



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

<https://www.vatican.va/prayer-and-worship/prayer-and-devotion/the-pope-monthly-intention>

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay has issued a video message for Easter 2021, saying the Catholic Community is looking forward to gathering together for celebrations, when this time last year churches were closed.



[Bishop Anthony Randazzo](#)

First Reading
Acts 10:34. 37-43

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

Second Reading
Col 3:1-4

Sequence
Victimae paschali laudes

Gospel Acclamation
1 Cor 5:7-8

Gospel
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
or Lk 24:13-35

Sunday Reflection

THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

by Deacon Roger Delmonte

In recent days when many of us have been enjoying the COVID-free atmosphere and looking forward to celebrating Easter, we witnessed yet once again its short-lived moment after new cases hit parts of Queensland. We realized how in the midst of excitement and joy for this 'back to normal', the reality of fear and death are still lurking around and is a part of our journey in life. Similarly, the painful and humiliating past experiences can sometimes be difficult to let go, even as we are ultimately led to the greatest and most glorious victory that one could ever imagine and hope for.

At Easter, as our whole Catholic World proclaims: *The Lord is risen! Alleluia!* we are invited to live and embrace our lives in the perspective of hope. Hope that is filled with joy in the midst of pain, suffering, and death because there is new life through the resurrection of Christ our Lord. His victory is complete

and definitive; He conquered sin and death for us. When we believe and share in His paschal mystery – His life, mission, suffering and death, His glorious triumph is ours, His unwavering love is our hope's foundation.

Hence, amidst all our short-lived moments of sadness, heartbreak, pain and despair, like Mary of Magdala felt before the empty tomb, let us rejoice and be glad, *"today is the day of the Lord."* Our Easter joy is meant to be permanent and "contagious", not short-lived. So as we offer each other the joy that comes from witnessing His resurrection, may our lives be changed forever like the disciples in our 1st reading. And let us take comfort and heed on St. Paul's words from our 2nd reading, *"since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above... for when Christ is revealed, your life too will be revealed in all your glory with him."* Amen!

BBNews eNewsletter

On Friday 19 March, is the launching of the new eNewsletter for the Diocese of Broken Bay. BBNews is a fortnightly newsletter with news stories from across the Diocese. Complementing the quarterly Broken Bay News magazine, BBNews will highlight the activity and stories of the Church in Broken Bay and beyond.

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[Read the first issue here](#)

THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

We remember those who died recently – Enid Lander ● Irene May (Tim) Byrne ● Marie Kearey ● Nicola Macri ● Ian McWhirter ● Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan, Diocese of Parramatta ● Maximiano Panopio ● Bishop Bede Heather ● Louie Klauser

Anniversaries – Bella Vivo ● Bishop Patrick Murphy ● Graciano Cruz ● Jr Prospero Montesclaros ● Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards

Easter Greetings

My dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Clergy, Seminarian, Office staff and the Parish Community, I wish each of you and your families a very Happy Easter! May we experience the joy of Easter inside our very persons, and may the risen One walk with us on our journey of faith.

I *wish to acknowledge with gratitude* all those who have *Ministered during this time*, in various ways to help us *reflect, meditate and pray with the Lord on His journey into the Passion, death and Resurrection.*

Thank you for your ongoing support and Ministry, each of you help us discover the beauty of a God that lies deep within, and your personal commitment to share that gift, in and through your humanity.

The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of His followers. It is a combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One.

With prayerful wishes,
Fr Peter de Souza

Congratulations to Frank and Jill Bradley on their 61st Wedding Anniversary! May the good Lord continue to shower you with abundant blessings.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Join the Celebrations for **Divine Mercy Sunday on 11th April** at St Agatha's between 1:30pm and 3:45pm, including Mass at 2:00pm, Reconciliation, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Covid restrictions limit the congregation to 200 people only. **Bookings essential:** stagatha.org.au/mass-booking/ The Celebrations for Divine Mercy Sunday will be live-streamed. Enquiries: Greg 0419 228 199.



"Tell the whole world of My great mercy ... mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Jesus to St Faustina).

Planned Giving Envelope

We will be ordering weekly Planned Giving Envelope soon. We encourage you to change over to Direct Debit, if you are thinking so, please let the **Parish Office know by 9 April 2021**

MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

03 January 2021 - Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are mandatory in the church.

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Mon to Sat 7:00 a.m.
Fri 9:30 a.m. **(Only during Fridays of Lent there will be an additional Mass starting 19 Feb 2021.)**

Queen of Peace Church:

Tue, Thu *, Fri 8:45 a.m.
Sat 7:30 a.m.
* *Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.*

Korean Mass

Tue, Thu 7:30 p.m.
Wed, Fri 10:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Queen of Peace Church:

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Filipino Mass 3:30 p.m.

(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

[Watch the Mass](#)

McQuoin Park Chapel Mass **for Residents only**

Wednesdays & Sundays at 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

Available only at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Courtyard Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Private Prayer Our Cathedral *Chapel* is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

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2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.