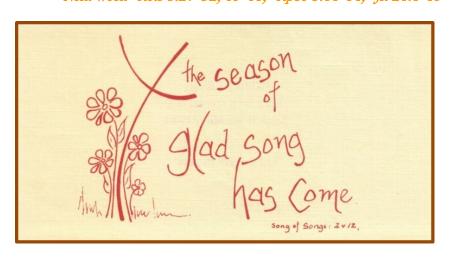


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# THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER 16-4-23 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)



Today is the Octave Day of Easter, the day which completes the Easter Octave. In the liturgy the eight days of the Octave are like One Day. Since the Octave begins and ends on the same day of the week (Sunday) it is as though the days in between are subsumed within it and we celebrate one great Sunday as Easter breaks upon us. Each day of the Octave is (liturgically) still Easter Sunday – thus all this last week the Gloria was prayed at every Mass, the Easter Dismissal is given (Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!).

Today then is still Easter Sunday in our liturgy, a Day too great to be confined to one day. And after today we continue the Season of Easter: 50 days which do not come to their end until Pentecost as we celebrate the great fruit of Easter – the outpouring of the Spirit of God. As we took 40 days to prepare for Easter let's not forget to take even longer -50 days – to celebrate it.

Fr Colin



Dates and details on booking link or email maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au

EASTER OFFERING envelopes are available on

the pews in both our churches. These can be placed on the plate this weekend or over the coming weeks of the Easter Season. The Easter Offerings



are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.



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# Pondering Easter ...

In the hope that it may offer an on-going opportunity for reflection the effect of our Easter celebrations in our lives, over the coming weeks of the Easter Season I'd like to offer my homilies from the Easter Triduum here in the bulletin. This first one is from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night....

Once again I'd like to explore a theme over these days of the Easter Triduum, with each of three days, like facets of a jewel, offering a different perspective on that theme. My theme this year really stems from two quotes, one drawn from the Scriptures, the other from the days of the early

And that theme, in the end (and appropriately as we stand once again before our Crucified and Risen Lord) is a to whether the Lord's desire for us, spread before us in the reflection on his centrality in our life: an important Eucharist, is met by our longing and desire for him? question for us to face, I think, in a world where so many things compete to be god, the centre, of our lives.

It was at our Ecumenical Service two weeks ago that Reverend Chris Goringe from Roseville Uniting Church quoted the words of St Peter which stopped me in my tracks: in the sixth chapter of John, when everyone was walking away from Jesus because what he said was to too challenging and what he asked was too hard, Jesus, you'll remember, asked Peter and the other apostles 'and what about you, do you want to go away too?' And it was Peter who uttered the words that have rung down through two millennia: 'Lord, to whom could we go? You have the words of everlasting life.'

'Lord, to whom could we go? Well sadly plenty of people have quite a range of alternative answers to that question. And if we're honest we'd admit that plenty of times so do we. But it's a question which has a particular edge when it turns our gaze to what we celebrate tonight: the gift of the In the last Sunday's bulletin I quoted some Eucharist. beautiful words of Pope Francis. He said:

The saving power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned.

The Lord Jesus who dies no more ..... continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments.

They are the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfies his own thirst for us, that thirst he had declared from the cross.

Church, which I'd like to turn to, and return to, over these "The sacraments are the concrete way, by means of his Easter days.

"The sacraments are the concrete way, by means of his having become flesh, that Jesus loves us." Beautiful words. But Holy Thursday evening offers us the fresh challenge as

> I've recounted on another occasion the beautiful words of Emeritus, an early Christian who was called up before the Roman authorities because he allowed the gathering for the Eucharist to take place in his home. 'Why do you do it?' they asked, 'when it could bring you imprisonment or death?' "Because,' said Emeritus, 'without the Sunday Eucharist we couldn't live.' 'We couldn't live'.

> I remember, when I was a teenager, one of my cousins boasting that one of the trendy Marist Brothers at his school had told them that 'you don't have to go to Mass.' Well, I think Brother missed the point! I'm sure Emeritus would have agreed: you don't 'have to' go to Mass because of a law. But, he would have added, you DO have to go because 'without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live', because, as Peter declared: 'Lord, to whom else could we go?'

