



**EASTER SUNDAY
YEAR B**

31 March 2024

LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

*O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. 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 Mark 16:1-7.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'



REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners,

The rising of Jesus Christ from the dead is a miraculous event. The empty tomb leads to an entirely new question in human history:

The women, confronted with the absence of the dead body of Jesus in the tomb, were exposed to a new form of questioning [by angels], 'Why do you seek the living among the dead' (Kelly, *Meditations On Holy Week*, 65).

The resurrection appearances of Jesus confirm the importance of this penetrating question. What has taken place is entirely without precedent.

The language chosen by the four evangelists is important. Concerning the actual fact of resurrection, they tell us that Jesus was 'raised from death by his Father.' Concerning the appearances of Jesus, they tell us that 'Jesus let himself be seen.'

By expressing the event of the resurrection and the appearances in the passive tense, they are helping us to see that Jesus is completely dependent upon his Father. They work together as a team. Mutuality is the name of the game.

The meaning is clear:

Are we going live life our way or God's way?

Is life God-given and God-directed, or are we the centre of reality?

May the life, death and resurrection of Jesus help us to shake of the age-old sin of pride and self-complacency, and find new purpose, peace and joy in our God-given lives,

Father Tony

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations.

R. Set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection.

Lord Jesus, you breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at your Resurrection:

R. May your gift of peace be treasured in our hearts, our families, our parish, our world.

Many have gone before us and now form the communion of saints, including Val Goodsell, Craig Morgan, Ellie Alderink, Richard Stalker, Ted Hart, Rex Sutherland, Margaret Lamb and Wynn Jones.

R. May we find rest with them, when life's work is done.

Lord Jesus, by your death and resurrection you have overcome sin and death, our last enemy.

R. Renew our personal and familial faith so that we may cling to you now and always.

Christ, our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights.

R. Receive our brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Mass: Saturdays at 5.00pm.

Next weekday Mass: Thursday 4th April at 10.00am

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: 2 April at 3pm in the Presbytery

Scripture: Tuesdays at 4pm in the Presbytery.

Holy Week services in Braidwood

Holy Thursday: 28th March – 7.00pm, with communion

Good Friday: 29th March – Stations of the Cross at 10.00am; Passion at 3.00pm with communion.

Easter Mass: 30th March Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

SAVE THE DATE: Mother's Day Breakfast with prayer: Saturday 4th May 8-9.30am in St Bede's school hall, more details to follow.

This is a call to sign the e-Petition to restore palliative care funding to support people throughout NSW with a life-limiting illness.

The [End of Life and Palliative Care Framework 2019-2024](#) articulates NSW Health's vision of an integrated approach to end-of-life and palliative care planning and services within the NSW health system. On 9 June 2022, the NSW Government announced an additional \$743 million over 5 years (2022-23 to 2026-27) to enhance end-of-life and palliative care in NSW. The purpose of this funding is to improve hospital care and community health services for people with a life-limiting illness and to strengthen equity and access in rural, regional and remote areas. This amount was reduced by \$150 million in the last budget (2023-2024). An e-parliamentary petition has been created on behalf of NSW citizens to voice their concerns regarding this reduction of funding for the expansion and provision of appropriate palliative care to our most vulnerable.

If 10,000 signatures are achieved, the withdrawal of funding and redistribution of funds will have to be debated in Parliament. The petition has been posted online via the link below. The names and email addresses of signatories will not be used for any other purpose.

Please consider

1. signing and
2. sharing with your family & friends.

Closing Date: 03/04/2024

[Click here for Legislative Council ePetition: Restore Palliative Care funding](#)


Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 10:34, 37-43. 2nd: Col. 3:1-4. Gospel: John 20:1-9.

Next Sunday readings: 2nd Sunday Easter: 1st: Acts 4:32-35. 2nd: 1 John 5:1-6. Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm



Thank you to all who have contributed to Project Compassion. You can return your boxes now.

Ministries for our Mass:	Holy Thurs 28 Mar	Good Friday Passion		Caritas AUSTRALIA
Welcomer:	Helen P	see below		Felix
Acolyte:	Felix			Anne T
Reader 1:	Tommy			Wendy H
Reader 2:	Bobbie			Sequence: Michael
Reader 3:	Anne T			
Ministries of service:	30 Mar Easter	5 April	12 Apl	19 Apl
Altar Decorating:	All arrangers please	Helen P	Cathy F	Joy
Cleaning:	Helen P & Sarah	Pauline & Bobbie		Bronnie & Felix
Counters:	1 st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 3 rd Sunday: Brenda	2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H 4 th : Phil Owen		5 th Helen Bopping
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster or get a substitute from the list on the reverse side of the roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.				

Good Friday: Welcomer: Cathy F

Readers of Passion: Germaine, Mandy, Michael.

Readers of Solemn Intercessions: Cathy F, Michael

Readers of Veneration of the Cross: Ann M, Wendy H

Communion: Acolyte: Cathy F

EASTER MESSAGE 2024 FROM 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

Please join us in our Holy Week liturgies

Helen Hart

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.