9 April, Easter Sunday Year A

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In our Prayers: Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: John Stewart, Bernard Gaynor, Ray Fairman, Tania Gillett,

Jessie Druce, Dianne Long, Marion Baldwin, Marie Golden, James (Kelly) Griffin, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, (anniversaries)

April 15—16 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Liturgy

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

Christ is risen. alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the beloved disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'alleluia!

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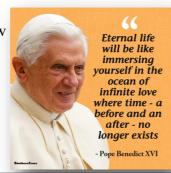
To each of you for all you did to ensure the ceremonies of Holy Week were celebrated meaningfully. Gratitude also for the preparation of the church and grounds. May Risen Jesus assure you of his companionship.

Season of Sowing

May God bless your efforts as you once again sow your crops with hope and trust for a fruitful harvest.

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is real message of Easter."

Pope Benedict XVI



Easter Messages

The Easter Message from *Archbishop Prowse* has been sent via email which he finishes with these words, "*Happy Easter to all, Alleluia!*"

Dear Parishioners,

As St. Paul says, the Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith - 'if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith too is in vain' (*1Cor 15:14*).

Let us find strength and hope from the Risen Lord as we move

forward. Easter brings so many promises of God to us - life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness, ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. Thus the joy of new life through our Lord's resurrection is for us to experience throughout the whole year.

I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. Have a blessed and joyful Easter. *Fr. Sijo*.

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today we read of Mary of Magdala, on noticing that the stone had been rolled away, raced back to Peter and to John, the Beloved Disciple. In recent years Mary has been named the *Apostle to the Apostles*, the first witness of the Resurrection. As we celebrate Easter we give thanks for the many witnesses who have encouraged us as we have travelled our faith journey. I also give thanks for the way you share your faith in the way you proclaim the Gospel message in your faithfulness, dedication, generosity and care of others. May Jesus who is our Easter Joy and Hope continue to encourage you and enrich you with the gifts that will nourish you today and into the future. *Sr Maureen*

Reflection

"We can all catch something of the reality of the resurrection when we experience new life in the midst of helplessness. We see it in hospital wards, when tired nurses hug people back from death. We see it in the men and women who risk their lives protesting against the mindless violence afflicted on their

human beings. We can see it in the beloved disciples who see in the dark what no one else sees. For all this we rejoice. It is Easter in our midst; it is the refusal to accept that anyone should be left for dead."

Fr Denis McBride cssr

Roster: 16 April

Reader: Bernard

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