> This first night of the Triduum with its focus on the sacrament which IS Jesus can put before us the question of the place of longing & desire in our faith, longing & desire for the Lord who longs for and desires us, and who places himself before us as a lavish divine gift in the Eucharist.

> Holy Thursday can put before the question of where the Lord finds himself in our priorities, in our diaries, in the constellation of people and events vying for our attention. And it asks so powerfully and it asks in practice, in the daily, weekly, nitty gritty of life,:

is there somewhere else where we could go? is the Lord of the Eucharist the one we couldn't live without?

Fr Colin

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#### PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PARISH PICNIC...

.. will take place on Sunday 7th May,

at Queen Elizabeth Park, cnr Charles St and Bradfield Rd (just across from our Killara church).

Mass will begin (in the grassy section of park between the oval and Bradfield Rd) at 11:00am (no 9:00am or 10:15am Mass that day).

The parish will provide a sausage sizzle. BYO everything else.

Let's make it a great day for our community of faith - our first outdoor Mass and picnic since 2019!



# As we celebrate Easter ...

**WEEKDAY MASS** Please come along to Mass during this Easter Season as the liturgy continues to celebrate the joy of the resurrection.

We've spent 40 days of Lent preparing for Easter. Let's not leave it there - we have 50 days of the Easter Season to celebrate!

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend if possible.



#### CHANGED MASS TIME

Please note that as I have to attend a diocesan meeting, Mass this Wednesday19th will be at 9:30am at Lindfield.

Fr Colin

復活期第二主日(救主慈悲主 日)16.4.2023

讀經一(凡信了的人,常齊集-處,一切所有皆歸公用。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 2:42-47

弟兄們專心聽取宗徒的訓誨,時 常團聚、擘餅、祈禱。

因為宗徒顯了許多奇蹟異事,各人都滿懷敬畏之情。凡信了的人,常齊集一處,一切所有,皆歸公用。他們把產業和財物變賣,按照每人的需要分配。他們每天都成群結隊地前往聖殿,也挨戶擘餅,懷著歡樂和誠實的心,一起進食。他們常讚頌天主,也獲得了全民眾的愛戴;上主天天使那些得救的人,加入會眾。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

【答】:請你們讚頌上主,因為 他是美善寬仁,他的仁慈永遠常存。 (詠118:1)或「亞肋路亞」

領:願以色列家讚美說:上主的 仁慈永遠常存。願亞郎家族讚美說:上 主的仁慈永遠常存。願敬畏上主的人讚 美說:上主的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領:人雖推撞我,叫我跌倒,然 而上主卻扶持了我。上主是我的力量與 勇氣,他常是我的救援。在義人的帳幕 中,響起了勝利的歡呼。【答】

領:匠人棄而不用的廢石,反而成了屋角的基石;這是上主的所作所為,在我們眼中,神妙莫測。這是上主所安排的一天,我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。【答】

讀經二(天主藉耶穌基督由死者 中的復活,重生了我們,為使我們獲得 那充滿生命的希望。)

恭讀聖伯多祿前書 1:3-9

願我們的主耶穌基督的天主和父 受讚美!他因自己的大仁慈,藉耶穌基 督由死者中的復活,重生了我們,為使 我們獲得那充滿生命的希望,並獲得那 為你們已存留在天上的、不腐壞、無瑕 疵、不朽的產業,因為你們原是為天主 的能力所保護,為使你們藉著信德, 被得那已準備好,在最後時期出現的救 恩。為此,你們要歡欣踴躍;雖然,現 在你們暫時還該在各種試探中受苦;這 是為使你們的信德,得以精煉,比經過 火煉,而仍易消失的黃金,更有價值, 好使你們在耶穌基督顯現時,堪受稱 讚、光榮和尊敬。

你們雖然沒有見過他,卻愛慕他;雖然你們現在仍看不見他,還是相信他,並且以不可言傳,和充滿光榮的喜樂,而歡欣踴躍,因為你們己把握住信仰的效果;靈魂的救恩。——上主的

復活節讚歌 (起立)

領:各位基督徒,請向逾越節羔 羊,獻上讚頌之祭。 眾: 羔羊贖回了羊群; 聖潔無罪 的基督, 使罪人與天父和好。

領:生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥,生命的主宰,死而復活,永生永 平

眾:瑪利亞,請告訴我們,你在 路上看見了什麼?

