Taunnu & Family** 0406 503 363

Group 3: **Tony & Stella Cochrane** 9743 6340



ST BERNARD'S

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday at 7.00pm. We pray the Rosary, Stations of the cross, Divine Mercy chaplet and do a Bible reading and discussion.

Next meeting **To be advised**

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy Bourke, Rae Harbridge, Ada Judge, Collen Lamb, George Maver, Melva O'Brien, Mary O'Grady, Daphne Pocock, Gerry Reilly, Marie Sommerfeld, Doris Storey & Nikola Vulic

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Johnson, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Mary Wadeson, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117

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

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Corinthians 5:7-8 (JB)*

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely
ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the
way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you
into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

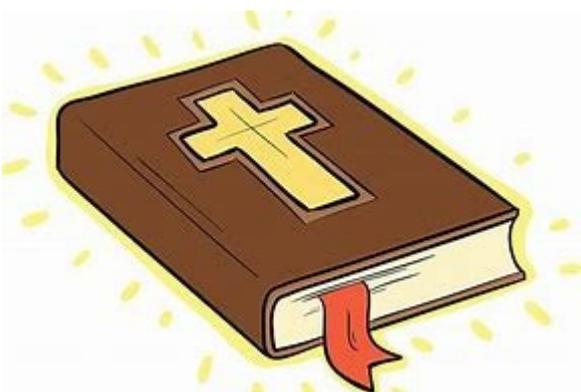
NEXT WEEK'S READING

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47;

Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9;

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



GOSPEL *John 20:1-9 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the
dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still
dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She
saw that the stone had been moved away from the
tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other
disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the
Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know
where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the
tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple,
running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he
bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the
ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was
following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw
the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that
had been over his head; this was not with the linen
cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other
disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in;
he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had
failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he
must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Catholic worship and piety: Easter Sunday 2020

Seven things to know about Easter Sunday

1. What happened on Easter? Among other things:

The women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body.

They saw angels, who told them he wasn't there.

They went to tell the apostles, who initially didn't believe them.

Peter and the beloved disciple (John) rushed to see the tomb and found it empty.

Mary Magdalen, in particular, had an encounter with the risen Christ. So did the disciples on the road to Emmaus. So did Peter. So did all the apostles except Thomas (who had one later).

Jesus had risen from the dead!

Read about the events in the New Testament:

Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-20

Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31

2. Was Jesus' Resurrection a real, historical event or something else? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness." (n. 639)

In about 56 AD, St Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve."

The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

3. What is the significance of the empty tomb? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise.

"Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognising the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. The disciple 'whom Jesus loved' affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered 'the linen cloths lying there', 'he saw and believed'. This suggests that he realised from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus." (no. 640)

4. What do the post-Resurrection appearances of Christ mean? The CCC explains: "Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One.

"Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves. ...

By Jimmy Akin, ncregister.com

"Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles – and Peter in particular – in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning.

"As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. the faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them.

"Peter and the Twelve are the primary 'witnesses to his Resurrection', but they are not the only ones. Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.

"Given all these testimonies, Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact." (nos. 641–643)

5. What significance does Christ's Resurrection have for us? The CCC again explains: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

"Christ, 'the first-born from the dead' (Colossians 1:18), is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls (cf Romans 6:4), and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies (cf Romans 8:11)." (nos. 651 & 658)

6. How do we commemorate this day? The big celebration of Easter was on the evening of Holy Saturday. It was the Easter Vigil Mass. Consequently, Easter Sunday celebrations are more restrained.

According to the main document governing the celebrations at Easter, *Paschalis Solemnitatis*: "Mass is to be celebrated on Easter Day with great solemnity. It is appropriate that the penitential rite on this day take the form of a sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil, during which the antiphon *Vidi aquam*, or some other song of baptismal character should be sung.

"The fonts at the entrance to the church should also be filled with the same water."

7. What is the role of the Paschal (i.e., Easter) candle?

Paschalis Solemnitatis explains: "The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer.

"After the Easter season the candle should be kept with honour in the baptism, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptised may be lit from them. In the celebration of funerals, the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his own 'Passover'.

"The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside the Easter season."