

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



*'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'*

**Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 12th April 2020 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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

**Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9**

**Our Mission Statement:** *'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'*

**Our Vision Statement:** *'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'*

**Christ is Risen. Alleluia!**

**May the Risen Christ bring you renewed hope, faith and joy.**

Easter is a celebration of overcoming darkness and despair and finding new life and hope. Our lives are not bound by life as we know it now, instead we can open ourselves up to a new life in the presence of God.

*Dear Parishioners,*

Our belief in the risen Lord originates in the witness of those who accompanied him. We journey with him, but in a different way from those who met him, and walked with him, and ate with him, and touched him after his resurrection from the dead.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the definitive proof that physical death is not the end. There is a life after death; and God invites all of us to use this earthly life to prepare for the next life.

With renewed faith and hope this day, let the words of the opening prayer for the mass of Easter Sunday become our prayer:

Let us pray: That the Risen Christ will raise us up and renew our lives. God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to Eternal Life.

**Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.**

COVID-19 has created a lot of stress and anxiety in our lives. We are unable to celebrate Easter as we normally would with our family, our loved ones, and our faith community at Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish, but, the Risen Lord promised his peace and presence to us, so, we are never truly alone. He is with us always to strengthen and comfort us in distressful and unknown situations.

He gives us hope...we are the children of hope.

*We wish you all a Blessed Easter. Fr Shaju and Fr Joy*

We would also like to share with you a way to reflect upon The Easter Triduum. It is by Fr Stephen Humphrey. We hope it helps you to meditate on the beauty of Eastertide.

### **The Big Triduum**

Well tonight we start the BIG three, better known as the Triduum. We wash feet, break bread, embrace our crosses and kick open the tomb again to the possibilities of a new life, an eternal life with our God so passionately in love with us. Here is a litany I found and will use on Easter. A blessed Easter for all of you.

"Lord of Easter promise, I live in Faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my Faith, that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb. Please respond "Break open the tomb" to each of these prayers.

Where I have buried my compassion: Break open the tomb.

Where I have buried my sense of mercy: Break open the tomb.

Where I have buried my sense of humanity: Break open the tomb.

Where I have buried my love for my Heavenly Father: Break open the tomb.

Where I have buried my sense of joy: Break open the tomb.

Where I have buried my willingness to forgive: Break open the tomb.

Lord in you I have found a Saviour no grave can withstand. Help me roll away this stone and find the miracle of a new life, that I may live more fully in your grace."

*Be witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ. Amen.*

**"Churches are not being closed. Buildings are being closed. You are the Church! You are to remain open."**

*[pinched from the Diocese of Geraldton—thanks we love it !]*

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**Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.**

Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH

Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH



*New Series about to start. Contact the office to ensure you're financial.*

*To make it easier, we are taking payment by credit card over the phone. Please call us on 9456 2450.*

*Thank you so very much for your support of this parish fundraiser.*

### **KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

*Sadly, your parish still has financial commitments to be honoured. If you find yourself able to contribute to the parish financially at this difficult time, it would be greatly appreciated, thank you.*

**BSB:** 062 784 **Account:** 1238 8001

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Church Account

**Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841** (Out of office hours only)

**HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS

EASTERTIDE

Easter Monday 13/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 14/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 15/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 16/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 17/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 18/04

Mass of the day, Gloria  
Preface of Easter I  
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
Remembers & prayers for...

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Clough, Don Matheson,  
Clare Daley, Greg Cooper, Peter Hanson,  
Peter O'Connell, Jillian Arthur,  
Win Colman, Jimmy Fitzgerald.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy,  
Joseph Treacy, James Treacy,  
Denis Mulligan, Araceli B. Padlan,  
Rosalinda de Ramos, Concepcion &  
Gesundo Daria, Elde & Andrea Daria,  
Geoff Warren, Luz Turqueza,  
Eufemia Tugadi, Rose Hayden,  
Neville Nicholson, Clem Salmon,  
Francis, Hilda & Terence Conlon,  
Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung,  
Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman,  
Rita McEncroe, Wlodek Pieprzyt,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Dan Leavy, Kerrin Enright,  
Patricia O'Malley, Alfredo R De Ramos,  
Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins,  
Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio,  
Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden,  
Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez,  
Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado,  
Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby),  
Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak,  
Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir,  
Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn,  
June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton),  
Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson,  
Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts,  
Georgina Meyers, Angela Smith,  
Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker,  
Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg,  
Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary,  
Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion,  
John Buckley, Ellen Asistente,  
Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones,  
Arlene Josen, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri,  
Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon,  
Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson,  
Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes,  
Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden,  
Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej  
Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

*The Cymbals Clash* (Joseph Cassidy—Easter Sunday 24.04.2011) © ACP (Assoc. of Catholic Priests) Ireland.