領:我看見永生基督的墓穴和他 復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮 布.

眾:基督、我的希望、已經復 活,他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

領:我們知道,基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王,求你垂憐我們。

眾:亞孟。亞肋路亞。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領:主說:多默,因為你看見了我,才相信嗎?那些沒有看見而相信的,才是有福的! (若20:29)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(八天以後,耶穌來了,站 在門徒中間。)

恭讀聖若望福音 20:19-31

一周的第一天晚上,門徒所在的地方,因為怕猶太人,門戶都關著;耶穌來了,站在中間,對他們說:「願你們平安!」說了這話,便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主,便喜歡起來。耶穌又對他們說:「願你們平安!就如父派遣了我,我也同樣派遣你們。」說了這話,就向他們噓了一口氣,說:

「你們領受聖神吧! 你們赦免誰的罪, 誰的罪就得赦免; 你們保留誰的罪, 誰 的罪就被保留。」十二人中的一個,號 稱狄狄摩的多默,當耶穌來時,卻沒有 和他們在一起。其他門徒向他說: 「我 們看見了主。」但多默對他們說:「除 非我看見他手上的釘孔, 用我的指頭, 探入釘孔; 用我的手, 探入他的肋膀, 我決不信。」 八天以後, 耶穌的門徒又 在屋裡,多默也和他們在一起。門戶關 著,耶穌來了,站在中間,說:「願你 們平安!」然後對多默說:「把你的指 頭伸到這裡來,看看我的手吧!並伸過 你的手來, 探入我的肋膀, 不要做無信 德的人, 但要做個有信德的人。」多默 回答說: 「我主! 我天主!」耶穌對多 默說: 「因為你看見了我,才相信嗎? 那些沒有看見而相信的, 才是有福 的!」耶穌在門徒前,還行了許多其他

神蹟,沒有記在這部書上。這些所記錄的,是為叫你們信耶穌是默西亞,天主子,並使你們信的人,賴他的名,獲得生命。——上主的話

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## Are you, or is someone you know, thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We just had the joy of welcoming new members into the Church this Easter.

Our programme of preparation for this (known as 'RCIA' - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is going to start earlier this year than in previous years so we'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in making this journey as soon as possible.

If you'd like to find out more please contact Jos Beunen as soon as possible (jos.beunen@gmail.com) or speak to Fr Colin or Fr Thomas.





# Hymns for the Octave Day of Easter

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Bring, all ye dear-brought nations, bring, Your richest praises to your King. Alleluia, alleluia. That spotless Lamb, who more than due, Paid for his sheep, and those sheep you: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

That guiltless Son, who bought your peace, And made his Father's anger cease, Alleluia, alleluia.
Then, Life and Death together fought, Each to a strange extreme were brought: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We, Lord, with faithful hearts and voice, On this thy rising day rejoice; Alleluia, alleluia. Oh thou, whose power o'ercame the grave, By grace and love as sinners save: Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored: in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison, shout our triumph to the sky: sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen: death has no more victory,

sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

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#### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

1. This is the time of new beginnings. This is the time when heaven meets earth. This is the time filled with God's glory, promise of our new birth!

Refrain: Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

- 2. This is the time Christ our redeemer rose from the grave triumphant and free, leaving the tomb of evil and darkness empty for all to see. *Refrain*
- 3. Sing of the hope deeper than dying. Sing of the pow'r stronger than death. Sing of the love endless as heaven, dawning throughout the earth. *Refrain*

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN: ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

All you works of God every mountain, star and tree bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever now: Raise your voices all you works of God Cantor:

ALL:

1. Sun and moon:

2. All the earth:

3. All who live

1.Stars of heaven:

2. Hills and mountains

3. Men and women:

1. Showers and dew:

2. Snow storms and ice:

3. Servants of God

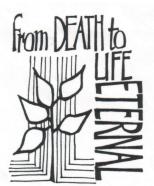
Bless your Maker

Chant your praise

Raise up your joyful song.

