

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Easter Sunday

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

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or

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.’

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.

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.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

R. Thanks be to God

or

Sequence

The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional. 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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: ‘Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.’ The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was ‘Apostle to the Apostles’ because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ’s body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ’s victory over death. Alleluia!

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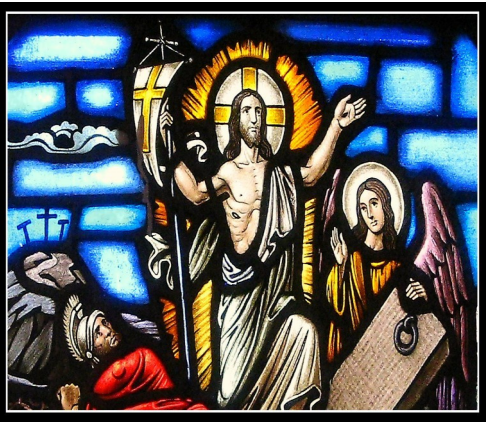
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Easter Sunday-YEAR B

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

At Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the death, but first, we recall his Passion leading up to His Resurrection. This is echoed in the voices of Jesus’ enemies during the Palm Sunday Masses and also during the Good Friday – “Crucify Him! Crucify Him”. The statement is so profound that somehow this still sticks in my head every time I look at the crucifixion.



This feeling reminds me of a priest at my home parish in Vietnam. During his homily on Palm Sunday Mass, he invited all the children to look at the crucifix and shout as loud as they could: “Crucify him, crucify him on the cross”. And of course, the poor kids were doing it with so much passion that we could all feel that the roof of the Church was nearly lifting up. After that, he asked them: “how do you feel?” together they answered: “we feel great!”. Then, he told them that what they felt was exactly what the Pharisees and the enemies of Jesus felt at the time they condemned Jesus to death. Then, he invited them to shout again with a louder voice, but it seemed like half of the crowd kept silent this time. He asked: “why didn’t you shout at Jesus?” one of them said: “you can’t fool me this time, Father. I don’t want to be called a Pharisee again.”

Like the children in the story, we are afraid to be called one of the Pharisees. It is because we know they followed the letter of the Law and not the Spirit of the Law. As a result, they were always mentioned in the Gospels as those who challenged Jesus, refused to believe in what He taught and wanted to kill Him. We think we are actually not that bad. However, if we think Jesus died to save all humans from sin because of love, we should not ever commit sin in order to show our gratitude to the love that Jesus expressed through his dreadful death. In fact, we are still sinning. Therefore, at the moment that we commit to sin, we are joining with the club of Pharisees to refuse the relationship which we have with Jesus. We turn around and condemn Him as our enemy. As a result, we keep nailing Jesus on the Cross and we are not yet ready to see the Risen Lord; so that, our life has not yet been filled with the new spirit of the resurrection.

Therefore, as Christians during this Easter season, I invite you to ask yourselves these questions: “where am I in the journey of the Lord’s Passion?”, “what character or characters am I playing?”, “if I am in that crowd, do I dare to raise my voice to save him?” and last but not least: “Am I ready to receive the Good News, the News of the Risen Lord?”

After all, let us learn from the beautiful heart of Mother Mary that we too, can be fulfilled with hope as we face the challenges of this earthly life. May her example of faith be our steppingstone, so that we are moving each day closer to the heart of Jesus.

We wish you and your loved ones a most blessed, joyful and hope-filled Easter season.

Blessings,  
Mark Ha



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions April

### Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 6th:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 7th:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 8th:** 9am  
**Fri 9th:** 9.15 am Mass  
**Saturday 10th:** 9am Rosary/  
Mass 9.30 Recon 6pm Mass  
**Sunday 11th:** 9am Mass 5pm  
Family & Youth Mass

### ROSTERS

**3/4 April**  
Cleaners: (5-9 April)  
R & K Ison  
**Commentator**  
6.30pm as rostered  
9am A Brown  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Readers:**  
6.30pm as rostered  
9am N Beatty  
5pm A Horsfall  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6.30pm As Rostered  
9am L Stevens, L Page  
5pm D Gorzalka  
**Computer Screen**  
6.30pm T Jackson/K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm M O'Neill.  
**REGISTRARS**  
6pm G & M Weatherall  
9am G Norris & B Basevi  
5pm D & N Gorzalka

**10/11 April 2021**  
Church Cleaning  
B Favetta/J O'Neill (12-16)

**Welcomers**  
6pm C Brownlie  
9am C Connell  
5pm D Ebejer  
**Commentator**  
6pm M Bridges  
9am L Page  
5pm A Horsfall  
**Readers**  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am A Skinner  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm Kay Lovering  
9am N Page  
5pm Lucy Favetta  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Jackson  
5pm J O'Sullivan.  
**REGISTRARS**  
6pm P Billington  
9am M & C Lowe  
5pm N Beatty

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

## THE LITURGIES OF FIRE, LIGHT, the WORD, BAPTISM and the EUCCHARIST

The liturgies of the Easter Triduum are filled with Symbols that invite us to enter into the great story of God's love that extends from the dawn of time to the dawn of Jesus, the Morning Star on Easter Morning. There is an ebb and flow in the ceremonies as hope washes over us, and then recedes in the face of denial, betrayal, human frailty and death, but returns in a new and powerful way in Jesus' rising.

### HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT

The night before Jesus dies he gathers with his friends and as their Master, does something extraordinary – he washes their feet. This act of service shows us what perfect and complete love looks like. At the end of the liturgy, the church is stripped and left bare – a stark reminder to us as a Church to strip back power and focus on service and love as Jesus did.

### GOOD FRIDAY

In this liturgy, after the Passion is proclaimed, the Cross is unveiled for us, calling us to veneration. The suffering servant is now revealed to us – Jesus who runs love's race to the finish, enduring death on a cross so that we might know that nothing can separate us from God's love.

### HOLY SATURDAY

Gathering in darkness, our hope is rekindled in the blessing of the fire and the inscribing of the Paschal Candle that proclaims the victory of the crucified one of Alpha and Omega. "Christ our light" resounds in the darkness, and we receive the call to take that light into our lives and the world proclaiming:

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

The final word is not had by darkness and death, but by Hope and Love!  
(adapted from Chris Monaghan CP – It's all about Hope)

**THE GREAT GIFT OF EASTER IS HOPE – CHRISTIAN  
HOPE, WHICH MAKES US HAVE THAT CONFIDENCE IN GOD,  
IN GOD'S ULTIMATE TRIUMPH, AND IN GOD'S GOODNESS  
AND LOVE, WHICH NOTHING CAN SHAKE.**

*Basil Hume*

## ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2021 Easter Hope in Uncertain Times

This time last year all the Churches of the Archdiocese were closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Now, thanks be to God, the Churches are all open, albeit with Covid protocols activated.

The situation now in Greater Brisbane indicates that we continue to live in a state of uncertainty. Covid lockdowns can happen at a moment's notice. Thankfully our own part of Australia has been largely free from such uncertainties for many months. That is not the case overseas. Many of us are truly concerned for friends and relatives still in overseas lockdowns after many months.

Yet in the midst of such isolation, uncertainty and employment insecurity, we celebrate the hope of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. More so than ever, Easter joy offers us a deep hope and inner security to know that Jesus is with us in all our fragilities. God's closeness to us is once again celebrated in our parish Masses and gatherings at Easter.

The Risen Lord is our peace and the anchor of our lives. Over Easter, with even greater fervour, we reach out in closeness to others in our families and community who feel vulnerable and alone in this continuing strange time.

To the entire world we join in the joyful Easter chorus of the ages and praise

God in hope by saying:

**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**Happy and Holy Easter to all!**  
**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**

## PARISH CELEBRATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm  
**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross 10am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm  
**Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
**Easter Sunday** - Masses 9am, 5pm



Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday after the 10am Stations of The Cross and will continue after every Mass until Divine Mercy Sunday, 11th April

Our Parish warmly welcomes all our visitors to our church over Easter and the holidays. And we wish our students and teachers a very well deserved and enjoyable break.

### Saints Of The Week

**SUNDAY 4TH** – St Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

**MONDAY 5TH** – St Vincent Ferrer, priest

**WEDNESDAY 7TH** – St John Baptist de la Salle, priest



**CONCERNED CATHOLICS** Canberra-Goulburn warmly invite you to a ZOOM Public Forum, Thursday 8th April 2021 – 7.30 to 9pm.

**Subject: A Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Archdiocese: Why Not?**

**Speakers: Fr Richard Lennan**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. **Andrea Dean**, President of Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) **Fr Richard Thompson & Fr Loi Viovicente** will attend the forum as representatives of the Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn.

For more in info and to connect to the Zoom meeting visit: [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events)

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**

**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds.

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

### Remembering the Sick:

Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes

### Death Anniversaries:

Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey, John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Franciscus Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hrstic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

### We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

#### Community:

Chris Walsh, Marie London, Pauline Effeney, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

### COFFEE CLUB



**CROATIAN MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY 5TH APRIL AT 11AM.**

*All are welcome*

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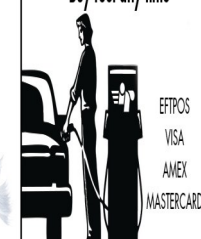
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