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Easter Reflections

In recent years, we have all experienced a lot of change.

The way we work, how we study, how we travel, how we do church. All these have in some ways changed in this context of Global pandemic. And at Easter, we celebrate the Christian faith's greatest and most vivid symbol of the change that has been brought about by the love of God, for humanity, through Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection of Jesus is a symbol of the change that has been brought about by his whole life, and it is also meant to inspire us, as Resurrection people, to be a changed reality in the world around us, as well. All of this change is vividly symbolised in the Resurrected Jesus, the reality that we are challenged in this Easter season to reflect upon and hopefully embrace.

At Easter, we truly rejoice. We rejoice that – “it is finished”. The Incarnation

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in Jesus Christ has been successfully completed. God has fully shared our humanity so that we can partake in God's divine glory. Cosmic things have truly changed – and the Resurrected Jesus is a vivid symbol and outworking of this.

But this is not all that there is to this story.

Jesus came and went, things changed. Off we go for excessive amounts of Easter eggs. No, it is meant to be the beginning of a new and exciting story, as well. Because the change in relationship between us and God



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brought about by Jesus, symbolised and attested to vividly in the Resurrection victory, is meant to inspire a change in us, and zeal to change the world around us, where we see it is crying out for such change.

As Easter Resurrection people, we are called to be God's change-makers, through who we are and what we do in our community, and in our dealings with the world.

So this Easter may we again celebrate the cosmic change that we believe has taken place by virtue of God's love manifest in Jesus. The relationship between humanity and God has been irrevocably altered by the successful completion of the Incarnation. God has fully shared our humanity so that we can partake in God's divine glory. It is finished, it is done, and we now live and participate in this changed reality – Alleluia!

And this Easter may we also remember that the change between us and God is meant to inspire us to be agents of change in our world as well.

Where there are places and people around us that also need to experience



Easter Morning 2022

the love, the care, the intimacy, that we believe we now experience with God as Resurrection people, we need to take it there, bringing and making the change of love that we experience in Resurrection, a reality in the world around us.

Fr Max Wood, Rector



Renewing our baptism promises



Fr Max and school friend Roderick Seeto

Music at St Luke's

Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellowship 2022

We welcomed members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellowship to St Luke's on Sunday 5 December 2021. They performed a showcase of fine music. Everyone enjoyed the experience; the SSO Fellows, St Luke's parishioners and guests, alike.

The Sydney Symphony Fellowship is designed to give young pre-professional musicians the best foundation for a career in music. It is an intense 12 month program that includes masterclasses with internationally-renowned musicians, mentorship by Sydney Symphony Orchestra musicians, and the chance to play in chamber and orchestral performances, including mainstage and regional.

It was, therefore, a great pleasure to be able to welcome the SSO Fellows



for 2022 to perform a concert in the Church at 11.30am on Sunday 15 May featuring music by Mozart, Debussy, Dvořák, Joan Tower and Ravel.

Following the concert, Sam Torrens, SSO Artistic Panning Manager, expressed thanks to the Rector, saying "Your church is a beautiful space to

perform and to listen to music and our whole team really enjoy the experience when we come to visit for rehearsals and performances." He indicated that there is a strong possibility they may return to perform another concert later in the year. **Watch this space!**

Wedding Bells

On Saturday 27 March 2022, we celebrated our first wedding at St Luke's since August 2018.

Like many couples, Teng Chongyangzi (Angel) and Wang Xinli (Kevin) had postponed their wedding plans several times in those intervening years because of the changing rules and regulations surrounding public gatherings, weddings, in particular!

Marriage is both a solemn commitment between two people to love, honour and cherish each other for the entirety of their lives as well as a celebration of the joy, hope and excitement of facing the future together – "the love that binds." This was very evident at the wedding of Angel and Kevin earlier this year and it was a great joy to have the church bells peal to announce that finally, their marriage was a reality.

Congratulations, Teng Chongyangzi (Angel) and Wang Xinli (Kevin). We wish you every blessing in your life together. May you be worthy of one another's best, and tender with one another's dreams.

Clockwise from top left: Callum Close at the organ, Angel and Kevin at the sanctuary steps, Fr Max signing the Wedding Register



St Andrew the Apostle and a Scottish Morning Tea

Considered Jesus' first disciple, St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia and numerous other countries. He did not become the official patron saint of Scotland until about 1,300 years after his death and he never actually set foot in the country during his lifetime.

