

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 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.

■ 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!

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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.



EASTER SUNDAY / B

THE SAVING WORD

31 MARCH 2024

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6: 3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

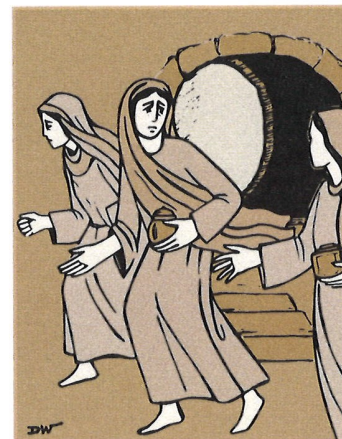
Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

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



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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EASTER SUNDAY/ Year B

31 Mar 2024

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently Deceased: Brittany Abraham, Lorraine Ring, Pat Collins

Death Anniversary: Ben Isaacs, Onofre Manapsal (Senior)

Deceased: Burkhart Foertsch, Mehzen Moujalli, Nicola Tedesco, Sapienza Tedesco, Samuel Laguzza, Nunziato Laguzza, Nangy Salvatore Fallico, Tony and Rose Isaac, Coral Whalan, Patrick Whalan, Wayne Whalan, Darrel Manapsal, Peter McNamara; Selwyn Jackson; Milly Farrell; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayan

Sick: Myunghie Jung, Steve Dick, Rita Baird, Marian Arendarczyk, Ling Sin Fong, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY, Sun Apr 7: On Divine Mercy Sunday, we invite you to attend our HOLY HOUR at 3pm. Includes adoration, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc.

WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYFUL BLESSINGS OF EASTER!

Remaining in spiritual communion with all believers in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we offer our heartfelt wishes: deep spiritual inner experiences and the experience of closeness to the Risen Jesus Christ, who sowed this truth in our hearts. May his presence among us in the Word and in the mysteries of the Passion, Death and Resurrection give new splendour to the knowledge of what is necessary to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ in today's world. May the appreciation of our gift and belonging to Jesus Christ become a source of peace, joy and unwavering hope. May the Easter Alleluia accompany us every day on the pilgrimage of faith, & may the presence of the Risen Lord illuminate all darkness, giving meaning to every struggle for the holiness of our lives. May the presence of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, strengthen us in bearing witness to today's world that Jesus lives in our midst. — Fr Pawel and Fr Tomasz



PARISH NEWS:

- *Our deepest condolences to the family of Brittany Abraham. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. May her beautiful soul rest in peace.*
- *On Easter Monday 1st Apr, Mass will be at 9am (No 7:30am Communion Service)*
- We thank all those who participated in our Lenten Program and Stations of the Cross, those who volunteered in our Easter Liturgies: Altar servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, all cantors & musicians, AV & Livestream operators; those who were involved with the flowers, altar, and the general cleaning of the church. All these will not be possible without your help!
- *We joyfully welcome into full communion with the Catholic Church, our RCIA program participants: Mandy, Richard, Maryam, Suki and Jack. We also welcome into the family of God, Archer, Madeleine, Alannah, Leona, Jacob & Emily. Congratulations to you all!*
- *Please return any Project Compassion boxes/env in the box provided at the door. Thank you!*
- Thank you for supporting the **'WEAR YOUR FAITH - Buy a T-shirt for FLAME OF HOPE'** last weekend. *We raised \$825 for the children with disabilities under the care of Flame of Hope in India.* Thank you to our parish volunteer, Petula, and to her family, for this amazing initiative!!
- *Next Infant Baptism Info Session: Wed 3rd Apr at 8pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.*
- *On April 5, we will have our First Friday Devotion at 4pm. All are invited to attend.*
- *On April 6, we will have our First Saturday Mass and Devotion at 9am. All welcome.*
- *Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast - The next gathering is scheduled for 7am on Sat 6th April in the Parish Hall (Haseler Centre). All men welcomed. Enquiries 0400303733.*
- *On Sun 7th Apr, FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's) will serve morning tea after the 9:30am Mass.*
- **KEVINWOOD SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT** - 7th April at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Featuring Easter music and Bizet's Carmen Suites. Handbill available in the church foyer.
- *Next Didasko Adult Faith Formation course will be on Mon, Apr 15, 22 & 29, 7:30pm in the Haseler Centre.* TOPIC: 'Christ Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfect Way, an Introduction to Christology,' presented by Br Benjamin Johnson. To register contact the parish office.
- **Donation of new socks for the homeless needed. Collection box in the church foyer.**
- **QMHR Appeal to support the Missionaries of the poor in Jamaica. See poster for details.**

Curious to know more about Jesus? Do you ever wonder if there is more to life than this? Then ALPHA is for YOU! Join us and be part of the conversation! Launching in our parish next weekend! Want to be the first to know? Register your interest by scanning the QR code.



OTHER NEWS:

April 22-24: Sydney Catholic Youth PURPOSE CAMP, for Years 9-12. Sydney Catholic Schools is offering a discount of \$150 to the first 70 SCS student to register! See poster for details.

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, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office E: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.