



# THE SAVING WORD

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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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Parish Mission Statement

***We, the Church of St Anthony of Padua, are called to a greater realisation of the Kingdom of God and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ***

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### Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries.

For emergencies please call

Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

### Mass Times:

All Masses have been cancelled so that we can do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed and all Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta have been dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation from March 20th 2020 until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

All Church rosters are suspended for the foreseeable future and the Church Hall, meeting rooms, chapel and Church building are closed until further notice. If you have keys, please drop them to the Parish Office for safekeeping.

The Parish Sacramental Program has been suspended.

St Vincent De Paul is here to help. If you need assistance call 8861 9777

### SICK IN THE PARISH:

Malia EKA	Joan WRIGHT	Gail GREENHILL
Malia NIKO	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Mary PULIS	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Greg WALSH	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
Maria VELLA	Carole O'HARA	Gerald O'CONNOR
Denise PRICE	Tanya AMBROSE	Ranjit CHELLAPPA
Sheila ASHBY	Carmel FERGUSON	Adrian NOCEVSKI
James BROWN	Aidon ALEXANDER	Shanji ANTHONY
Mary CAUCHI	Joseph MAC DERMID	
Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	
Gabby ABBOUD	Aninth THURAIRATNAM	

Please advise the office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

### ROSARY IN THE HOME

Rosary in the home has been suspended. Please continue to pray the rosary within your own house.

### HOLY WEEK

**Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are from 20 March 2020 dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. All Holy Week liturgies will be live streamed from the Cathedral with Bishop Vincent.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

#### during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, salvation of all people, know what we need, and are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Today we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord, the high point of our Liturgical year. It begins with the evening mass on Thursday and closes with the evening prayer on Easter Sunday. I think this would be the first time many of us celebrate these sacred mysteries at home without going to church. But we can be assured that God can reach out to us beyond human ways and understanding.

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper-** As we see in our Gospel passage for Holy Thursday, Jesus begins the Passover celebration by washing the feet of his disciples and teaching them how to be humble servants like him. We are going to miss this sacred ritual this year but Jesus's invitation to us doesn't cease, an invitation to be humble and to be at the service of one another most specially in this time of crisis. Then Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist as a sign of His communion and perpetual presence with us. And celebration of this sacrament has been at the centre of Christian worship and life till today and will be even though interrupted for a while. This was followed by the institution of the Priesthood saying, "do this in memory of me". Thus, Jesus concludes the Passover celebration with the commandment of love, "love one another as I have loved you".

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord-** Today we commemorate the sacrificial divine love of the Father manifested and revealed in the death and crucifixion of His only Son Jesus. The passion reading according to Evangelist John begins in a garden and ends in another garden. In between these two gardens the gospel unfolds the great story of our salvation, the betrayal, the denial, the condemnation, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus the Son of God. The usual celebration of the Passion of the Lord consists of three parts, Liturgy of the Word, The Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion. In our situation this year the first two parts can be celebrated at home with our families together. We will be providing the materials in our Parish website. We also encourage you to join Bishop Vincent in the Live stream celebrations from the Cathedral, the information is available on our Parish Website and the Diocesan Website.

**Easter –** We celebrate the most important feast of the Church, the Resurrection of our Lord. Often, we think Good Friday is the climax of the Holy Week, no it's Easter the High point not only of the Holy Week or Lent but the entire Liturgical year. As St Paul says, "if Christ is not risen our faith has no meaning". The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, the Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith. The heart of our very identity as Christians is this belief, that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life death and resurrection of Jesus. On this day the Scripture come alive with nine different readings describing what God has done for us to redeem us from the beginning of creation culminating in the resurrection of Jesus His only Son. Let us take some time at home with our families to reflect on these readings and to pray for the universe.

I would like to conclude with this prayer I read somewhere:

Lord Jesus Christ, in the darkness of death you made a light shine. In the abyss of the deepest solitude the powerful protection of your love now lives forever. In the throes of your concealment we now can sing the Hallelujah of the saved.

Grant us the humble simplicity of faith which does not let us stray when you call us in the hours of darkness, of abandonment, when all seems difficult. Grant us, at this time when a mortal struggle is being waged around you, light enough that we will not lose you, light enough, for us to give to all those who still have need of it. Amen.

