

7th April, 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Sunday of Mercy), Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, Kath Kenny, Janice Lewis, Bruce Baker, Ken Horan, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

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April 13-14

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

I am sending you! When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion. In the heart of this season of Easter rejoicing, we are reminded that faith is sometimes fragile and circuitous. If we listen carefully, we realize that Scripture relays another truth about people who struggle and need to be convinced. This is a good Sunday for those of us who have ever experienced doubt and who need to hear that God still loves and forgive us. That describes most of us.

Prayer: *Risen Lord, help us to recognise you when you come into our lives hidden in the people we meet along life's way. Give us eyes to see. Give us hearts that sing Alleluia not just on Easter but every day.*

Happy Birthday Jack Wood, we give thanks for your gift of life as you celebrate your 94th birthday on Friday 12th April. May our good God bless you with the gifts that are just right for you at this time.



EASTER MESSAGE 2024 -ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

VICTORY FOR HUMANITY IN THE RISEN LORD JESUS

At this Easter time, we proclaim to the ends of the earth the victory won for humanity in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Recent Popes describe war as a defeat for humanity. No one wins in war. It seems to make things worse than better. We see this, at present, in the Middle East, Ukraine and parts of Africa.

The same could be said for the scourge of euthanasia, at present being legislated throughout Australia. It is so unnecessary. The best response to terminal illness and great human vulnerability is widely available palliative care. Here tenderness and closeness replace the brute and sinister lethal jab.

Into this developing culture of hopelessness comes the extraordinary hope and joy of Easter!

Easter is God's ultimate victory over threats to living out our humanity to its full. It is the victory for humanity that is permanent and universal.

It is love made flesh in the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus on the Calvary Cross. The tree of our defeat has become the tree of victory in Jesus rising from the dead.

In our **YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** let us, therefore, "exult ... and let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph." Let us breathe in the joy and hope the Risen Lord's transformation of our humanity into its lost innocence.

In announcing this hope to the world, let our first efforts be directed at those who struggle in the homelessness of body and soul. May our joy be practical to those most in need. Let us be Easter peacemakers in both our families and our fragile world!

Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter to all!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse **Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn**

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