

into a single mass, and let dry land appear.’ And so it was. God called the dry land ‘earth’ and the mass of waters ‘seas’, and God saw that it was good.

God said, ‘Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.’ And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, ‘Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.’ And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, ‘Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.’ And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying ‘Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.’ Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, ‘Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.’ And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.’ God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.’

God said, ‘See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.’ And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-7. 12-13. 20. 22. R. v.5 **(R.) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

PRAYER

A reading from the book of Exodus (14:15 – 15:1) The Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them.

So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.’ Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway.

‘Let us flee from the Israelites,’ the Egyptians cried ‘the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!’ ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea,’ the Lord said to Moses ‘that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.’ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea.

The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh’s whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord: *(The choir takes up the Responsorial Psalm immediately.)*

Responsorial Psalm Ex 15:1-6. 17-18. R. v.1 **(R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Prayer

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-11 Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6. R. v.3 *(R.)* You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Prayer

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-11 When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23 *(R.)* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, ‘Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?’ He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?’ And they remembered his words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others.

The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

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TEENAGE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVIST MEETS POPE

Swedish teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg brought her climate change campaign to the Vatican yesterday, where she met with Pope Francis and carried a sign saying ‘Join the climate strike’. Greta arrived late for Francis’ general audience and took her seat in the VIP section in St Peter’s Square. The Pope went up to her at the end of the audience, where Greta showed off her sign. She is in Rome to headline Friday’s ‘school strike’, the growing worldwide youth movement she spearheaded demanding faster action against climate change. She will also address the Italian parliament. In Francis, Greta has found a kindred spirit. The Pope has made fighting climate change and caring for God’s creation a pillar of his papacy. Born in Sweden in 2003, Greta rose to fame in August 2018 for initiating the ‘school strike for climate’ movement, with her protest outside of the Swedish parliament in Stockholm gaining widespread media attention. Greta’s movement exploded and has since grown into an international initiative in which students skip classes to participate in demonstrations demanding action on stopping global warming and climate change. On March 15, some 1.4 million students were estimated to have participated in demonstrations throughout the world. The next major global strike is set for May 24. She has continued to be a leading voice on the climate issue and has spoken at several international venues, demanding that the EU reduce CO2 emissions by at least 80 per cent if they are to meet their climate goals by 2030. On March 13, three members of the Norwegian parliament put Greta’s name forward as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, which will be awarded later this year. Though Francis has not directly referenced Greta’s movement, his own eco-agenda has been a hallmark of his papacy since the 2015 publication of his encyclical on the protection of the environment, *Laudato Si’*.

VATICAN CONSTITUTION WILL RESIST CENTRALISATION

It took 29 meetings, but the pope’s council of cardinal advisers has a new draft constitution to present to episcopal conferences around the world for review. According to a principal drafter of that document, one core aim of the constitution is to combat centralisation of power in Rome, reflecting the electoral mandate given Pope Francis six years ago. Cardinal Oswald Gracias – a member of the council known as the C9, which now has only six members – was responsible for drafting parts of Praedicate evangelium. The draft will now be reviewed by bishops from around the world who have until late May to respond to the document, before the council’s next meeting in June. Cardinal Gracias said fighting ‘centralisation’ was a principal goal. “We have been working on the refounding of the Curia. “And we also tried to make sure that the Curia is at the service of the Holy Father and at the service of the bishops. We consistently tried to do that. This requires a change of mentality.” The cardinal also discussed his plans for a Pan-Asian Synod, and why he thinks Francis is still ‘enthusiastic’ for his job. “I know [the Pope is] the target of much criticism, but something that’s very clear to me from the inside, much of the criticism is unfair, and sometimes he’s being blamed for things he’s had nothing to do with or for which he doesn’t even know he’s being blamed,” Cardinal Gracias said.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING READINGS

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24
(R.) Alleluia.
1. 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.’ (R.)
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-8
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, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

