



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.

We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.

We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

## EASTER SUNDAY 4 – 4 – 21 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

*This week: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16:1-7*

*Next week: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31*



### A happy Easter.....

Many thanks to all who have helped in our parish celebrations of the death and resurrection of Jesus: those who care for the altar and church in our two communities; musicians and choirs; the young people who practised and took part in the dramatisation of the Passion and of the Stations of the Cross; altar servers; eucharistic ministers; readers; those involved in the dressing of the altar at the Easter Vigil; to those who contributed towards our Easter costs; and a big thank you to the White family who cut the palms from their on trees for our Palm Sunday celebrations. A very special thank you also to our Parish Staff for their involvement & support in all the preparations.

It's a wonderful thing that so many came together to help us to celebrate Easter – and thank you to you all for being here to celebrate as the two communities in our parish.

And of course a huge welcome to our young people, **Amelia Haffenden and Aiden Shek**, who were baptised, **Lance Haffenden**, who was received into the Church, confirmed, and shared the Eucharist with us for the first time, and **Florian Gabriel**, already a member of the Catholic Church, who completed his Christian initiation by being Confirmed..

A very happy Easter to you all.

Fr Colin and Fr Thomas

### OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS IS FULLY BACK !



Our monthly Healing Mass (on the second Friday of each month) will be celebrated **this Friday 9th April at 10am in our Killara church** and will include a CoVid-safe celebration of the **Sacrament of the Sick**.

We will also have a CoVid-safe morning tea in St Joseph's Hall following the Mass.

**We hope you can be there.**

### EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offering envelopes are available on the pews in both our churches and on the seats in MacKillop Hall. 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.

Inside each envelope you will also find a sheet which allows for credit card contribution—you can just slip that back inside the envelope.



## Hymns for Easter Sunday

### 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, 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, 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: ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

*Refrain:* 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

1. Sun and moon:	Bless your Maker
Stars of heaven:	Chant your praise
Showers and dew:	Raise up your joyful song.

*Refrain*

2. All who live	Bless your Maker
Men and women:	Chant your praise
Servants of God	Raise up your joyful song

*Refrain*

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. This is the day of new beginnings.  
This is the day when heaven meets earth.  
This is the day 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 day 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*

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## SUNDAY MASS

**KILLARA CHURCH :**  
5:30pm Vigil  
9.00am

**LINDFIELD CHURCH**

6.00pm Vigil  
8.30 am  
10.15am 1  
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)  
6:00pm\* (\* 5:30pm Youth & Family Mass on 3rd Sunday)  
(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

**WEEKDAY MASS** this week:

Mon. & Tues. **No Mass**  
Wed. - Fri. 10:00am at Lindfield

**OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS ALSO CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK**

Go to [www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the hotlink box entitled 'Parish Life in the Current Situation' and scroll down to Resource 3 ('Video of Sunday Mass').

## As we celebrate Easter ...

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** As our Lenten preparations are only just over and we will be still celebrating the Octave there will be **NO** Reconciliation at the normal Saturday afternoon time in either of our two churches next Sat. 10th April.

**WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK** Please come along to Mass during this Easter Octave as the liturgy continues to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Weekday Mass times for this week are given on the front page of the bulletin – please note changes to the usual times.

*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. Please help our counters by turning your coins in your Project Compassion boxes into cheques or notes or \$1 and \$2 coins (or if at all possible, cheques). There are baskets in the church foyers for returning your boxes and envelopes.

**NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND** Please note that there is no Sunday evening Mass tonight, Easter Sunday. Sunday evening Mass resumes next weekend.



**TAP AND GO** machines for both the First and the Second Collection are available in the foyers of both of our churches.

## Welcome to one and all

as we gather to celebrate the heart of our faith—so wonderful given that we were unable to gather last year. We are very fortunate here in Australia but our Easter prayers are with those in the many parts of our world where the virus is still far from under control.

A special welcome too to our visitors this weekend. You're very welcome.

After the challenges of the year of CoVid may this Easter help us to rebuild and renew our community of faith. Let's work together this year to do that. Let's be an Easter people together.