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#### THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

#### GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### THE PSALM Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24

Let the children of Israel say: 'God's love has no end.' Let the children of Aaron say: 'God's love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'God's love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; the Lord was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.



#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. Who with the Father and the Son For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

#### (all bow at the following words in bold)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate catholic and apostolic Church. of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father & the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

I believe in one, holy, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead he suffered death and was buried, and the life of the world to come.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

prophets.

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

# MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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#### FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . LET NOTHING FRIGHTEN YOU

Let nothing disturb you. / Let nothing upset you. / Everything changes. / God alone is unchanging. / With patience all things are possible. / Whoever has God lacks nothing. / God alone is enough. —Teresa of Ávila

In CAC's Turning to the Mystics podcast, Father Richard True spiritual encounter changes our politics, our attitude shares what drew him to Teresa of Ávila:

I first opened her Book of My Life when I was in college, and it just seemed like gobbledygook. I was nineteen or twenty years old; I just had no real inner experience. I contemplation and action, I had to go to the best in the field, grow deeper and deeper in love every chance that we get. and she was there. And I found what I once thought was so abstruse was now striking home again and again.

particularly those Teresa emphasises:

Mystics always bring this message in some form: "Do not be Of love, nonattachment, and humility. afraid."

They know that it is all okay and will be finally okay, too! They want to tell us so that we can stop fretting and fearing and enjoy divine union now. Enjoy is the operative word. Mystical experience allows us to enjoy our own lives and to stop creating enemies and thinking we need to be afraid of certain people; to stop fearing nations and races we feel we have to punish and kill.

Where can we expect to go in life if we follow this way of perfection? What are its fruits? When we are enjoying deep union, we won't need to create divisions, mistrust, and separation.

toward money, our use of time, our relationships toward foreigners the weak, our attitude toward war & nationalism. We are citizens of God's Big Kingdom now (see Phil.3:20). Be prepared to have a very different lifestyle afterward.

conveniently shelved her, and only came back in my early If you are not ready to change, don't seek out God. Once we years here in New Mexico. Realising I had much more to have one sincere moment of divine union, we will want to learn if I was going to present myself as a teacher of spend all our time on the one thing necessary, which is to

Talk to those who have had a near-death, or nearing-death, experience. They all agree: it's all about love. It's all about Richard describes the gifts of mystical experience, union. Saint Teresa of Ávila and her Way of Perfection are time-tested, reliable guides to this life:

Of letting go, entering luminous darkness, and being ambushed by the Lover of the Cosmos.

Of recognising union on the other side of fading dualisms.

Teresa herself reminds us: Remember: if you want to make progress on the path and ascend to the places you have longed for, the important thing is not to think much but to love much, and so to do whatever best awakens you to love.

### SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH:

5:30pm Vigil

9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am \*\*

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)

6:00pm (5:30pmYouth & Family Mass on the third Sunday of the month)

\*\* The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir.

#### WEEKDAY MASS this week:

THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 8:00am Killara
Tuesday 8:00am Killara
Wed <u>9:30am</u> Lindfield
Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield
Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

#### **PARKING**

As there is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark at Lindfield, in addition to the onsite parking in the church and school grounds, Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER			
Saturday		15 Apr	22 Apr
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Sunday		16 Apr	23 Apr.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	No Mass	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	6:00pm	5:30pm: Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

#### Mays that you can support our parish

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<u>1st Collection</u>: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

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◆ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

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#### PARISH DIARY

#### APRIL.

Sun. 16th 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass followed by parish potluck Tues. 18th 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Wed. 19th 8:00am Meditation (online) 11:00am Scripture study (online) Sun.23rd 10:15am Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea. ANZAC DAY Tues. 25th Tues. 25th-Mon. 1st Tarrawarra Retreat Wed. 26th 8:00am Meditation (online) 10:00am Parish Book Club MAY

Sun. 7th 11:00am Outdoor Mass & picnic Tues. 9th Confirmation-Parents' 7:00pm meeting Wed. 10th 8:00am Meditation (online) 7:30pm Scripture study (online) Fri. 12th 10:00am Healing Mass + morn.tea Sun. 14th 10:15am Children's Mass + morn. tea

# Tord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Jack Sullivan of our parish, founding member of our Killara community, who died on Good Friday. The Funeral Mass for Jack will be celebrated at our Killara church this Tuesday 18th at 10:30am.