Wish you and your family a very Happy Easter and may the Risen Lord bring Hope, Joy and Comfort to all.

With Prayers,

Fr. Joby Kadambattu

### **Holy Week Resources**

The Office for Worship has created Holy Week resources that are available for use by you and your communities. Please download these resources below:

Holy Week Resources Material (download) - <https://tinyurl.com/holyweekresources>

Holy Week Resources Material (flipbook) - [https://www.yumpu.com/s/](https://www.yumpu.com/s/kR9Cu2FfZMD67zHS)

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Holy Week Family Activities (download) - <https://tinyurl.com/holyweekfamilyactivities>

Holy Week Family Activities (flipbook) - <https://www.yumpu.com/s/kgAz2sL4YJ3SwTyN>

They are also available at [www.parracatholic.org/covid-19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid-19)

### **Holy Week Masses with Bishop Vincent**

You are invited to watch Holy Week Masses (livestreamed) with Bishop Vincent. Please see the attached graphics for further information.

Please visit the Diocesan website ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)) or the St Patrick's Cathedral website (<https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>) for details on how to watch the Masses.

The Masses will be streamed live on **YouTube** ([www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese](http://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese)) and **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/parracatholic](http://www.facebook.com/parracatholic)).

Readings for the Mass, provided by Universalis, can be [found here](#).

**EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES**  
WITH BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
THURSDAY 9 APRIL 7.30PM
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
FRIDAY 10 APRIL 3.00PM
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 7.30PM
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
SUNDAY 12 APRIL 11.00AM

**LIVE STREAM**

The graphic features a smartphone displaying a live stream of a crucifix. The background is a light yellow color. The text is in bold black and red. The smartphone screen shows a crucifix with a white cloth draped over it, set against a wooden background. A red play button icon is overlaid on the screen.

## **Online Resources**

For updates from Parramatta Diocese- [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

For Liturgy and Prayers- [www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray](http://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray)

## **Live Streaming Mass online**

Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au>

Archdiocese of Melbourne: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Shalom Media: <https://shalomworld.org/specialevent/daily-mass>

## **Planned Giving**

Some Parishioners have been enquiring about the Parish Planned Giving Program, as they are unable to come to Church in this situation. Thank you very much for your concern and love for the Parish. Your contributions help to maintain our church building and pay our bills.

Members of our Parish community are welcome to join a Direct Debit Program and continue your ongoing support to the Parish.

Please add a reference of donation (e.g.: PG..... your envelope number)

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BSB- 067 950

Account Number- 000586

Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

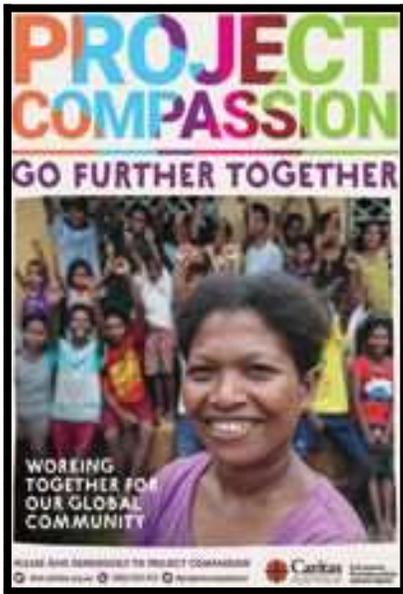
Warm Regards

Fr Joby

## **Recently Deceased**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Emeline Hellou and Alfred Zant who recently passed away. We offer our condolences to their families. Please also pray for Maria laquinto whose daughter in law Lorraine also passed away recently.



Please hold on to your Project Compassion Boxes for the moment. We will provide more information in the next few weeks in how we will collect the donations.

We wish you a blessed and Holy Easter. Please stay home and stay safe and join your prayers with ours for the world and our community.

Fr Joby, Luisa and Kris



# A VERY SPECIAL DAY

# EASTER SUNDAY

1. One of the disciples who saw the empty tomb.

2. We remember this special day every \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Easter is when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

4. All this happened on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week.

5. The tomb was covered by a big round \_\_\_\_\_.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ of Magdala was the first person to see the empty tomb.

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Draw Mary of Magdala, Peter and the other disciple looking at the empty tomb.



# ALLELUIA