*Fr Colin*

### PARISH FINANCIAL ~ A NEW UPDATE

Up to Mar. 21 2020    Up to Mar. 21, 2021

First Collection	\$102864	\$92858
	<b>Shortfall: \$10,006</b>	
2nd Collection	\$180,001	\$146775
	<b>Shortfall: \$33,226</b>	

The First Collection provides for Frs Colin & Thomas and for the care of sick and retired clergy of the diocese.

The Second Collection provides all the running costs of our parish, its ministries & activities.

**Please help us to maintain and grow our parish life and mission—particularly as we are soon to lose the support of JobKeeper.**

*The box below sets out the different ways to support parish finances ↓*

### WAYS TO SUPPORT PARISH FINANCES:

- Our Sunday collections have now resumed.**
- Tap Machines** are available for both collections
- Direct contribution from your bank account to our parish accounts:**  
1st Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002 (Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)  
Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001 (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)
- To arrange for **regular periodic contribution via your credit card** please contact Alison: [alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) Many thanks.

## 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

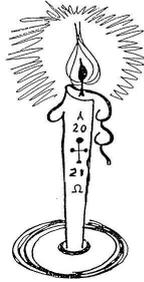
### THE PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let God save him;  
let God release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give God praise;  
all children of Jacob,  
give God glory.  
Revere the Lord, Israel's children.'



**SEQUENCE** *(To be read after the Second Reading. Please remain seated):*

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled, has 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 you did 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, your mercy show!*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,

*(all bow at the following words in bold):*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen

### PARISH MORNING TEA



has resumed (in a CoVid-safe way) after the  
9am Mass at Killara & 10:15am Mass at  
Lindfield on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. **PLEASE**  
set the time apart to join in—after a year of  
CoVid & its impact on our parish community let's seize  
every opportunity to build the bonds of our Christian  
community.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK

at the 9am Sunday Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass  
at Lindfield. The children will be invited to come forward  
just after Mass begins to go with their leaders.

### A parish Covid update

- ◆ Great news! **SINGING IS NOW PERMITTED!** — and no mask is required for singing.
- ◆ Our total numbers permitted are still governed by the 2 square metre rule.
- ◆ From this Monday we will no longer require online booking or sign-in for Masses since our increased capacity is more than enough for our parish. However we are still obliged by the Public Health Order to log those who attend in case it is needed - so **from Easter Monday (5th April) onwards** you will just need to scan the QR code when you arrive for Mass - we'll have plenty near the entry points to our churches. This data is not accessible to the parish but is available to public health officials should it be needed. If you don't have a phone with you there will still be a sign-in sheet available.
- ◆ For the well-being of our ministers of Holy Communion we ask that you wear a mask just for coming forward to receive Holy Communion.

## An Easter Reflection

### SEEING THE RESURRECTION

*“To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (First Reading)*

God never overpowers, never twists arms, never pushes your face into something so as to take away your freedom. God respects our freedom and is never a coercive force.

And nowhere is this more true than in what is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Gospels assure us that, like his birth, the resurrection was physical, real, not just some alteration inside the consciousness of believers. After the resurrection, we are assured, Jesus' tomb was empty, people could touch him, he ate food with them, he was not a ghost.

But his rising from the dead was not a brute slap in the face to his critics, a non-negotiable fact that left sceptics with nothing to say. The resurrection didn't make a big splash. It was not some spectacular event that exploded into the world as the highlight on the evening news. It had the same dynamics as the incarnation itself: After he rose from the dead, Jesus was seen by some, but not by others; understood by some, but not by others. Some got his meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent to him, and still others understood what had happened, hardened their hearts against it, and tried to destroy its truth.

Notice how this parallels, almost perfectly, what happened at the birth of Jesus: The baby was real, not a ghost, but he was seen by some, but not by others and the event was understood by some but not by others. Some got its meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent and their lives went on as before, while still others (like Herod) sensed its meaning but hardened their hearts against it and tried to destroy the child.

Why the difference? What makes some see the resurrection while others do not? What lets some understand the mystery and embrace it, while others are left in indifference or hatred? Hugo of St Victor used to say: Love is the eye! When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery.

We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to

embalm his dead body. She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved out-runs Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first.

Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. I remember an Easter Sunday some years ago when I was a young graduate student in San Francisco. Easter Sunday was late that year and it was a spectacularly beautiful spring day. But on that particular day I was mostly blind to what was around me. I was young, homesick, alone on Easter Sunday, and nursing a huge heartache. That coloured everything I was seeing and feeling. It was Easter Sunday, in spring, in high sunshine, but, for what I was seeing, it might as well have been midnight, on Good Friday, in the dead of winter.

Lonely and nursing a heartache, I took a walk to calm my restlessness. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar holding a sign that read: *It's spring and I'm blind!* The irony wasn't lost on me. I was blind that day, more blind than that beggar, seeing neither spring nor the resurrection. What I was seeing were only those things that reflected what was going on inside my own heart.

Christ is risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi (from The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)*

And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here. He could not be with us long, yet he did not leave us. He went back to the place that he had never left, for the world was made by him.

*St Augustine, Confessions, Book 4, Chapter 12*

## OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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耶穌復活主日 4.4.2021

讀經一（我們在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲。）

恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:34,37-43

那時候，伯多祿說：「你們都知道：在若翰宣講洗禮以後，從加里肋亞開始，在全猶太所發生的事：天主怎樣以聖神和德能，傳了納匝肋人耶穌，使他巡行各處，施恩行善，治好一切受魔鬼壓制的人，因為天主同他在一起。」「耶穌在猶太人地區，及在耶路撒冷所行一切，我們都是見證人。但是，他們卻把耶穌懸在木架上，殺死了。第三天，天主使他復活了，叫他顯現出來，不是給所有百姓，而是給天主所預先揀選的見證人，就是給我們這些、在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲的人。」「他吩咐我們向百姓講道，指證他就是天主所立：生者與死者的判官。一切先知都為他作證：凡信他的人，賴他的名字，都要獲得罪赦。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

【答】：這是上主所安排的一天，我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。（詠118:24）

領：請你們讚頌上主，因為他是美善寬仁，他的仁慈永遠常存。願以色列家讚美說：他的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領：上主的右手將我高舉；上主的右手大顯威能。我不至於死，必要生存，並要宣揚上主的工程。【答】

領：匠人棄而不用之廢石，反而成了屋角的基石；這是上主之所作所為，在我們眼中，神妙莫測。【答】

讀經二（你們就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:1-4

弟兄姊妹們：

你們既然與基督一同復活了，就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的

右邊。你們該思念天上的事，不該思念地上的事，因為你們已經死了，你們的生命，已與基督一同藏在天主內；當基督、我們的生命，顯現時，那時，你們也要與他一同，出現在光榮之中。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

領：我們的逾越節羔羊基督，已被祭殺，作了犧牲；所以，我們要歡欣慶賀主的復活。（參閱格前5:7-8）

眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

福音（耶穌必須從死者中復活。）

恭讀聖若望福音 20:1-9

一周的第一天，清晨，天還黑的時候，瑪利亞瑪達肋納，來到墳墓那裡，看見石頭已從墓門挪開了。於是，她跑去見西滿伯多祿，及耶穌所愛的那另一個門徒，對他們說：「有人從墳墓中，把主搬走了；我們不知道他們把他放在那裡。」伯多祿便和那另一個門徒出來，到墳墓那裡去。兩人一起跑，但那另一個門徒，比伯多祿跑得快，先來到了墳墓那裡。他俯身看見了放著的殮布，卻沒有進去。跟著他的西滿伯多祿，也來到了，進入了墳墓，看見了放著的殮布，也看見耶穌頭上的那塊汗巾，不同殮布放在一起，而在另一處捲著。先來到墳墓的那個門徒，也進去了，一看見就相信了。這是因為他們還不明白，耶穌必須從死者中復活的那段聖經。——上主的話。

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

**Recently deceased:** Imogen Mary Hogan, Bernard Smith, Oriell Ross, Hary Amalan, Philip O'Meara, Bishop Bede Heather, Ken & Carmel McCaffery, Louie Klauser, Umberto Grati, Arthur John Fogarty, So Gay

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Bailey, Mark Spring, Peter Quirk, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

