

Catholic Homes

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Celebrating 60 Years of Catholic Homes

EASTER EDITION
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LOVE · JOY
HOSPITALITY · EXCELLENCE



Welcome to our Easter edition

Welcome to the Easter edition of Out and About.

This edition is filled with stories from across Catholic Homes – celebrating our people, sharing important updates, and highlighting the many ways our community continues to grow.

Inside, you'll read about our recent Long Service Awards, the expansion of our Home Care services, and the exciting addition of Beacon Hill Village to our Independent Living Villages. You'll also find an Easter recipe, brain teasers, and an Easter reflection to enjoy.

We hope this magazine keeps you informed, connected and inspired by the wonderful work happening across Catholic Homes.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community, and we wish you a joyful and peaceful Easter.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

An Easter message from the CEO

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the powerful message at the heart of this season, a message of hope, renewal and new life.

Easter invites us to pause and reflect, particularly after the challenges and uncertainties that many have experienced over the past year. It is a time that reminds us that even in moments of difficulty, light can emerge, and new beginnings are always possible.

Across Catholic Homes, I see this message demonstrated every day. It is reflected in the compassion shown by our staff and volunteers, the resilience and wisdom of our residents and clients, and the deep sense of community that connects us all. Whether through a quiet moment of care, a shared conversation, or a celebration with loved ones, these moments of connection truly matter.

As an organisation grounded in the healing ministry of Jesus, our mission calls us to walk alongside people on their ageing journey and provide holistic, person-centred care. At Easter, this call feels especially present, reminding us of the importance of love and hospitality in all that we do.

On behalf of the Board and Executive Team, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who is part of the Catholic Homes community. Your dedication, trust and support continue to shape who we are.

May this Easter season bring you peace, renewal and joy, and may you feel surrounded by care and connection in the weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Darren Cutri
Chief Executive Officer

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LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Celebrating long service at Sr Mary Glowrey's

On 5 February, we gathered at Sr Mary Glowrey's to celebrate our Long Service Awards.

The occasion included a formal presentation of certificates and service pins, followed by a lovely morning tea, a fitting way to honour the remarkable commitment of our people.

We proudly recognised team members who have reached milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20 and even 30 years of service across all areas of Catholic Homes. These achievements are a powerful testament to the dedication, loyalty and compassion our staff bring to their roles each and every day.

Their continued commitment reflects the heart of our mission and the strength of our community.

To all those recognised, thank you for your extraordinary service and for the lasting impact which you make across our organisation. We are deeply grateful.

Below are some photos capturing the joy of the celebration.

Thank you for your extraordinary service.

5 years or more of service



10 years or more of service



15 years or more of service



HOME CARE EXPANDING

Growing our Home Care community

This Easter season, as we reflect on renewal and new beginnings, we're pleased to share that our Catholic Homes Home Care community continues to grow.

Over the past year, more than 120 new clients have chosen Catholic Homes to support them at home, bringing us to over 700 Home Care clients across our community.

For us, this growth is about more than numbers; it reflects daily tasks, clinical care, Allied Health support, or simply having someone there to lend a hand, our focus remains the same: supporting you to live safely, independently and confidently in your own home.

As more people reach out to explore their options, our team is here to guide them through every step of the journey, from the first enquiry, to advocating with My Aged Care, to the commencement



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independently and confidently
in your own home.*

of services, ensuring the process feels clear, supportive and reassuring.

If you, or someone you love, is considering Home Care support, we welcome the opportunity to have a conversation about how we can help.

At Catholic Homes, we're proud to continue

growing, and even prouder to support more people to live well at home.

For more information about our Home Care services call the Customer Engagement team on 1300 244 111.

RESIDENTIAL

A beautiful renewal of love at Sr Mary Glowrey

We were truly honoured to witness a very special moment at Sr Mary Glowrey, as two of our much-loved residents, Aphra and Guy, renewed their wedding vows – 49 years after first saying “I do” in 1977.

Surrounded by their loving family, fellow residents and our dedicated staff, Aphra and Guy reaffirmed their deep commitment to one another in a heartfelt and beautiful ceremony. It was a touching celebration and a wonderful reminder that love continues to grow stronger with time.

