



these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened: and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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## PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

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Easter Sunday – Year B

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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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### First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

*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.'

### 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.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

*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.

**or: 1 Cor 5:6-8**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### 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

*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.

**or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35**

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our Parish community.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Lorraine Tormey, Italo Inserra(6 months)

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Theresa Griffiths, Antonia Attard, Michael McDonald, Kathleen McDonald, Peter McDonald, Bryan Jongebloed, Michele Celata

#### PARISH SUPPORT

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#### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the parish office.

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH** The final meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

#### CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 'BE MORE'

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!** Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.  
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### PARISH NEWS

#### EASTER 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to all who participated in the Easter ceremonies and helped make them meaningful for our Parish community and visitors. Special thanks to our musicians, singers, altar decorators, altar servers, audio visual presenters, and all who volunteered for the various roles at each ceremony.

May you all enjoy a safe and blessed Easter.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

#### ST PETER'S PARISH & PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS - 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021

We will recognise our 50 Year Anniversary jointly on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, when Archbishop Peter Comensoli will come to celebrate our Jubilee Mass at 10.30am. Following the Mass, we will gather for refreshments and be entertained by St Peter's school children who will performing a Harmony Dance. You will need to Register your place for the Mass and if you are staying for refreshments afterwards. Next weekend we will give you information on how this can be done.

#### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

There will be no morning Mass from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Mass on those days will be at **7.00pm** (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm) as part of the Divine Mercy Novena.

#### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF MERCY

Commencing Good Friday, to Easter Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. Time: 7.00pm on all days except on Saturdays which will be at 2.00pm.

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Concluding 9 day Novena with Confessions commencing at 1.30pm followed by Adoration, Rosary, Litany and Holy Mass at 3.00pm. **(No 5pm Mass on this day).**

#### REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 10/11 April, open Monday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am and close Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm. The link to book is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQATG>

### The Easter of Christ by POPE FRANCIS

#### (Adapted from Faith Circles, Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

Today is a festive and joyful day customarily spent with family and friends. After celebrating Easter, one feels the need to gather again with one's loved ones and with friends to celebrate, because fraternity is the fruit of the Easter of Christ, who, with his death and resurrection, conquered sin which separated human beings from God, from self and from one another.

But we know that sin always separates, always creates hostility. Jesus broke down the wall that divides people and restored peace, beginning to weave the fabric of a new fraternity. It is so important in our time to rediscover fraternity as it was experienced by the early Christian communities; to rediscover how to make room for Jesus who never divides and always unites. There cannot be true communion and commitment to the common good and social justice without fraternity and sharing. Without fraternal sharing, no ecclesial or civil community can be formed: there is only an ensemble of individuals moved or grouped together, according to common interests. But fraternity is a grace that Jesus creates.

The Easter of Christ has caused another thing to erupt into the world: the novelty of dialogue and relationship, a novelty which has become a responsibility for Christians. Jesus in fact said: "by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). This is why we cannot close ourselves off in our private world, within our group, but instead we are called to safeguard the common good and to take care of our brothers and sisters, in particular those who are weakest and most marginalized. Only fraternity can guarantee a lasting peace, can overcome poverty, can extinguish tension and war, can eradicate corruption and crime.

*See next column...*

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#### MASS TIMES

##### Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

##### Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

#### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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May the Angel who tells us: "He has Risen" help us to live the fraternity and the good novelty of dialogue and relationships and of concern for the common good. May the Virgin Mary whom, in this time of Easter, we invoke with the title Queen of Heaven, support us with her prayers so that the fraternity and communion that we experience in these days of Easter may become our way of life and the spirit of our relationships.