



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Easter Sunday

Year B Cycle II

31 March 2024



Happy Easter to Everyone!

The first words of the Risen Lord Jesus at Easter were: "Peace be with you." (Luke 24/36). Easter peace is the first gift to us from our healing God. This Easter let us receive these gifts of forgiveness and healing peace like never before! Let us begin in our hearts, so easily torn apart by bitterness and selfishness. Let forgiveness and healing peace flow into our families and friends. May these gifts give us the courage to develop real neighbourliness to those in our streets and communities. Let the homeless and lonely this Easter receive not more pious sentiments but real practical charity and care. Pope Francis says, "May our lives always be in bloom, like Easter, with the flowers of hope, of faith, of good works. May we always find the strength for this in the Eucharist, in our union with Jesus." May we be filled with joy and hope. Happy Easter to all!

Easter Life

Today's Gospel captures the excitement of the apostles on that first Easter morning. It gives us also a glimpse into their new-found happiness as they hurried to spread the Good News. The joy of the apostles is meant to be our joy too. A new dimension should enter into our lives too for we also have been given this bright promise of everlasting life. Easter is about the joy of rebirth in the spirit of God and we don't have to wait until the next life to enjoy it. Easter life is NOW. We rejoice as we realise that we are not walking the pathway of life alone. Christ is with us at every step of our life as our Saviour, our Redeemer and our Healer.

God's Word Fr George C Mathew SSP

Easter Masses

Holy Saturday 30 March	9.30am-10.00am Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 31 March	8.00am & 9.30am Masses 11am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay (No Mass Easter Sunday evening)



Blessing of Homes during Eastertime

Please find flyers on the information tables for you to use for a home blessing.



Mass on Easter Monday

Mass will be celebrated on Easter Monday (instead of the usual Communion Service).



Nursing Home Mass

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.



Project Compassion

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the baskets at the Church doors. Thank You!

Simply Too Great

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed, our resurrection is happening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God's eternal love?

God's Word Debra Snoddy

Renewal

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is one of the most significant days in the Christian calendar. It marks the day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead, three days after his crucifixion. The readings for this day are filled with joy, hope, and promise of eternal life.

The First Reading is from the book of Acts, where Peter proclaims the Good News of the Resurrection to the people of Jerusalem. He reminds them of the miracles and wonders Jesus performed, and how he was put to death by the people. However, God raised him from the dead, and his followers are now witnesses to this event.

The Second Reading is from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, where he reminds them that Christ has been raised from the dead, and that this is the foundation of their faith. He also tells them that they too will rise from the dead, and that death has been conquered.

The Gospel reading is from John, where Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and finds it empty. She runs to tell the disciples, who then go to see for themselves. They find the tomb empty, and the burial cloths neatly folded. They believe that Jesus has risen from the dead.

These readings remind us that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life with God. They also remind us that by his death and resurrection, Jesus has conquered sin and death, and that we too can share in his victory. As we celebrate Easter Sunday, let us remember the hope and promise of eternal life that it brings.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish on the Easter weekend and holidays. It is good to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul, Rosan our Seminararian or Colleen Smith, our Pastoral Associate, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries the parish office will be closed Good Friday to Easter Monday, reopening Tuesday 2 April. Our office number is 4332 2216.

Congratulations Catechumens & Candidate

Congratulations to Michael Rhodes, Leanne Boase and Dylan Ross who are completing the Rite of Christian Initiation this Easter. Nicole Ryder is also being Received into the Church, with her daughter who is being Baptised. Well done and welcome to all!

Ready for First Eucharist!

Congratulations to the 78 children who have completed their preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The children will soon begin preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Parents please note:

Registration & Information Evening Tuesday 9 April 7pm Parish Centre

Lessons Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm from 30 April to 21 May or

Thursdays 4-5pm from 2 May to 23 May

The Sacrament of First Eucharist Saturday 1 June 5pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 2 June 9:30am Mass.

Enquiries contact Colleen: colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au or 4332 2216

Divine Mercy Feast

On the Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, where we may obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, an extraordinary grace promised by Jesus. To obtain such grace we must go to Confession within 21 days before or after that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on the day, venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, and be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers.

Central Coast Atrium

The new Central Coast Atrium is running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year olds. The aim is to help the children nurture their own personal relationship with God. Saturdays 9-10:30am, (behind the CCD Office). Contact centralcoastatrium@gmail.com or Ashleigh 0466 255 033.

Please Note

Office & Gift Centre Closed

The Parish Office and Gift Centre are closed over the Easter weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusively.

Encounter Young Adult Event

Join us for an unforgettable evening of spiritual growth and community at Encounter, our upcoming young adult event! On Friday 19 April, starting at 6pm, we'll begin with Holy Hour and Reconciliation, followed by a delicious dinner and a special guest speaker, Bishop Anthony Randazzo. RSVP by 15 April to 0418 522 449 or email us at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au.



New Junior Altar Servers

We have ten children in training to be Junior Altar Servers. They will be learning all aspects of this ministry. Please keep them in your prayers.



Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated Friday 5 April during 11:45am Mass for those over 65 or with serious or long-term illness.



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (6 April) following 9am Mass for one hour, closing with Benediction.



Easter Offerings

These donations support the Priests of our diocese - retired and active. Envelopes are on the information tables. Thank You!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

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

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Sweeney (Reynolds Court), Donna McLachlan, John Russell, Archbishop Frank Carroll, Teresa Sheehan, Mauro Giacco, Alan Green, Joan Parker.

Funerals: The funeral of Donna McLachlan will be held here on Wednesday 10 April at 10:30am.

Anniversaries: Benny Gauci (1st), Beryl Moloney (2nd) Margaret Pizzuto, Grace Gosper, John Paul II.

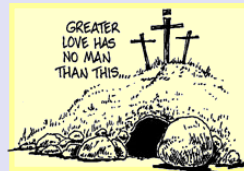
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Jeanette Leonidas, Max Taylor, Denis Farrell, Brian D'Costa, Molly & Bob Amor, Barry, Florence & Casper Millwain, Leo Lowe, Kathy Lowe-Scafidi, Simon Butcher, June Maher, Ralph, Ruth, Sidney, Margie, Trevor, Monica & Hugh Jayesuria, Jeanette & Duke Leonidas, Neeliya de Silva, Leonie & Lakshman Perera, John McDermott, Jack & Betty McDermott, Agnes & Alfred Rodger, Mary James, Molly Freneny, Patricia & Neville O'Hara, Alfonz Matijasevic (birthday), Margaret & Leo Foley and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Clarke, D'Costa, Shaw, Foley.

Sick: Don Walker, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Susan Simmons, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Thomas & Ariana Theuerjahr, Billy & Frederick James, Ronni Frost.

Pearly Gates
Revisited



Happy Easter!



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Blessings of Easter
from the Gift Centre!

The Gift Centre is closed for the Easter Break.
We will be back next weekend and
look forward to seeing you then!

Enquiries 4332 2216