I don't know whether you have ever been at a live performance of a really big orchestra. If you have, there is always a lad at the back with a pair of cymbals. As the music reaches a crescendo, he clashes the cymbals. Well, the cymbals are clashing today because this is the climax of the Christian year. This is such a climactic feast that its reverberations will be felt in the Church from now until Pentecost. The Church celebrates Easter, not just for today but for fifty days, over a period that's called "The Great Sunday."

**Why all the noise? What does the Resurrection mean?**

Firstly, it means that this person, this extraordinary person Jesus of Nazareth, who was nailed into timber, hammered into the ground, buried under stone, put death completely into reverse and rose to new life. Death is so prevalent, in our experience so final and irreversible, that it really takes beating. **He beat it.**

Secondly, it means that the Resurrection is not just a historical fact, it's a continuing experience. We do not say "Christ rose;" we say "Christ is risen." He is risen now. "Where two or three are gathered in my name . . ." He is present in his spirit – in his word, in the Mass, in Holy Communion, in the Sacraments, in other people. **He's here as our inspiration, our Saviour and Lord.**

Thirdly, it means that the Resurrection is ours. It's not just a personal achievement on Our Lord's part. It's a public company in which we all have shares. And according to himself, the cost of a share, the price of a share, is faith. Not uninformed swallowing of everything, but a basic if sometimes faltering faith in him. **"I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live"** (Jn 11:25).

Fourthly, it means that life is not a dead-end. It's not a cul-de-sac. We've all met situations in life, indeed in our own community, where people died young, in an accident perhaps or from an unforgiving disease. Life can be so uneven, and death is so indiscriminate, that we need something to balance the scales. That something is the Resurrection. You need it to round things off. It's the one thing that rounds off our jagged existence. **And God "will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone"** (Apoc 21:4).

And fifthly, Resurrection means that we should be improving things now. Resurrection cannot be for the sacristy. It has to be for society. Every Easter is an invitation to build a better community a more just society a risen world. **An Easter people can never be complacent in the face of poverty, injustice and starvation.**

Finally, one thing I hope is that the Resurrection will be recognisable in its familiarity that we'll welcome it not because it's new and different but because it's something we've already begun to know. So I want to end with a short poem that's called "Resurrection," written by a Czechoslovakian poet, Vladimir Holan. It celebrates the ordinary things in life, and their continuation in the life to come. It celebrates in particular the central role of mothers. It goes like this:

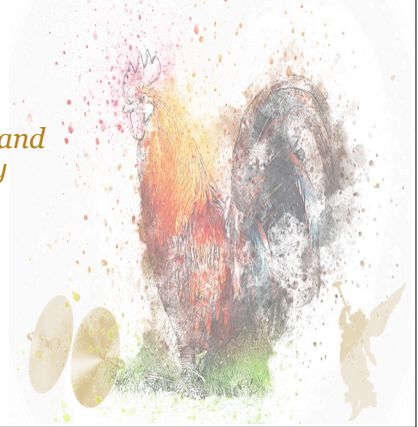
*Is it true that after this life of ours we shall one day  
be awakened by a terrifying clamour of trumpets?*

*Forgive me, God, but I console myself that the beginning and  
resurrection of all of us dead will simply be announced by  
the crowing of the cock.*

*After that we'll remain lying down a while...*

*The first to get up will be Mother. . .  
We'll hear her quietly laying the fire,  
quietly putting the kettle on the stove  
and cosily taking the teapot out of the cupboard.*

*We'll be home once more.*



**A letter to the Clergy and People in the Diocese of Broken Bay from Bishop Anthony**  
07.04.2020.

“ Dear Fathers, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

**It is with great joy that I am able to announce the ordination to the priesthood of  
Deacon Paul Tran Van Duong SDS from the Society of the Divine Saviour.**

Deacon Paul has been ministering in the Parish of Saint Patrick's, East Gosford and was due to be ordained in Manila on 18 April 2020. However, given the current restrictions, due to the public health crisis, he is not able to travel in foreseeable future.

His Superior, Fr Adam Janus SDS, with the approval of the Superior General, has requested that I ordain Deacon Paul to the Order of the Priesthood. I have happily accepted this invitation and will ordain Deacon Paul on **Thursday 16 April 2020 at 4pm.**

Due to the current restrictions, the Mass will be livestreamed. Along with his family in Vietnam, and community in Manila, I hope you will also participate in the Mass online.

