

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B 4 April 2021 Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Blessed be Jesus Christ
who has redeemed us
and raised us to new life.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: 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: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

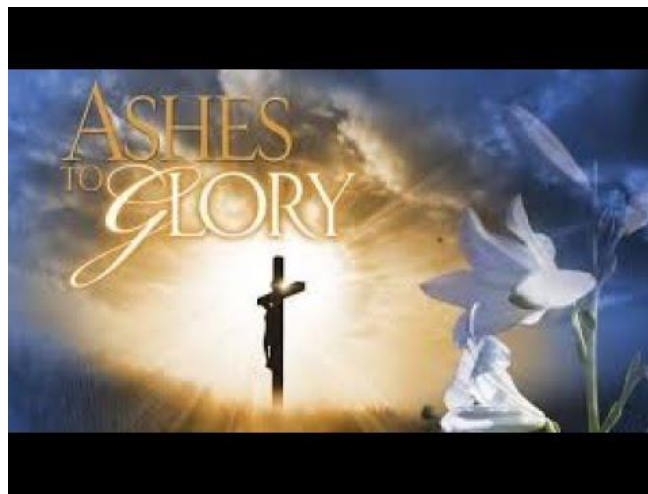
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: 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.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with

him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis may continue to proclaim the new life that Jesus Christ offers to all people. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations in conflict will be lead from war and death into peace and new life. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That missionaries and all who dedicate their lives to God will find strength in their faith and draw inspiration from the Easter message. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will be filled with the joy of Easter and find strength to reflect the risen Christ in all that we do. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be shown the healing light of Christ, especially James Clarke, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermert, Val Biggers and Celia Roach (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be raised to new life with Christ, especially David O'Connell whose first anniversary comes at this time, Bob Bradley and our own deceased relatives and friends. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

I call upon your blessing, O Lord.

Keep me steadfast in faith

and by your grace give me enduring hope

so that I may always praise your name

and serve you with all my heart.

Amen.

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by around 50 parishioners. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time. The protocols are being slowly relaxed but singing unfortunately is now only allowed with physical distancing impossible for us to manage ie. 1.5m between each other (choir) and 5 metres from all other people. Protocols on noticeboard.

Weekday Masses: No weekday Masses until Tuesday 13th April at 10.00am.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: has been suspended until Father Mick is in the parish and times can be discussed.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 11 April in the church at 10.30am.

Anzac Day Service: 9.30am in the church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits.

Easter Services: **Holy Thursday April 1 at 7pm** with Father Mick
 Good Friday: April 2: Stations 10am; Passion 3pm with Br Brian
 Easter Vigil: April 3: Service of Light 6pm with Father Mick.

We welcome Father Mick who commences as our Administrator on 1 April when he celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper with us. We have a very special liturgy prepared so **if you intend coming along, could you please email or text me (0430 169 849) so we can ensure we have sufficient seating.**

Easter Vigil: new protocols say – parishioners are requested to provide their own candles for the Service of Light and to take them home afterwards. We may not agree with this edict but it is designed to keep us safe.

Grounds Committee working bee 10am Thursday 1st April at 10am to mow etc before Easter.

Easter flowers: all arrangers please on Easter Saturday morning at 9am. Please advise Margaret or Cathy if you have flowers.

Cleaner wanted: to go on the roster with Pauline. Until the church is able to be left open we are only cleaning every fortnight, so it is not too arduous a ministry. Please let me know if you can help.

Holy Land Good Friday Collection: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.



Please return any Project Compassion boxes as soon as you can, so funds can be sent overseas.

Cleaners:

1 April: Helen P and Judith. **16 April:** _____ and Pauline. **30 April:** Margaret and Barbara.

Please note the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week:

Second Sunday of Easter: 1st: Acts 4:32-35. 2nd: 1 Jn 5:1-6. Gospel: Jn 20:19-31.

Ministry Rosters for Easter Services

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Passion	PowerPoint
27 Mar Palm S.	Felix	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Michael/Rod	Helen H
1 Apl. Holy Thurs.	James	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie		Helen H
2 Apl Passion		Helen P		Wendy M-B/ Germaine/Wendy H	Helen H
3 Apl: Easter	Geoff	Cathy F/Geraldine	1. Cathy F 5. Bobbie	3. Mandy O'Brien NT. Ann	Helen H
10 Apl	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F		Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe,
Helen Hart