



THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / B

31 MARCH 2024

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.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see opposite page)

SECOND READING Col 3: 1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath 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 thou didst 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, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5: 7-8

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

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GOSPEL

Jn 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6: 3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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 cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL

Mk 16: 1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to

go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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



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MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
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ROSTERS:

	<u>30/31 Mar</u>	<u>6/7 Apr</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	30 Mar	6 Apr
Reader	Julie Fleming	Peter Kelly
Eucharist Minister	Paul Fleming	Cath O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	30 Mar	6 Apr
Reader	TBA	Rianne Emmanuel
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Clare Clancy
PowerPoint	TBA	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	31 Mar	7 Apr
Reader	John O'Callaghan	Lucas Carroll
Eucharist Minister	Margaret Chatfield	Kate Archer
PowerPoint	Lucas Carroll	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	31 Mar	7 Apr
Reader	Janette Hinchcliffe	Fetu Thompson
Eucharist Minister	Tatenda Muranda	
PowerPoint	Gabrielle Pannuzzo	Tracey Brincat & Selina Buckley
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	31 Mar	7 Apr
Reader	Fetu Thompson	Fetu Thompson
Eucharist Minister	Christine Dodd	Kath Pirie
PowerPoint	Kathy Pirie	Chandy Mathew
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Ian Pirie	Nadeesha Mendis
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Helen Clancy	Pauline Duff
	John Dixon	Leonie Dunlop
	Mary Donovan	Rose Rich
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Andrew Carleton Ellis, Mary Johnson, Philip Stewart, Jim Gough, Br. Dacius, Ian Johnson, Frank Colyer, Aileen Mona Shea, Donna Grace, Elizabeth Fennell, Gavin Quillinan, Gerard O'Dwyer, Margaret Ashdowne, Barbara Dalgleish and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: William Lingard & Venerando Costanzo.

Sun 31st Mar: Pray for the soul of Philip Borg.

Pray for the deceased members of the Dempsey family.

Pray for the soul of Moya Gwendoline Amilda Harris.

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th Apr: 2pm – Confessions, Adoration, Prayers, Chaplet of Mercy & Holy Mass

Missing Kilmore Parish Centre toilet key: We need help to locate the missing key. If you have accidentally picked it up or know of where it may be, can you please return to the sacristy or the parish office. Thanks

Easter Message

Dear Friends,

Let me begin with a story. The only survivor of a shipwreck washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stung with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. "God works mysteriously." He knows exactly what we need. And because God loves us so much, He said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Trust in God.

After Jesus' death, as far as apostles were concerned it was all over and it seemed to be the end of everything. They had left Jerusalem and went back all the way to their native Galilee to resume their former way of life as fishermen. The previous three years had been an interesting and even exciting interlude in their lives but now they were back to what they had always been doing. There they spent a whole night's fishing; they caught absolutely nothing. Suddenly they encountered a stranger on the shore; a shadowy outline in the morning's dew began a dialogue with them. He asked them whether they had caught some fish in the lake. Reluctantly the fishermen did admit they had caught nothing. He gave them advice from the shore to drop their nets on the right side of the boat and they would find something. They simply obeyed the stranger and the result of this action made them realise it is no other than their master who is guiding them from the shore.

In our journey through life, we are confronted with several problems and difficulties which can make us lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then left to ourselves we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. There are moments when we feel that all is lost and the Lord has forgotten us. In such situations, we need positive support, a sincere understanding which can place us on the right path.

The same Jesus needs all of us to tell everyone that the power of the Risen Jesus has touched us and transformed us in the most remarkable way imaginable. Spirit-filled people are people who allow the Spirit to change their lives through their daily reading of the Bible and their frequenting of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, make people happy and build people up, instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy and charity. Hence, let us ask the Holy Spirit for a spirit of love instead of hate, a spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, a spirit of generosity instead of greed, and a spirit of gentleness in place of our spirit of ruthlessness.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Fr. Prakash



An opportunity to help the Church: We are refurbishing the Kilmore Parish Centre. If anyone would like to donate, please call the Parish Office or speak with Fr Prakash. Thank you.
Donations this week: Anonymous x 1

Improvement works at the Kilmore Catholic Cemetery: Over the coming weeks, work will be undertaken to even out the pathways at the cemetery, with new top soil and grass seed to be laid out. This will improve the pathways so they are safe to walk on.

Thank you World Day of Prayer: From the organisers of the Christ Church, Kilmore WDP, a thank you to all who participated. Total raised for the women of Palestine was \$374.95

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Easter Sunday

31 March



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