**And for all those affected by COVID-19.**

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER		
Saturday		10th April
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas
Sunday		11th April
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	Sun. evening	6pm Fr Thomas

**MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO**

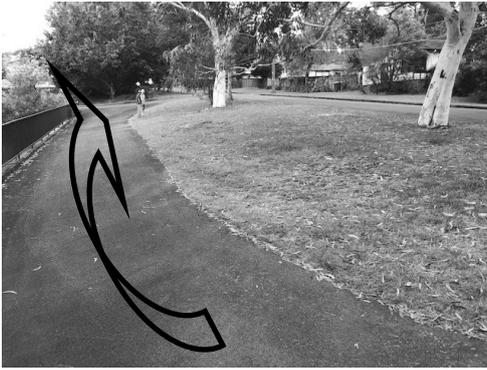
**BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY**

**EASTER MESSAGE 2021**



**Killara Carpark Development**

As advised the works should begin very shortly after Easter. During construction the carpark won't be accessible—though of course when the project is complete it will incorporate a new carpark area for parish use.



In the meantime, during construction, we can provide onsite parking on the grassed area to the side of the church adjoining Charles Street (**see photo below**). It will be a one-way system—please enter via the driveway near the disabled ramp entry to the church, park at 45, and then exit via the lower driveway of the existing parish carpark (which will remain open).

Please park sensitively to allow the maximum number of parishioners to utilise this space.

Apart from that there is of course ample parking in the street.

For Catholics all around Australia, Easter 2021 is a special time. There is no more important celebration than the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the community of the Church is looking forward to gathering together to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

This time last year our churches were closed as the pandemic began to change our lives. Our parish communities adapted to connect in different ways. Masses were live streamed, families prayed at home together and Catholics marked Palm Sunday at home by placing palms on their front doors.

Our parish communities on the Northern Beaches

also faced the closure of churches at Christmas, and the locking down of the Peninsula into the New Year.

After such an incredible time, with change forced upon us on so many levels, many hope that our lives will quickly return to normal. Or rather we might adapt to what is being called 'the new normal'.

My sisters and brothers, what does this actually mean?

We've shown that as a people of God and as a community, we can adapt to change. Change is not always welcomed but comes nonetheless, with the passage of time and the different seasons of life.

In the whirlwind of change we carry with us this enduring fact, given to us by St Paul in the letter to the Hebrews - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."

This does not mean the person of Jesus Christ is a static, undynamic character, an historical figure only for our observation. Jesus is unchanging in his identity as the Son of God, unchanging in his immense love for each of us, unchanging in his passion to see the Good News of his Gospel brought to every woman and man. Jesus is the unchanging God for an ever-changing world.

The question for us is, where are we in relation to Jesus Christ? How much are we invited to change in order to encounter the never-ending love of God?

To ask these questions and to be prepared for the answer will change our lives. We cannot go on as 'normal' if we truly seek to discover and live these answers.

For people of faith and for all those who are searching, we might ask:

*What does it mean to believe what Jesus said?*

*What does it mean to believe what he did?*

*And what does it mean to believe who Jesus is?*

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us in every celebration of the Mass and in a special way is revealed in the Paschal Mystery through the Easter narrative.

Easter is the journey of Christ from death to life, and from darkness to light.

Jesus died for us so that we might not suffer death for our sins but be offered redemption and eternal life with him. Jesus faced the depths of darkness for us so that we could open the shadow part of our lives to his power and allow his light to dispel our darkness.

This is an invitation to change. When we change we grow, and our concern must be that we are always growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to celebrate the Easter liturgies, it is another to contemplate the moment of embrace, encounter and heavenly life that the Risen Lord reveals to us through his Resurrected Body. For some, this might be a return to Jesus as the centre of our lives as it was when we first encountered him. For others it might be the very first time we have personally encountered Jesus in his human and divine presence.

This Easter, let us contemplate the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, with us yesterday, today, and forever, who draws us into relationship with him in a way that is life-giving and new. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus and allow our imagination and our hearts to be captured by that sacred and intimate encounter.

This Easter, let our 'new normal' be determined by our meeting with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit given to us.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones and remain with you forever.

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