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen. Both Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were fishermen and became Christ's first disciples. Christ promised to make them 'fishers of men' and persuaded Andrew and Simon Peter to leave their nets and follow him.

We will be honouring St Andrew on Sunday 26 June in our 9am Eucharist. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Dr Ed Loane, Warden of St Paul's College at the University of Sydney. Dr Loane is a former student of the university and resident of St Paul's College. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science, then went on to complete his graduate studies with First Class Honours at Moore College, followed by a PhD at King's College, Cambridge University. No doubt Dr Loane will have many more interesting things to tell us about Saint Andrew.

Immediately after the service, there will be a Scottish Morning Tea in the Seddon Hall with Haggis tasting, Scottish shortbread, a glass of whisky, raffle prizes and more. Come and join us to enjoy some Scottish cheer!

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9am Eucharist
Guest Preacher - The Revd Dr Ed Loane
Warden of St Paul's College, University of Sydney
followed by a
Scottish Morning Tea
in the Seddon Hall
Sunday 26 June 2022
Wear something Scottish!

Glass of whisky on arrival
Haggis Tasting
Raffle Prizes



Life in the Parish of St Luke in 2022

Life at St Luke's has settled into a comfortable mix of worship and social events, now that various restrictions experienced over the past couple of years no longer apply.

Each Thursday during school terms, there is a **Study Group, Holy Eucharist** and informal **Lunch**. The Study Group meets in the Lower Hall at 10.30am and is followed at 11.30am by Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. This is an intimate celebration of the Eucharist very much appreciated by those who attend. After the Eucharist service, those who wish to do so wander up to Café Jam at Bridgepoint Shopping Centre to enjoy a casual lunch and have a chat.

Our monthly social activities continue to be popular with parishioners. On the first Wednesday of every month, there is **Blokes' Night** from 6pm at the Upper Duck at the Hotel Mosman. This provides a pleasant way for the men of the parish to meet informally and share fellowship together over a meal, building comradeship together. On the second Sunday of each month, **Pub Lunch** is a friendly family affair


at the Hotel Mosman's Lower Duck from 12 noon, the venue selected because children are able to attend here, too. The **Movie Afternoon** on the third Saturday of every month takes place in the Lower Hall from 3pm. A fine selection of movies has been made – humour, adventure, romance – something for everyone! Munchies and ice creams are provided to fuel the fun. **Girls' Night Out** happens on the fourth Tuesday of each month. This also takes place at 6pm at the Upper Duck, Hotel Mosman. From time-to-time different restaurants are visited, depending on the weather and ease of access. This all female monthly get together offers a relaxed and friendly opportunity to get to know each other and establish lasting friendships.

Our weekly Sunday 9am Eucharist continues to be well attended come rain, come shine, with a variety of visiting guest preachers, both male and female, supporting the biblical teaching of our Rector, Fr Max and Associate Priest, Fr Peter. For example, on Sunday 26 June, the Revd Dr Ed Loane, Warden of St Paul's College at the University of

Sydney, will be our guest to celebrate St Andrew, followed by a Scottish themed morning tea in the church immediately afterwards. On Sunday 14 August, we will observe the Festival of Mary, Mother of Our Lord and the Revd Elaine Farmer, Assistant Priest at St Paul's Manuka in Canberra, will be our guest preacher.

Two highlights of our parish life will take place in the last quarter of this year; firstly our Patronal Festival at 9am on Sunday 16 October, followed by Brunch in the Seddon Hall; and the ever highly anticipated Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, being held this year at 7pm on Sunday 11 December and followed by the traditional fruit cake and bubbles at its conclusion.

So, you see, there really is something for everyone to enjoy and participate in and we mean it sincerely when we say that parishioners and friends are always very welcome at St Luke's activities and events – weekly, monthly or occasionally – throughout the year. Please, highlight the activities that you'd like to be involved in and come join us. We look forward to you being a part of the life of the Parish of St Luke, Mosman!

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St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the full and equal role of women in society and in the ministry of the church.

To stay in touch at St Luke's, check the weekly pew bulletin regularly, read the quarterly *Parish Life*, visit our website www.stlukemosman.org and follow us on 