I am delighted that this moment of grace has been given to us in Broken Bay and I am confident that you will keep Deacon Paul in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days.

With every blessing for Holy Week, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ, **+ Anthony Randazzo.**





### Latest information from the Diocese:

'We journey together' A short video message from Most Rev Anthony Randazzo to the people of Broken Bay can be viewed at the following link. <https://youtu.be/XIHzVjo7e9k>

### Latest information from your own parish:

Watch Mass live-streamed to your home from our Facebook page  
At 9am every Sunday via our Facebook page.

Like our Facebook page so you are ready to live-stream Mass from our parish.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

### Our Holy Week Liturgies and Masses will also be live-streamed via our Facebook page as follows:

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| * Holy Thursday: | Mass of the Lord's Supper: | 7pm                                       |
| * Good Friday:   | Stations of the Cross:     | 10am <b>(newly added since last week)</b> |
| * Good Friday:   | Passion of the Lord:       | 3pm                                       |
| * Holy Saturday: | Easter Vigil Mass:         | 7pm                                       |
| * Easter Sunday: | Easter Sunday Mass:        | 9am                                       |

*(the back half of this bulletin contains the Readings and Responses to the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday masses so you can following along while watching mass)*

During this period of suspension of masses, we want to keep in touch with you! We are doing so via:  
KCCP Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp>; Parish email: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au); Parish office: 9456 2450  
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Friday mailouts (pls emailed—send us your email details if not receiving); Diocese of Broken Bay Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

### Are You Receiving Our Regular Friday Mailout (via Email). We certainly hope so! (however this week you will be receiving it on Holy Thursday for obvious reasons)

We are sending out a **Regular Friday Email** to parishioners which we hope will be appreciated and informative. If you are not receiving an email then we don't have your most current email address. Please send an email from yourself to: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) and insert in the subject line **"Please add this email to the Friday Mailout List"**.

*We want to stay in touch with you and for you to know that we are here for you. KCCP Staff.*

## RAPHAEL ROOMS in the VATICAN

Over the past few weeks we have experienced immense upheaval and daily changes in world events and our personal way of living. In times such as these it is vital that we allow ourselves to stop, breathe and reflect. The following segment offers one such opportunity to reflect on the beauty that still surrounds us.

### Renaissance Art



On Good Friday, 6 April 1520, the 37 year old Italian artist Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino (Raphael) died.

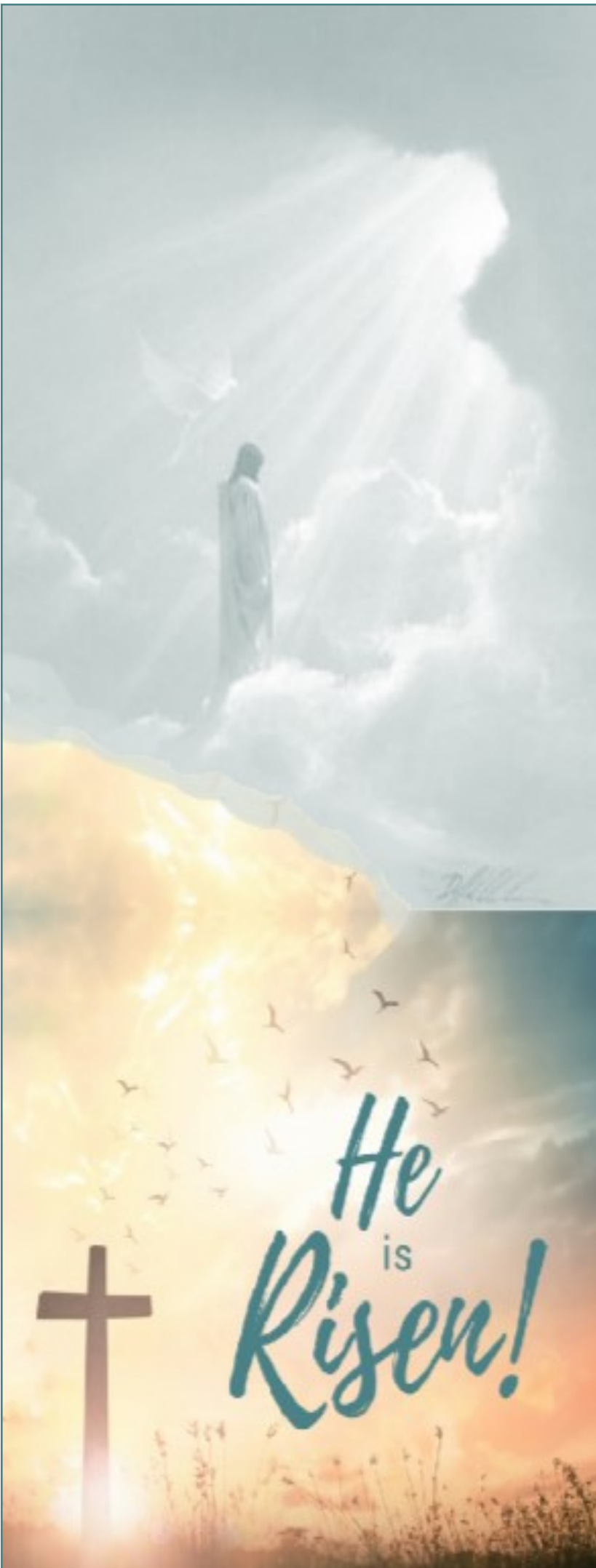
Pope Francis made the following statement  
*"This year marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the death of Raphael [Raffaello Sanzio], the great artist from Urbino, who died in Rome on 6 April 1520. Raphael left us a vast legacy of inestimable beauty. Just as an artist's genius can blend raw materials and different colors and sounds to create a unique work of art, so diplomacy is called upon to harmonize the distinctive features of the various peoples and states in order to build a world of justice and peace."*

