

A WORD OF THANKS to all who helped with their time and service at liturgies especially during Holy Week. To the musicians and singers for organising the music; the readers for proclaiming the Word; the florists and all those who prepare and serve on the altar, greeters, collectors and counters and all who attended and participated in this special time in our liturgical year.

A reminder:

The Hobby Watercolours art sessions are still running every Tuesday, 10 am till Midday. Bring your own painting utensils and paper. This is a fun group led by Bert.



You are welcome to join us.

Happy 80th Birthday

to Pauline de Grave.
Wishing you a Happy day!



TAP & GO

The Tap and Go machine in the foyer is now available for the convenience of visitors and parishioners.

The machine is set at \$5.00

Thank you for your offerings.



Easter Message 2021

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Easter Hope in Uncertain Times

This time last year all the Churches of the Archdiocese were closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Now, thanks be to God, the Churches are all open, albeit with Covid protocols activated.

The situation now in Greater Brisbane indicates that we continue to live in a state of uncertainty. Covid lockdowns can happen at a moment's notice. Thankfully our own part of Australia has been largely free from such uncertainties for many months. That is not the case overseas. Many of us are truly concerned for friends and relatives still in overseas lockdowns after many months. Yet in the midst of such isolation, uncertainty and employment insecurity, we celebrate the hope of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. More so than ever, Easter joy offers us a deep hope and inner security to know that Jesus is with us in all our fragilities. God's closeness to us is once again celebrated in our parish Masses and gatherings at Easter.

The Risen Lord is our peace and the anchor of our lives. Over Easter, with even greater fervour, we reach out in closeness to others in our families and community who feel vulnerable and alone in this continuing strange time. To the entire world we join in the joyful Easter chorus of the ages and praise God in hope by saying: **Happy and Holy Easter to all!**



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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am
Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am
Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before mass. Adoration & Benediction. Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



EASTER SUNDAY

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THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA.

Significance of Easter: Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." We celebrate it with pride and jubilation for three reasons.

The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian faith. It is the greatest of the miracles—it proves that Jesus is God. Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. "Jesus is Lord, he is risen" (Rom.10:9) was the central theme of the kerygma (or 'preaching') of the apostles. There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, 'The people who built this had faith. Today we have only opinions. And you can't build a cathedral with opinions.'

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1002, #1003, p261).

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all pervading presence of the risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland reads: "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

*The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.
Let us rejoice and be glad.*

HAPPY EASTER



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.’

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.

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

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.)**



Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. We are to be resurrection people: Easter, the feast of the resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a “resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the good news that no tomb can hold us down any more—not the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt nor death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord in all the events of our lives. “*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*” (Psalm 118:24).

2. We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus: The living presence of the resurrected Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. “*Peace be with you*” was his salutation to his disciples at all post-resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

3. We are to be transparent Christians: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the risen Jesus is living in our hearts.

4. We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus: Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help *us control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour*. This salutary thought inspires us to *honour our bodies, keeping them holy*, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction about the presence of the risen Lord in our neighbours and in all those with whom we come into contact, should encourage us to respect the, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

5. We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations—but keep on trying to overcome them— we share in the power of Jesus’ resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us—not pain, sin, rejection or death—because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our faith in Him.

6. We are to be bearers of the good news of resurrection power: Resurrection is good news but at the same time, it’s sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we’re called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imaged: the risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God’s new ways of working in the world. That’s the power of the resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news—just as Mary *did: We have seen the Lord!*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND.

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Jean Marion, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Claire Broekhuyse, Trish Tarlington, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, John Nader & John Moore and Anthony Morris. Julie & John Kay.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED OR REMOVED FROM THIS LIST.

WE WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR PARISH.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Sacred Heart Parish Community, Moruya would like to welcome new parishioners. You are welcome to talk with the priest, one of the PPC members or Greeters.

New Parishioners forms are available for you to complete so that we are able to contact you.

