

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
First Reading  
Acts of the Apostles 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 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  
R. Thanks be to God

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.

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.’
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.
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.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading Colossians 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.  
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Sequence  
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 Corinthians 5:7-8  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel John 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  
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call ‘to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.’ Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen! As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have ‘to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.’ We need to be open to being changed. ‘A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit’, the Pope declares emphatically, ‘is a Christianity without Easter.’ Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place. ‘Let us make Jesus,’ the Pope says, ‘rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him.’ Let us embrace this Easter opportunity for ‘encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.’ Let us proclaim the Resurrection by what we do next.  
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EASTER SUNDAY  
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
Resumes Monday May  
26 at 1.00pm

Croatian Mass  
Monday 21st April  
11am

Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after  
Mass

Wrap with Love  
WEDNESDAY 30th  
April  
1-3pm CMR

Craft Group 10am  
Thursdays Church  
Meeting Room

ADORATION  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after 9am  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigans  
Cove

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.  
Psalm 117

Easter Sunday! He is risen!

It is an appropriate time for us to consider a question posed for us by Fr Richard Rohr: Is Resurrection something that just happened once, in His body and not in ours? Time, too, for us to remember.

Easter is a feast of hope. Easter is a story of life.

During the Easter Vigil we engaged with Fire and Water. Fire symbolising light and glory of the Resurrection and water signifying cleansing and spiritual rebirth.

Ron Rolheiser tells us that Easter is mostly about waking up. The Resurrection has brought new light into the world showing that light triumphs over darkness: Jesus triumphed over sin and death.

Celebrating Easter means we can stand in the light of the empty tomb and decide what to do next. We can embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers, transforming our lives so that we may become more fully, the people God created us to be.  
Being disciples or followers of Jesus we can often find the path difficult. In carrying the message of Jesus in our world today with all its suffering, despair, violence, climate calamities as well as economic difficulties WE are called to be bearers of hope bringing the light of Christ to our world.

We can say then that Easter is about light-“dazzling” light but only if it shines through us!

Easter is also a reminder that Jesus, after the Resurrection had changed- He was in a new space. Whilst the disciples and others were still grappling with grief and not knowing what was to happen next, Jesus was the example of change, glorification and transformation. These aspects of change are offered to us if we believe in the Resurrection. We can choose to live the ongoing message of the Resurrection, offering light and hope to those around us, becoming a vibrant, encompassing community.

Bishop Robert Barron suggests that belief in the Resurrection is critical to our faith and is the central hinge of how we live, if we are true disciples/believers.

Sister Joan Chittester explains hope in a way that helps us understand how we can become more hopeful when life around us is challenging. She says “ Hope is a quiet, whispered wonderment saying over and over again in the heart of us- Possibility, Possibility, Possibility- It opens a door to walk through for is, for our own sake and for the world around us. Hope is what keeps our soul alive and gives us strength to go on. Hope tells us that the pieces are there for us to put together, if only we will ourselves to do it.”  
Easter is a time for us to celebrate, reflect, pray and WAKE UP as we find new hope, faith and depth on our journey. On this Easter Sunday may we all be filled with light and hope so that we may live the ongoing message of the Resurrection.

“Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus’ Resurrection knowing He is always by our side!” Pope Francis.

Ken and Carolyn Evenden.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 21st:—Sunday 27th April**

**Monday 21st:**           Croatian Mass  
11am

**Tuesday 22nd:**       Mass 5pm

**Wednesday 23rd:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 24th:**     Mass 9am

**Friday 25th:**        Anzac Day Mass  
9am

**Saturday 26th:**     Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Divine Mercy Sunday 27th:** Mass  
9am

**Monday 21st:** Croatian Mass  
11am

**Friday 25th:** Anzac Day Mass  
9am

## Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Divine Mercy Sunday 27th:** Mass  
9am

## M &amp; C Lowe

**G Norris/J O'Sullivan**

# Batemans Bay Funerals Chapel

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

*Amen*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.