*This is in fact the beautiful masterpiece that all of us want to be able to admire."*

Pope Francis added it is his *"prayerful hope...[that we]...recover the spirit of openness that exemplified the Renaissance"*.

During this Easter period, you may like to take a "virtual tour" through the Raphael Rooms in the Vatican and reflect on the images in these rooms.

<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/it/collezioni/musei/stanze-di-raffaello.html>



An Easter gift from the Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council, Mr Michael Halliday to us all.

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMXD4h5w8D8>

*A happy, holy and healthy Easter to you all.*

*Michael* ☺☺☺☺

## ‘Great triumphs are born out of great troubles’

1 Peter 4:12-19

*“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you.*

**D**oes it surprise you that trouble is a part of life? Probably not. We all know trouble close-up and personal—bad health, empty bank account, blighted love, grief, loss of job, and the list goes on.

It shouldn't surprise us, therefore, that God permits the added trials of being ridiculed and hated because we follow Christ (1 Peter 4:12). But trouble, whether it is common to man or unique to Christians, can reveal to us the moral fibre of our soul.

I have never seen a golf course without hazards. They are part of the game. Golfers speak of the courses with the most hazards as the most challenging, and they will travel a long way to test their skill against the most demanding eighteen holes.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, “If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I wouldn't pass it around. I wouldn't be doing anyone a favour. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. ... Meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and you had better be on speaking terms with it.”

Let's not think it strange when trouble comes, for God is using it to test the stamina of our souls. The best way to handle trouble is to commit our “souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator” (v.19).

**The troubles that we face each day reveal how much we need the Lord; they test our faith and strength of will and help us then to trust God's Word.**

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Did you know that eggs were traditionally gifted to others at Easter as they were **thought to symbolise the stone on the tomb of Christ, as well as Christ bursting forth from the grave** symbolising new life just as an egg symbolises new life?

Perhaps we can all enjoy an Easter Egg this year with a whole new perspective on what it represents.

We hope (or should that be hop!) the Easter Bunny is generous to all this year.

*Stay safe, stay well.*



**First Reading:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis ~ *Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 15:5. 8-11. R. v.1

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Prayer: Let us pray.**

O God, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal Mystery make your servant Abraham father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them.

Through Christ our Lord. (R.) Amen.

**Second Reading:** Ex 14:15 – 15:1

A reading from the book of Exodus ~ *Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ex 15:1-6. 17-18. R. v.1

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

**Prayer: Let us pray.**

O God, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day, for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.

Through Christ our Lord. (R.) Amen.



**Third Reading: Ez 36:16-28**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel ~ *I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, "These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land." But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, "The Lord says this: I am not doing this for my sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God."

The word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 41:3. 5; 42:3. 4. R. Ps 41:2**

(R.) As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long, so I long for you.

**Prayer: Let us pray.**

O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. (R.) Amen.

**Collect: Let us pray.**

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (R.) Amen.

**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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**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. (R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan? (R.) I do.

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Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? (R.) I do.

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Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? (R.) I do.

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Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? (R.) I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. (R.) Amen.



### Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5:7-8

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

### Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin. (R.) Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

(R.) Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

(R.) Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

(R.) Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 12 April 2020  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

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

### 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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**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.

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