



Our Lady Help of Christians, Easter Candle 2020

The theme of the Easter Candle is based on the natural calamity Australia has recently faced. Fires destroyed lives, homes, stock and nature. In spite of the devastation, nature, under the hand of God, emerges anew. There is re-birth and new life. This is compared with the crucifixion - the death and resurrection of Christ, as a new life for us both spiritually and physically. The cross is depicted as a burnt tree/log and emerging from the trunk are fresh shoots... new life, in other words, resurrection.



St Francis Xavier, Easter Candle 2020.

Christ was the lamb that ‘went to the slaughter’... crucifixion, on our behalf. He rose from the dead victorious having defeated death. The cross is depicted as a staff used by shepherds and the lamb at the base of the cross is Christ. Having resurrected, leaving behind the shroud, as in the tomb which the other disciple first saw (*John 20:1-8*), that same shroud is shown laid across the cross indicating the resurrection.

Special thanks to *Ramos Furtado* for decorating our beautiful Easter Candles.