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AUSTRALIA REACTS TO FIRE AT NOTRE DAME
Australia’s religious leaders have sent messages of support and sympathy to the people of France following the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Mark Coleridge sends a heartfelt video response: “I first had a sense of disbelief and then horror and that sense of horror has been shared by all kinds of people, not only in Paris, but right around the world, believers and unbelievers. Whoever you are, there is some deep chord struck by what has happened at the heart of Paris. Because Notre Dame is not just a sacred space it is a great Church, but it is also a vast storehouse of human memory. In a moment like this, prayer rises spontaneously from the heart.” In a sign of solidarity with the Archdiocese of Paris and the Notre Dame community, the Cathedral in Parramatta rang its bells at midday yesterday for one minute in prayer and remembrance. The Diocesan statement said: “As a community that has also suffered the destruction of a cathedral, the Diocese of Parramatta and St Patrick’s Cathedral stand in solidarity with the Archdiocese of Paris and the Notre Dame Paris community.
“Notre Dame Paris is more than its sandstone, gargoyles and stained-glass windows. It is the spiritual home of French Catholicism and indeed a poignant symbol of French culture.” In his Easter message, Bishop Greg O’Kelly said the fire had shocked the world. “There is symbolism in this grand building which has held in store so much humanity being reduced to ashes. As we look at Good Friday and Easter we can think of the Church and its need to be rebuilt out of the ashes of disillusionment, just as Notre Dame will be rebuilt,” he said. Wollongong Bishop Brian Mascord said his heart sank when he awoke to the “devastating images” of Notre Dame burning. “But, what also struck me was that the grief did not extend to just the Catholic community,” he wrote in his Easter message. “The whole world seemed to be mourning the loss of such an important piece of our history and culture — indeed our humanity. It was like the loss of a beautiful perfumed oil that once anointed the world.”
In a written statement, the Australian Council of Christians and Jews expressed its “deepest sympathies” to the people of France, and Christian believers everywhere, over the “terrible spiritual loss” the nation has sustained through the fire at Notre Dame. “The loss of the cathedral brings all of us — Christians, Jews and those with no faith tradition at all — to a recognition of the fragility of that which is made by humans in the glory of transcendent being and a transcendent beauty,” the statement said.

May all parishioners and visitors
experience the joys
of Easter's new life!



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The Lord is risen:
the joy of Easter!

Welcome, all, to the conclusion of Holy Week, 2019! Welcome to visitors from near or far; we’re delighted to see you here in Moruya! Please make yourselves known to me in person, by my mobile or personal email (see above). I’m particularly interested in those of you who come here to your holiday houses on a regular basis. If you’d like to meet others, like yourselves, who come every so often and would like to participate in a semi-organised meeting say at Christmas time (or sooner), then I’d be happy to make contact with you and see if we can find a means of gathering as church when you are here.

ARCHBISHOP’S MESSAGE: Forgiveness is the door through which healing peace enters our world this Easter
One of the last statements of Jesus on the Calvary Cross was: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Lk23/24). Forgiveness of every person who harms us is one of the great saving lessons of Good Friday. Then, the first words of the Risen Lord Jesus at the Resurrection Victory of Easter is: “Peace be with you.” (Lk 24/36). Easter peace is the first gift to us from our healing God. This Easter let us receive these gifts of forgiveness and healing peace like never before! Let us begin in our hearts, so easily torn apart by bitterness and selfishness. Let forgiveness and healing peace flow into our families and friends. May these gifts give us courage to develop real neighbourliness to those in our streets and communities. Let the homeless and lonely this Easter receive not more pious sentiments but real practical charity and care. Let the forgiveness and healing peace of the Risen Lord Jesus reign this Easter! May we be filled with joy and hope. Happy Easter to all!
Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Apostolic Administrator of Wagga Wagga
PARISH BBQ..GOLDEN CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP Strips of yellow paper are available in the foyer for you to write your name on and leave so that it can be joined together to form a chain at the Parish BBQ on the 5th May. One name per strip and please remember the sick, housebound, those away on holi-

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday at The Pines, Tuross 8am; Sacred Heart Moruya 10am.
Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9.15am; Weekday Masses Tues 5.30pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15am.
-Rosary after Mass
Baptisms, Anointings, Weddings & Funerals by appointment.
For the sick: Ron Hoban, Fay Goff, Barbara Kirk, Joan Ranken, Eunice Priestley, Fr Kevin Murphy, Lori-Anne Foran, Catherine Hulse, Gerri Maynard, Frank Honan, Kath Hodges, Julie Kay, Joy Jaensch, Kerrie Cooper, Ted Lewis, Therese Wood, Clair Holmes, Julia Hanslow, David Simpson, Viola Connellan, Graham Beer, Eddie Hybler, Declan Holmes, Justin Laplow, Noeleen Norman, Michael Heffernan and Lincoln Gett.
For the deceased: Mark Geary, Serge Dobson, Patrick Barter & Janet Hoare.

days and the recently deceased. Lists are also available to indicate your attendance and if you would like to donate something from the suggestions provided.

2019 COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION: Each year, the Archdiocese hosts two Marian Processions: one in the South Coast Deanery, first Sunday in May and the other in October. At these processions, we pray the Rosary and reflect on the faith of Mary. It’s on Sunday 5th May at 2pm in Our Lady of Good Council Church, Cobargo, with a special focus on the theme: ‘Bringing Young People to Connect with the Yes of Mary’. Please, save the date.

VIGIL MASS
The Liturgy
of the Word

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen 1:1 – 2:2
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God’s spirit hovered over the water. God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light ‘day’, and darkness he called ‘night’. Evening came and morning came: the first day.
God said, ‘Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.’ And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault ‘heaven’. Evening came and morning came: the second day.
God said, ‘Let the waters under heaven come together