Recently deceased: Jan Doherty, Nena Umali, Julia Martin, Carole White, Marie Gibbons, Gerry McGreevy, Patricia Murray, Peter (Brian) Cahill, Kevin Surplice.

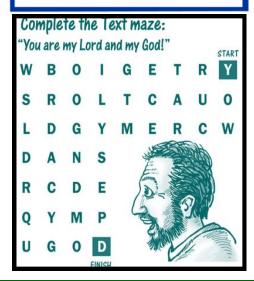
**And for:** Deceased members of the Quirk and Hawkins family.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri. And for all affected by COVID.







#### 60th Anniversary of our Killara church

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church celebrates its 60th anniversary at the end of this year. We want to mark this wonderful milestone in the life of our Killara community in a special way. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, will celebrate the 9am Mass on Sunday 26th November, the feast of Christ the King and other celebrations will follow.

We're now calling for volunteers to form an organising If you would be willing to help in this way committee. please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



# An Easter Reflection ....

Our Lord's glorious resurrection is a singulat phenomenon have to feel our way in darkness. We walk in the light of in the history of humankind. Nothing like it had ever life. happened before. Nothing like it will ever happen again. Yet the introit the Church sets for Easter Day is a very ancient text. Our celebration does not set out from fevered situation reportage, but from a verse, a singularly peaceful verse, from a Psalm of David (Ps 138/9): I have risen, I am with you still. You have laid your hand upon me; too wonderful for me, this knowledge.'

In these words the Church, our Mother, recognises the voice of the Son singing through the Spirit to the Father: 'I am with you.' Faith in the resurrection lets us see who Jesus is, it illumines the mystery of the Holy Trinity. It enriches our insight that the Three are one.

went through death for our sake.

time. He was in no position to formulate faith in the Trinity. *lines*. But the God in whom he believed, in whom he lived, whom Yes, our faith is grounded in reliable testimony, rooted in he knew intimately, was the one Triune God. And the Lord's plan was prepared. Not for nothing do we call Christ 'Son of David'. We heard it last night, in the Exsultet: the resurrection is at the same a datable, unrepeatable event and the revelation of a pattern in God's saving action. What David glimpsed, the Son of David manifested.

How blessed we are to know the whole story. We do not

Faith in the resurrection corresponds to a deep yearning within us. Even hard-nosed atheists sense that death is a scoundrel; that there is something simply not right about human morality. The Grim Reaper who slinks about in our collective subconscious is represented as a thief. That is precisely what he is.

Christ has shown himself to be, in his weakness, the Strong Man able to tie the thief down and make him harmless. That is why the Gospel of resurrection is marked by both amazement and a sense of self-evidence. The poet Christian Bobin, who died recently, once reflected:

What convinces me in the scene of the empty tomb is the Thereby we perceive just how enormous it was that the Son fact that no one dwells much on it. The evangelists cover it in a couple of lines. Falsifiers would have written volumes For David, the incarnation lay a thousand years ahead in about the resurrection. I believe because there are only two

> ancient expectation. It is also verified in the present. In the strength of Christ's resurrection, by the grace of baptism, we have become new women and men. May we anchor ourselves ever more deeply in the gift we have received.

> Christ is risen! Death is dead! Let us then keep the feast in purity and truth.

From the Easter Sunday homily of Bishop Eric Varden ocso, of Trondheim, Norway (former abbot of the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard in England)

#### YOU-TH NEWS





We're pleased to advise that as of May the Children's Choir and Children's Mass will take place at the 10:15am Mass twice per month—on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (and of course followed by morning tea).

The next Mass will be celebrated next Sunday 23rd at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield and will be followed by morning tea.





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