



# THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / A

9 APRIL 2023

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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## 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

9 April 23  
Easter Sunday Yr A

**WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
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**WEEKEND MASSES** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am & 5.30pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Wed: 12pm Thurs: 9am Fri: 9pm

**CONFESSIONS** Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
 \*Or by appointment




**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I have risen, and I am with you still. Alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carmel MacPherson, Peter Richards, Gary McSweeney, Sr Clare Keating RSJ, Margaret Cummins, Janet Corcoran, Anna Fordham, Pam Perkins.  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Mansfield (3/3), Vivian Betts (15/3), Colin John Pyke (17/3), Louise McNeill (19/3), Noelene McNeill (nee Baker) (24/3), Sean Killen (26/3), Fr Bruce MacPherson (8/4), Harry Cunningham (30/4).  
**DECEASED:** Des Saunders, Cardinal George Pell, Barbara Smith, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.  
**SICK:** John Betts, Gerard Dunn, Terry Dean, Sr Gerard Joseph, Gail Styman, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Barbara Brennan, William Bonner, Colin MacPherson, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

**VEENA'S VERSIONS:** *As Christians probably already know, the Bible makes no mention of a mythical hare who delivers eggs to children on the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection. So, why exactly has a rabbit become a prominent part of one of Christianity's most important celebrations of rebirth and renewal? The goddess of fertility's animal symbol was a Rabbit, which have long traditionally stood for fertility due to their high reproduction rates. Eggs, just like the rabbit, have long been considered an ancient symbol of fertility, rebirth and new life, all associated with the springtime celebration of Easter! From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs represent Jesus' resurrection and his emergence from the tomb.*



**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:**  
**BSB 082105** 1st. Collection - West Tamworth Presbytery Acc 001023642 (Diocesan collection)  
 2nd Collection - West Tamworth Catholic Church. Acc 001041198 (St Pats Church Collection)

**COMING EVENTS:**  
**16 Apr** Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Devotions  
**25 Apr** Anzac Day  
**26 May, 29 Aug, 17 Nov** Mission & Evangelisation Events

*"We feel our crosses hard at times  
 But our courage should rise with them"*



**COVID GUIDE:** \* FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
 \* ANTISEPTIC WIPES & SANITISER ARE AVAILABLE.

**EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES**  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 5.30pm**  
 (R): C Ledwos P Bamford Sr Kathryn  
 (Epistle) D Gowing  
**Easter Sunday 9am**  
 (R) G Clout A Sartori  
**\*\*No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday\***  
 \*\*Sacristy Cleaners: K O'Brien J Cunningham.  
 Counting: R Paull A Bowden Altar Linen B Flood

**EASTER BLESSINGS:** We wish all our parishioners and visitors a very happy and blessed Easter. May it symbolise new life and renewed faith in your lives. May you feel the unique love that our heavenly Father has for each and every one of us. The parish also wishes to express our sincere appreciation of our many volunteers who keep the life of the parish going week after week. Thank you.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** We pray that the mystery of the death of Jesus will deepen within our hearts. May we be ready to take up the cross in our time, especially as we support those who experience injustice through out the world. Please place your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes in the white container provided in the centre of the church. You can also donate via [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or Ph 1800 024 413.

**DIVINE MERCY:** The first Sunday after Easter (16 April at 3 pm) is Divine Mercy Sunday. The origins of the Divine Mercy image are associated with the vision that Saint Faustina of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy had in the convent in Poland on 22nd February, 1931. The image of Jesus appeared to her. Jesus, when asked what the rays meant said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. .... Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter." (Diary 2).

- CATHOLIC WEEKLY ARTICLES:**
- Feeding the Masses. How Sydney's Catholics have made Easter a feast of faith.
  - A peace like no other. Archbishop's Easter message • The face of God? The evidence for the Shroud.
  - Healing, faith & relics. Maronites mark 50 years. • Christ the tiger. • Prayer is like glue, make it stick.

*"Peace is possible, peace is a duty,  
 peace is everyone's prime responsibility."*

**WEEK 1 ROSTER: 16/4/23**  
**Vigil:** R C Ledwos P Bamford  
**9am Sun:** R S Nichols G Clout  
**5.30pm Sun:** R C Lavell M Murray  
**Counting Team** P Sheils; A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** 21/4 J Hutt & J Moran  
**Altar Linen:** E Smyth

**WEEK 2 ROSTER: 23/4/23**  
**Vigil:** R Sr Kathryn N Pullman  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown O Monet  
**5.30pm Sun:** R J Murray D Bearman  
**Counting Team** S Brown, A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** 28/4 M Vella A Jones  
**Altar Linen:** H Reid