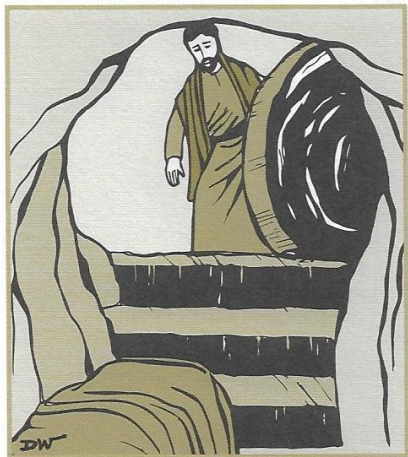




THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / A

12 APRIL 2020



MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die

again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

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.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

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

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A – 12 APRIL 2020

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

NO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF MASS, THE CHURCH IS CLOSED 24 HRS

Mass is available daily online at www.catholicvoice.org.au
Sunday Mass is aired on ten (Channel 05) Sunday mornings at 6am

SACRAMENTS

Confession	By request, must be in an open space observing the 1.5 metre physical distancing
Marriage	By appointment, must not exceed 5 persons – couple, witnesses and priest
Funerals	Graveside service only, no more than 10 persons including priest
Anointing	By request
Baptism	Suspended until further notice
Holy Communion	Suspended until further notice
Confirmation	Suspended until further notice

If you have any questions or need to speak to a priest please contact the parish on the phone numbers and/or email indicated above and below

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED. THE SICK AND MASS OFFERINGS

Please email or phone through your prayer and Mass requests, so that we can share them here and gather in spiritual communion to offer your intentions. We pray for the recently deceased especially those taken by the Coronavirus.

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH COUNCIL	PRIESTS / PARISH	PARISH BANKING
Fr George, Fr Namora, Peter Gain, Chris Baron, Anne Saunderson, Craig Ferguson, Kate Howe, Liz Knight	Fr George – 0484 604 273 Fr Namora – 0450 438 444 Madeline Ryan – 0478 000 526	BSB 062 786 A/C 14943 ST PATRICKS PARISH GUNDAGAI

A copy of the Church Bulletin is available on our website each week – www.cg.org.au/gundagai
Please send any notices to gundagai@cg.org.au by midday Wednesday each week for inclusion in the bulletin.

BANKING / PLANNED GIVING

We can, and must, continue supporting the priests and the parish through our first and second collections. These can be done through online banking or by a bank deposit in person. Please note the different accounts and references.

FIRST COLLECTION including Mass Intentions		
BSB 062-786	A/C 000029248	Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund
IMPORTANT! Please reference your SURNAME and PARISH eg. <i>Smith GUNDAGAI</i>		

SECOND COLLECTION/PLANNED GIVING

BSB 062 786	A/C 000014943	Acc Name: St Patricks Parish Gundagai
Please reference your SURNAME and PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER eg <i>Smith PGENV24</i> Please contact the Secretary 0478 000 526 or gundagai@cg.org.au if you need an envelope number.		

NOTICES

ROSARY & ADORATION

A group of parishioners are praying the Rosary, in our own homes, at 11am every day. We are praying for ourselves and our families, our Parish community, our Church and the whole world. Please join us, so we can still pray and “be together”, in these trying times.

“The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty” ~ St Therese of Lisieux

Consider ‘virtual Adoration’ - through the following website <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/> or on Facebook through ‘Sacred Heart Parish Griffith Perpetual Adoration’.

“The Eucharist is the visible manifestation of the generosity of God” ~ Fr Raniero Cantaloamessa

FR GEORGE'S GOSPEL REFLECTION – EASTER SUNDAY

The story of the Resurrection begins with the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary Magdalene. Never before had anyone risen from the dead. But for Jesus, the tomb cannot hold him captive; He arose and the empty tomb is one of the proofs of the resurrection.

Mary was not thinking of the resurrection. Rather, she thought the body had been stolen in the dark of night. Saint John of the Cross narrates how the soul, fired by love's urgent longing goes out of herself at night in search of her Beloved. This was what brought Mary to the tomb in the wee hours, when everything was calm and quiet, to be with the one she loved so much. She became the first to witness the Resurrection. Nevertheless, such discovery must be shared. She went to tell the apostles.

We have the same mission to share the joy of the resurrection with others.

As the Angels rolled the stone away, May the resurrected Christ roll away the stumbling blocks in our lives. May He conquer the darkness in our world and His light bring us peace.

Happy Easter my beloved in Christ

EMAIL PARISH UPDATES

If you would like to receive updates and the Parish Mass Bulletin in your inbox every week, or if you know anyone with an email address, who would like to receive it, please send Madeline an email with your request gundagai@cg.org.au

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Download liturgies to use at home for Easter, they are available from our website www.cg.org.au/gundagai under ‘Parish News’

EASTER SERVICES AT HOME

HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil streamed on ‘Catholic Voice’ YouTube Channel at 7PM

Go to www.catholicvoice.org.au

EASTER SUNDAY:

The 7NEWS network (PRIME7) will stream the **Easter Sunday Mass** from 10.30am, and live-streamed on 7plus.

Easter Sunday Mass streamed on Catholic Voice You Tube Channel at 11AM - Go to www.catholicvoice.org.au



“We are the Easter people, and Alleluia is our song” – St Pope John Paul II