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The Living Word

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9 April 2023

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

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."

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
(R.) 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 corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

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.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

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 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

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.'

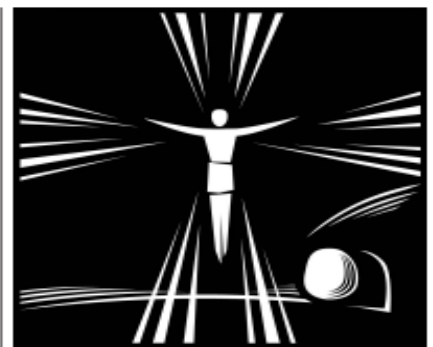
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, 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.

or Mt 28:1-10

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."



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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 bonfire (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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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 10/4	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 11/4	Holy Hour Exposition Mass	5.00pm 6.00pm
Wed 12/4	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 13/4	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 14/4	Mass	10.00am

PARISH NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 8th April TBA
Sun 9th April TBA

Sat 15th April TBA
Sun 16th April TBA

PARISH MEETINGS

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is Wednesday 19th April at 7 pm in the Parish House.

Pope Francis on Easter

In his Easter message "To the Church and to the World", Pope Francis announced that Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen, and he remembers victims of war, all those suffering around the world, and appeals ardently that the peace of Christ may enter our lives, our homes, and our countries.

WELCOME TO EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion—past, present and future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations.

Lord, We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to build for all future generations. AMEN

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's
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EASTER MESSAGE FROM MONS PETER

During Holy Week we experience the 3 most sacred days of the year. As a young lad, I used to ask myself...

**"Why do we call the day on which
Christ died a painful death
'GOOD Friday?'"**



Now when I sit prayerfully before a Crucifix I realise that his arms outstretched on the cross embrace me with love and forgiveness. His death occurred at a particular place and at a particular moment of time, however his self-offering is for all people right through human history. That is why it Once again, this year we think particularly of Christ suffering with the people in Ukraine.

In our moments of quiet reflection during these sacred days, I pray that our hearts will be touched with love—Christ's love for each of us and our response of love. The One who hung upon the Cross is the tremendous lover and universal saviour.

...And we pray

**"We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you
because by Your Holy Cross,
you have redeemed the world."**

Giving Thanks for Holy Week & Easter Blessings

As we rejoice in the Risen Christ and celebrate the Easter Season with a joyful and lively faith, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the following people:

- Our Liturgy Team - Mavis & Liz and our sacristan Graeme who spend many hours preparing for the Holy Week Liturgies.
 - Mason for all his help
 - Flower arrangers—Sheila and Maree
 - Jacques Martin-Lefevre for leading the Eucharistic Adoration
- Our Music Ministry and all the musicians
- Our computer operators helping us all join in the responses and the singing
 - Our Readers and Commentators
 - The Altar Servers
- Our Parish Pastoral Council
 - To all the wonderful volunteers, helpers, cleaners, handy people
- And to everyone for your devout and prayerful participation



God bless you all.

Easter Quote

"I believe in the Risen Christ like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it but by it I can see everything else." – C.S. Lewis

Mooroopna Community Plan Steering Group

This is the first of updates that Mooroopna Community Plan Steering Group will be sending out. The group works to implement the Mooroopna Community Plan that has been compiled following surveys and consultation with groups/community members in the Mooroopna community.

The group meets at the Hub in Alexandra St on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm. All Mooroopna residents are welcome to join. If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the group, you must contact the group by email:

mooroonacommunityplan@gmail.com with your request, then you will be offered an opportunity to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you.

Advertisement for Johann Vexo, Organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral Paris, performing live at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The image shows the exterior of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris and a portrait of Johann Vexo. Text includes: JOHANN VEXO, ORGANIST - NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL PARIS, performing live at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo, SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 - 6:30PM, TICKET PRICES ARE \$40 AND \$25 CONCESSION. BOOKINGS VIA TRYBOOKING, WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CGXEU, TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Holy Week Mass Times At St Mary's Mooroopna

Thursday 6 April - 7pm
Mass of Lords Supper

Good Friday 7 April - 3pm
Passion of the Lord

Sat 8 April - 6:30pm
Easter Vigil

Sun 9 April - 10am
Easter Sunday

Advertisement for Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday 16 April 2023, at St Brendan's Church. The image shows a painting of Jesus Christ with rays of light emanating from his heart. Text includes: Jesus, I Trust in You, Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday 16 April 2023.

St Brendan's Church
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

2.00-3.00pm Reconciliation
3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction
3.30pm Mass
After Mass Veneration of Divine Mercy



Readings for
this week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



Readings for
next week:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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Recently Deceased: Val Williams

Anniversaries: Kevin Morris (10 April)

ALTAR HELPERS Apr 8th Marg & Kevin Lee

Apr 15th not required

BINGO April 8th Maree Williams, David McIntyre, Chris & Miriam Hogarty, Josie Wood, Emma Difiede.

8th & 9th April	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	TBA	TBA	Ester Janke	TBA
10.00 am	TBA	TBA	Margaret Campbell	TBA
15th & 16th April				
6:30 pm	Ester Janke	Fiona Dowling	Miriam Hogarty	Annette Rau
10.00 am	Laine Martin-Lefevre	Jacques Martin-Lefevre	Marg Lee	Carrafa Family