

The Living Word

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.**

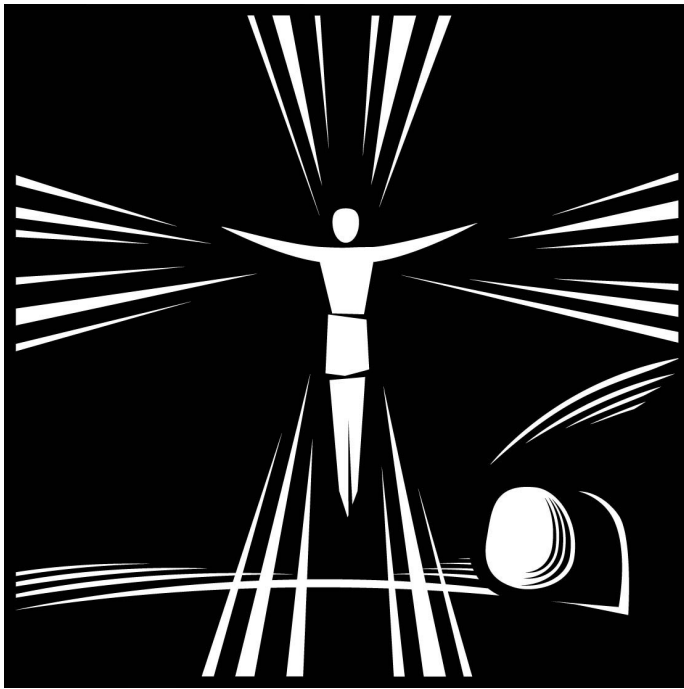
Alleluia!

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 Mt 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men.

But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

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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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)

5th of April 2026

2026 EASTER MESSAGE: Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every

darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Most Rev Peter A. Comensoli—Archbishop of Melbourne

Fr Grant O'Neill: It was with great sadness that I heard of the sudden death of Fr Grant on 29 March 2026. At the end of his first Mass in Kilmore in 2012 he said, *"This is your Parish – I am just a caretaker. So I plan to hold a meeting in 4 weeks' time to hear what you want or need from this Parish and me as your Parish Priest."* Grant reinstated a Parish Council and set up a Cemetery Committee to allow parishioner participation. He also fought with the Archdiocese Office in Melbourne for over 2 years for permission to build a new church and school in Wallan. He would be so pleased to see the high numbers at both these buildings nowadays. Grant worked tirelessly and quietly until ill-health brought forward his early retirement to August 2019.

His funeral date has not been arranged but the Requiem Mass will be held in St. John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill, to allow many of his priest friends in George Maher House to attend. His body will be interred in the Kilmore Catholic Cemetery on a separate day. Rest in eternal peace, Grant. *Janette Hinchcliffe*

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open from 9.30am to 2.30pm on this Wednesday & Friday, for private prayer.

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

8.15am, Tuesday to Saturday before 9am morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 4 Apr : HOLY SATURDAY

NO 9 am Mass

4.30 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians

7 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady of the Way

7 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 5 Apr: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Daylight Savings Ends, move clock back 1 hour at 3am

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way

10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Mon, 6 Apr: MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.30 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Tue, 7 Apr: TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 8 Apr: WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (*please note NOT at Our Lady of the Way*)

Thu, 9 Apr: THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

7 pm Baptism Preparation Meeting,
St Patrick's Church

Fri, 10 Apr: FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 11 Apr : SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way

5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians

6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 12 Apr: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way

10.45 am Divine Mercy Mass, St. Patrick's
(Confessions 10.50am -12.15pm,
Benediction 12.15pm)

Palm Trees on Sutherland Street

The 3 palm trees on the nature strip outside St Patrick's Church, on Sutherland St, are to be taken out after Easter. We have been advised by the Power Company and the Shire, that they are creating a hazard with the overhead power lines. These trees will be replaced with other trees, who's growth will not interfere with the overhead power lines.

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>4/5 Apr</u>	<u>11/12 Apr</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	4 Apr	11 Apr
Reader	P. Fleming	I. Ross
EMHC	B. O'Dwyer	P. Fleming
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	4 Apr	11 Apr
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	C. Clancy	V. Barro
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	5 Apr	12 Apr
Reader	G. Pannuzzo	M. Carocci
EMHC	T. Cooney	A. Moore
EMHC	J. Sapiano	C. Banon
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	5 Apr	12 Apr
Reader	S. Ramganathan	D. Selar
EMHC	C. Dodd	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	E. Ferraresi	H. Clancy
HOME EUCHARIST:	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	P. Duff	M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE:	L. Beaumont	G. Kim
	C. Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased: Fr. Grant O'Neill

Anniversaries

Barbara Dagleish, Glen Xavier Dale, Kevin Messer, Patricia Stagno Navara, Houston Scully, Hector Navarro, Gordon Howells, Irene Murphy, John (Jack) Sheehan, Anne Zwarts, Ann Marie Rutherford, Aileen O'Dwyer and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Easter Sunday 4 – 5 April 2026

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Synod Corner: A Synod is not a parliament

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.