Congratulations to Aphra and Guy on this remarkable milestone.

*We wish
them many
more years of
happiness together.*

*Aphra and Guy renewed their
wedding vows after 49 years.*



INDEPENDENT LIVING VILLAGES

Welcoming Beacon Hill Village to Catholic Homes

From 1 February 2026, Catholic Homes is proud to announce that we are now responsible for the management of Beacon Hill Village making them the fifth village in our Independent Living Village community.

Beacon Hill has a long-standing connection with the Christ the King Parish community, and we are pleased to support the village as it begins this new chapter. Our focus

is on ensuring a smooth transition with continuity of day-to-day services, respectful change management, and clear, regular communication for residents.

We look forward to getting to know the Beacon Hill community and supporting residents to live well, stay connected, and feel at home.



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In order from left to right: Top Row: Ward Italiano, John Alberti, Wayne Sgro, Darren Cutri, Daniel Lynch. Bottom Row: Rev Fr Isidore Dongyeru Aayang, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, John Ogilvie.

EASTER PUZZLE

Easter word search

Spring into the season with our egg-stra special Easter word search!

Can you find them hidden in the puzzle?

Search in all directions, circle each word you find and cross it off the list.



Easter

- Ash Wednesday
- Bonnet
- Bunny
- Chocolate
- Daffodil

- Easter
- Egg Hunt
- Eggs
- Good Friday
- Holy

- Hot Cross Buns
- Lent
- Palm Sunday
- Resurrection
- Spring



EASTER RECIPE

*A healthy,
no-bake
Easter
sweet treat,
contributed by
Ally Carolillo,
Dietician*



Easter Egg Cocoa Protein Balls

Makes

12–15 egg-shaped balls

Prep time

10–15 minutes

Storage

Fridge:
Up to 1 week

Freezer:
Up to 2 months

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats (or oat flour)
- ½ cup nut butter (peanut, almond, or cashew)
- ¼ cup honey or maple syrup
- 2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp ground flaxseed or chia seeds
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- Optional add-ins**
- 2 tbsp mini dark chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp shredded coconut
- Orange zest (chocolate-orange Easter vibes)
- Chopped nuts

Instructions

1. Mix. Combine all ingredients in a bowl until a thick dough forms.
Too dry: add 1–2 tbsp milk or nut milk
Too wet: add more oats
2. Shape eggs. Scoop ~1½ tbsp and form into egg shapes.
3. Chill. Refrigerate for 20–30 minutes to firm up.

Optional Easter decoration

- Dip in melted dark or white chocolate
- Drizzle with contrasting chocolate
- Roll in cocoa, coconut, or crushed nuts

BY RICHIE PERERA – EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER MISSION

Easter reflection: my favourite movie

I have an all-time favourite movie (it's a secret). I watch it every year, if not, multiple times a year. I know the characters, the story, and even the music off by heart. And yet I still love watching this movie over and over again. We return to a good story because of what they reminds us of.

In every good story, there is a moment of difficulty. A challenge, a crisis, a moment that makes us question if things will end well. We can feel confronted, even heart broken by what is happening in that moment.

But that's not the whole story.

As the story continues, we see how the moment is only part of a bigger story.

During Easter, people around the world will recount the events leading up to the

death of Jesus on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a reminder, no matter our faith background, that the story, is still unfolding.

What seemed so bad on Friday – an innocent man brutally crucified, turned into something so good on Easter Sunday – a resurrected Saviour. What was the difference between Friday and Sunday? Knowing the whole story can reframe something seemingly bad into something good.

So often we judge situations and people by what is in front of us—however, there is always a bigger story. The circumstances of our lives, the people we interact with and even our hearts are ever changing.

The Easter message is one of transformation – seeing beyond what is, and being open to what could be.

The Easter message lies at the heart of Catholic Homes. We trust in the bigger story and hold onto hope, even in moments of difficulty. We carry this hope as we accompany people to live life to the full, looking beyond the now, towards the bigger story.



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