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Easter Sunday**Year B****3rd/4th April, 2021****Jesus is still present....**

As I am writing these lines I feel a kind of emptiness, anxiety and dilemma this Wednesday about all the Easter celebrations. But we are preparing everything for Easter with the hope that things will be normal come Thursday evening and we can meet together and celebrate our faith. Today, with Mary of Magdalen, Peter, and other apostles, we find that Jesus' tomb is empty.

We have been witnessing an emptiness everywhere; empty pews; empty campuses; empty schools; empty streets and the list goes on these days. The word empty seems to echo throughout the seasons ever since the Coronavirus outbreak hit the world. Who would have thought that we are self-quarantining these days? Who would have thought that the COVID-19 pandemic is changing everything, turning our lives upside down? Little by little, we try to make sense of the situation.

One fact is that the global pandemic shows the world our interconnectedness with one another in which our safety and life depend on each other. It does not matter where we live, where we are from, or what we do, this global phenomenon propels all of us to recognize first and foremost our humanity and limitedness. We find that because we are human and limited, we ask, "Where is the Lord?"

Like us, Mary of Magdala, Peter, and other apostles were confused, scared, and dismayed when they found out that the tomb was empty. They wondered, "Where is the Lord?" Little did they know that Jesus had risen from the dead. Little they know that having an empty tomb was the beginning of the Good News.

I am aware it is hard to exclaim, "Hallelujah!", and to find the joy of the Resurrection amid sicknesses and deaths, virtual church services, economic disruptions, postponed schedules, and all kinds of uncertainties. Yet like Mary of Magdala, Peter, and other apostles, we could hope that today is a new beginning. Indeed, today is a new beginning of the Good News and life itself.

Dear friends Jesus Christ rose! Let us anchor our faith in the truth that we are forgiven, redeemed, and transformed. Amidst all the challenges and despair may the true light of the Risen Lord shine on us. I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

God's blessings, Fr Joson



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Easter**Acts 4:32-35****1 John 5:1-6****John 20:19-31**

READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

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

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.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

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.

Parish Diary

Friday, April 9th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Funeral Prayers 11:00am
(Robert Brownsdon)
St Agnes

Saturday, April 10th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 10th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, April 11th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

Weekend Masses

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses -
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses -
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

Mass bookings for weekend masses are still required.

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection following the Passion of the Lord which helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Robert Brownsdon and Mark Tiainen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE WISH

Fr Jason a happy birthday which he celebrated on Thursday.

COUNTERS

Tony's team

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

The parish would like to invite all children, in Yr 4 and above, who have been Confirmed in the Catholic tradition, to prepare for their First Communion. The program begins with a parent session. These will be held at St Joachim's church on Wed 5 and Thurs 6 May from 6.30pm. Enrolment registration closes on **Friday 23 April** and spaces are strictly limited. To secure your place RSVP to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 100013625 A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish.



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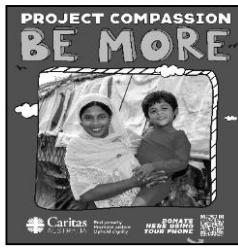
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HOW TO USE THE PARISH APP



1. Open the camera app and scan the QR code at the Church entrance and follow the link to the Giving Website
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4. Tap on Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish
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EASTER SUNDAY

5th APRIL 2021



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www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion#projectcompassion

COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for the above position at the Acacia Ridge Parish. The position is a casual role with the possibility of it becoming full time and will begin ASAP.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

THE SPIRIT OF HOPE MONTHLY CITY PRAYER MEETING

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 7th April has been **CANCELLED** due to the uncertainty of how long the lock down will last. We are very sorry to have to do this but feel it's best for the safety of those wanting to attend. We look forward to seeing you at our 5th May Prayer Meeting

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours? Evangelisation Brisbane has launched a new series of mini retreats - 'A Morning's Prayer' - to facilitate a profound engagement with. Throughout 2021 there will be 6 opportunities at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre to unpack just this. Each morning will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

The second will be held on Saturday 24 April from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea) and will have an Easter theme. Spaces are limited, so RSVP by 17 April at:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc2>

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

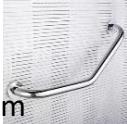
The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.

HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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