

Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday

GLENELG REGIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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COLERAINE MONTHLY MASS SCHEDULE	CASTERTON MONTHLY MASS SCHEDULE
First Sunday: 9am Lay-Led Assembly Second Sunday : 9am Mass Third Sunday: 9am Mass Fourth Sunday: 9am Mass Fifth Sunday: 9am Ecumenical service	First Sunday: 9am Mass Second Sunday: 10am Lay-Led Assembly Third Sunday: 5pm Mass Fourth Sunday: 11am Mass Fifth Sunday: 9am Mass
Next week's roster 8th April – 9am Mass Leaders: Minister of Communion: Aileen Larkins Hospitals/Hostels: Kevin Myers, Maureen Myers Reader: Hilary Turner Church Yard: John Kane Flowers :	Next Week's roster Sunday 8th April – 10am Lay Led Leaders: Anne Duerden, Kathy Brody Reader: Rita McInerney Commentator: S.Kelly Ministers of Communion: M.Richardson, C.Munro Counters: M.M.Murphy, Helen Gorman
Last week's Collection : Presbytery: \$252.00 Planned Giving: \$97.00 Project Compassion:	Last week's Collection: Presbytery: \$383.00 Sacrificial Giving : \$671.00 Project Compassion: \$220.00

ANNIVERSARIES – CASTERTON: Gerald Pretlove, Amelia McEwan, Bill Cossar, Geraldine Watson, Kevin & Colleen McCann, Isabel Murphy, Bill & Ada Sharp, Caitlin Neeson. **COLERAINE:** Bill Noonan (1998), Richard Turner (1997), Eddie Murtagh (1971).

EDGARLEY ANOINTING MASS: 11am, this Wednesday 4 April.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT PENOLA: Come and celebrate the eighteenth worldwide Feast of Divine Mercy at St Joseph's Penola, birthplace of St Mary MacKillop's religious foundation. 2:30pm Confessions (three priests available); 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15pm Holy Mass.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP: THE EASTER MOON

If you look up on a clear night at Easter, you will see that the moon is close to full. This is no coincidence. The date of Easter is actually linked to the full moon. Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon after the northern hemisphere's Spring equinox.

Why this link to the moon? It is because Easter developed from the Jewish feast of Passover, a Spring-time festival celebrated according to a calendar based on the phases of the moon. Yet the link between Easter and the moon is not only a matter of ancient calendars. The Easter full moon also suggests a very important element of the Christian feast.

The light of the moon is not dazzling like the light of the sun. Rather, the light of moon is more serene. The moon sheds a beautiful soft light into an otherwise dark night. In some ways, Easter celebrates this kind of serene, beautiful light. At Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ and we can compare his rising to the rising of the moon.

A song that has been sung for centuries at Easter tells of Christ "who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity." Easter is a time to give thanks that Christ has risen from

the dead and that he offers his peaceful light to all the world.

Our times are often dark and troubled. May the peaceful light of the risen Christ shine upon us. Where there is darkness, may Christ bring a gentle light. Where people are troubled, may Christ bring them peace.

Happy Easter!

*Paul Bird CSSR
Bishop of Ballarat.*

