

What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make to you?

Raise up a fallen friend. Lift up a lonely heart. Bring the morning to someone who is wrapped in darkness. Take one step beyond discouragement and fear and find Easter. *So, if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it.* (gpbs.com.au)

EASTER MESSAGE 2020

CORONA (CROWN) OF THORNS

Just a few months ago, none of us had heard of CORONAVIRUS. Now it is our uninvited Easter guest.

It seems the whole world has become sick due to its global presence.

We cannot get away from it. It has turned our world upside down. We are anxious and fearful. Even in supermarkets we appear to be suspicious of each other.

We are trying our best in our home isolation. The experience so far is one of mixed blessings. New routines are not easy to navigate on our own. Now whole families and others are to negotiate a new way of daily life for the next few months.

“Corona” is a Latin word meaning “crown”. This pandemic has become a crown of thorns for us all.

In the hours before his death, Jesus too knew of a crown of thorns. It became one of his terrible sufferings before his death on the Cross of Calvary.

Jesus suffers with us in our sufferings. This is the meaning of the key word *compassion*.

The Easter message is clear: by suffering with the suffering Jesus we enter by Grace into the hope of Resurrection in Him.

Doing this is not something of mere human initiative. We surrender to the Grace invitation of Jesus. The Risen Lord awaits our YES coming from our deepest selves. We do this as Church through, with and in Jesus. Mary and all the saints participate in this saving encounter. We are never alone.

This Easter will be celebrated in unprecedented circumstances. All our Churches are closed. Many, but not all, can participate via online platforms. It will be so new to us. Yet, this pandemic will eventually be contained. Hope insists on this.

We want, however, from the quasi-Monastic anchorage of our homes, to encounter Jesus more than ever. Our lives are in flux. Only Jesus remains forever. Alleluia!

Our new found Easter faith insists that it be expressed in practical charity. We do all we can to help those struggling. We thank the medical professionals, cleaners and volunteers, emergency forces, priests and religious, lay faithful and all who give us particular leadership in our time of real need of human closeness and the caress of the Lord who rises in our midst. Happy Easter and every blessing to you all!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Apostolic Administrator of Wagga Wagga Diocese

Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

11th/12th April, 2020

Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am, 5:30pm

Daily Mass Times:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 5:45pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 7.00am

Saturday: 9.30am

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Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack J. McGlynn, Robert Larkin, Joan Lowe, Margaret Hogan, Thomas (Kerry) McDonnell, Mary McInnes, Dr. Phil Zammit, John Loth CFC, Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Anne Van Wel

SICK: Theresa Gallucci, Christina Walker, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O’Callaghan, June Kimber, Bob Barclay, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens.

KEEP SAAE, GIVE HOPE! THE LORD IS RISEN!

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK:

**TV CHANNEL 7 LIVE FROM ST MARY’S SYDNEY
FRIDAY AT 3pm—EASTER SUNDAY AT 10:30 am
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EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu>
and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the *Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

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. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 117*

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

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.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

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

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the *Colossians 3:1-4*

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. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

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:

Cor 5:7-8

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

THE GOSPEL:

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

This Man God Chose

What if Mary hadn't gone to the tomb that day? John tells us she got up in the darkness, the day after the Sabbath, as soon as religion allowed for work to be done. She had waited with great longing for the end of Saturday, so that she could return to the burial place and anoint the body of one she loved. When she arrived in that dark hour, she found the stone rolled away and her fear propelled her into the presence of the disciples. Jesus' body was stolen!

Her report mobilised the men, and so Easter came into being. But what if Mary had not returned to the site because of discouragement, fear, or sheer exhaustion? Would anyone have discovered the miracle? Often, we reach the end of our own personal passion week, and never make it to the empty tomb. Lots of things conspire to keep us away. Love is the only reason to go forward, to find that the night is ended, and a new world