



# THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / B

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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 opposite 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.

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### 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!

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Jn 20: 1-9

### GOSPEL

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.

### 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: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

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

Mk 16: 1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very

early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

## ■ 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.



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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

## Easter Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Our Deceased:** Jack McElhone, Joseph & Mary Maher, Nunziato Laguzza, Francesco & Caterina Mirenzi, Gerald Crown, Elide Pagnetto, Kevin Thompson, Inger Urban, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Pigott, Stewart and Casey families; Malcolm Berry, Patrick Whalan and Wayne Whalan



**Our Sick:** Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St. Stanislaus of Krakow, 11<sup>th</sup> April

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Wishing you all the joyful blessings of Easter!**
- **Congratulations to Matthew Ou and Liam Bain for their reception into the Catholic Church this Easter! We also welcome and congratulate Bianca Lee, Austin Nguyen, and Aurora Nguyen for their baptism!**
- Kindly place your *Project Compassion* boxes/envelopes in the designated collection box.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation Program dates now available on the parish website.**
- **Thank you for supporting the Holy Places Appeal.** Your donation will help promote the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land and help maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.
- A big thank you to all those who participated in our Lenten Program and those who volunteered for Easter Liturgies. We also thank those who attended Fr Richard Leonard's talk. It was an amazing evening! All these would not be possible without your support!
- **Please visit the parish website for updates, Mass recordings and other resources.**
- **HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COVID-SAFE.** Attendance at all Masses are on a first come, first served basis. We can have up to 260 people at any one time subject to the 2sqm rule. Congregational singing is now permitted. Passing of bulletins & collection plates remains suspended. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.



### OTHER NEWS:

- **We invite you to order a free copy of 'Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer.'** This commemorative prayer booklet was created to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. To order your exclusive copy please call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777 or go to: [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book) .
- **Y-Factor is BACK for 2021! April 13–16, 2021 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre,** 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW. Y-Factor is for teens in years 7 to 12 led by Sydney Catholic Youth (SCY). For more info email: [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org) or call SCY on 9307 8152.

## FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

### EASTER REFLECTION 2021

*"When John looked into the empty tomb, he saw, and he believed."* (John Ch.20 verse 8)

A number of years ago a teenage high school student had just finished his usual Sunday morning paper run, this time it was on an Easter Sunday morning. When he had finished, he passed his local Catholic Church, he had no intention to go to Mass as he was in the midst of a typical teenage rejection of the Church.

But what caught his attention was that the rising sun hit the big silver cross in front of the Church and its brightness overwhelmed him to such an extent that it suddenly dawned on him as to what Easter could be all about. This boy told his parents later that morning; *"It suddenly dawned on me that God's light is stronger than any darkness in this world and it created a warmth that I wanted to now experience."* How he did this in the immediate and in the long term would be interesting to know!

We are all living in unpredictable times especially with the worldwide COVID-19 crisis yet it's so important that we remember that we should not define ourselves by our problems but rather by our beliefs, words, and actions. Easter provides all people with a wonderful and enduring message that truth and life is stronger than falsity and death.

The significance of Easter has been put so succinctly by the Congregationalist minister J. S. Whale (1877-1987); *"That the Gospels don't really explain Easter rather the Easter event explains the Gospels!"*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Dick	B Gibson	M Velasco	J Bosco
Junior Servers	O Brown I Brown		E Velasco K Velasco	R Khalili E Egan
Readers	R: N Brown C: J Alam	R: M Hill C: Br J Curry	R: M James C: D Li	R: S Khalil C: N Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	G Brown Br J Guthrie	R Haryey D Tan	J Graziano C Campagna	E Lobo K Anderson

Counters will be advised as needed.