

Readings for Easter Sunday 5th April Year A 2026

First reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead!

Responsorial Psalm: 118

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say: 'His steadfast love endures forever.' **R.**

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is!

Sequence:

Christians, praise. the Paschal Victim! offer thankful sacrifice.

Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.

Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory;

The Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

"O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day."

The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored!

"Bright Angels testified, Shroud and grace clothes side by side!

"Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously,

He goes before you into Galilee."

Share the Good News, sing joyfully; his death is victory!

Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

According to the Scriptures: Jesus must rise from the dead!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Valentino Laloli

Extra-Ordinary Ministers:

**Johndell Ubido, Lily Ulberg,
David & Veronica Hagar, Glen Hill,**

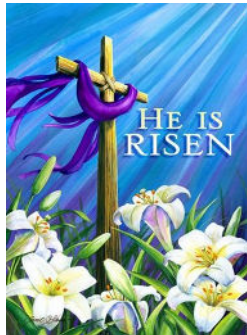
Anniversaries for the coming week 6th to 12th April

6. Doreen Patricia Cousin (1979), Maureen Anne Hutton (1990)
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8. Martin Patrick Coughlan (1980), Thomas Alfred Kemp (1984)
Francis Joseph Coyne (1996), Henry Hart (2014)
9. Felipe Cagasan (2005), Gracy D'souza (2012)
10. Mona Hallam (2001)
11. Francella Brown-Muliaga (2014)
12. Coral Mary Millicent Terry (1981), Rudolph Grant (1999) Joan Doreen Ashman (2009)

JASMINE LEALAOGATA



SAVELINA MAHONI



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EASTER VIGIL YEAR A 4TH APRIL 2026

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Daily Evening Eucharist:

First Friday Eucharist:

Saturday Eucharist:

Sunday Eucharist:

Public Holidays:

Adoration:

Tongan Mass:

Samoan Mass:

Youth Mass:

Reconciliation:

Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:

The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Suspended until further notice

Lectio Divina 6.30pm-7.30pm

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm A

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil

At the Easter Vigil, the Church represents the mystery of the light of Christ in the sign of the Paschal candle, whose flame is both light and heat. The symbolism of light is connected with that of fire: radiance and heat, and the transforming energy contained in the fire – truth and love go together. The Paschal candle burns, and is thereby consumed:

Second symbol of the Easter Vigil – the night of Baptism – is water. It appears in Sacred Scripture, and hence also in the inner structure of the Sacrament of Baptism, with two opposed meanings.

On the one hand there is the sea, which appears as a force antagonistic to life on earth, continually threatening it; yet God has placed a limit upon it. Hence the book of Revelation says that in God's new world, the sea will be no more (cf. 21:1). It is the element of death. And so it becomes the symbolic representation of Jesus' death on the Cross:

The third great symbol of the Easter Vigil is something rather different; it has to do with man himself. It is the singing of the new song – the alleluia. When a person experiences great joy, he cannot keep it to himself. He has to express it, to pass it on. But what happens when a person is touched by the light of the resurrection, and thus comes into contact with Life itself, with Truth and Love? He cannot merely speak about it. Speech is no longer adequate. He has to sing. The first reference to singing in the Bible comes after the crossing of the Red Sea. Israel has risen out of slavery. It has climbed up from the threatening depths of the sea. It is as if it were reborn. It lives and it is free. The Bible describes the people's reaction to this great event of salvation with the verse: "The people ... believed in the Lord and in Moses his servant" (Ex 14:31).

Then comes the second reaction which, with a kind of inner necessity, follows from the first one: "Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord ..." At the Easter Vigil, year after year, we Christians intone this song after the third reading, we sing it as our song, because we too, through God's.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR EASTER VIGIL 4TH APRIL 2026

BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE, PREPARATION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE, EASTER PROCLAMATION (*EXSULTET*), READINGS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 1:1-2.2
God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

TATUPU VAALEPU

Responsorial Psalm 104:1-35 (**Sung by Samoan Choir**), Prayer
'Lord, send forth your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.'

Second Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus 14:15-15:1
Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

THERESA APIKOTOA

Responsorial Psalm Ex 15: 1-18 (**Sung by Tongan Choir**) Prayer
'Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.'

Third Reading: A reading from the book of Isaiah 55:1-11
Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.

ANGEL TAAMALE

Responsorial Psalm Isa 12:2-6 (**Sung by Young People Choir**) Prayer
'With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.'

Fourth Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 36: 16-28
I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart.

MAGNOLIA TOMASI

Responsorial Psalm 42:2,4; 43:3, 4. (**Sung by Parish Choir**) Prayer
'As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God'.

GLORIA

Epistle
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-11
Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

ASSUMPTION ILALIO

'Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.'
(The Priest solemnly intones the Alleluia, which is repeated by all)

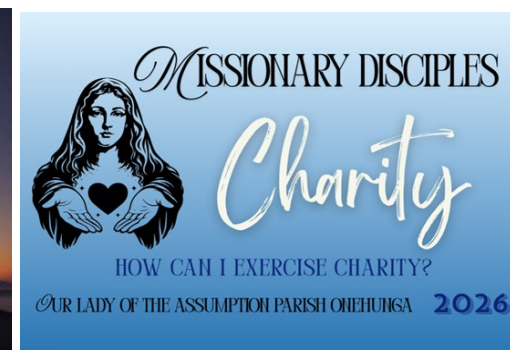
Gospel
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28: 1-10
He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee

BLESSING OF THE WATER, RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES, SPRINKLING OF THE FAITHFUL WITH THE HOLY WATER.

Prayers of the Faithful:

DIANA-MARIE ULBERG

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Don & Colleen Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Soane Ahovel, Eseta Oloa
Cory Apikotoa, Robert Lemana, Malia Tuipulotu



EASTER MESSAGE!

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and friends of
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Onehunga

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

A blessed and joyful Easter to you and your families. Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than sin and death, turning our fear into trust and our sorrow into hope. In the resurrection of Jesus, we find the promise of new life — for each of us and for our parish community.

Thank you for the many ways you keep our parish alive: your prayers, your presence at the liturgies, your generosity, and the care you show one another. Even when we can't all gather in the same pews, you are with us in spirit, and we carry you in our prayers.

May this Easter fill your hearts with peace, renew your faith, and inspire you to share Christ's light with those around you. Let us live as witnesses of that joy, carrying the good news of the Risen Lord into our homes, workplaces, and neighbourhoods.

Our Parish mission for this year is finding ways to practise charity "**How can you exercise charity in your daily life**" In Christ life he has shown us how, he died on the cross for our salvation.

Wishing you a holy and blessed Easter season.

Your Parish Priests

Fr. Phuc Minh Nguyen- Joseph MF

Fr. Iosefo Timu MF

Readings for Next Week (12/04/26)
Second Sunday of Easter Year A
1st Reading: Acts. 2: 42-47
Psalm: 118
2nd Reading: 1 Peter. 1: 3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.
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