



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
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Easter Sunday - 4th April 2021

Discovering Easter....

IF CHRIST IS NOT RISEN, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death, a "proof" of His divinity. Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from Him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus. The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts and minds of his followers. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves. On Easter morning, the stone was rolled back from the mouth of the tomb. Is my heart like a tomb awaiting resurrection? Can I identify any gravestone that is holding me back from a life more full and free? It could be a habit or an addiction, a compulsion or some dark secret that holds us back. As pope Francis said, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" If we too follow the risen Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others.

Thank-you for the great Liturgy of the Holy Triduum

To make this Holy Week a special time of prayer and celebration many have worked hard in different ministers. To all parishioners who have dedicated their time and talents in preparing our Holy Triduum/Easter Liturgies this year I say a big THANK-YOU. The choir, readers, sacristans, ministers of Holy Communion, our parish staff have worked with dedication and commitment behind the scenes for Easter this year in our Parish. What you see and hear at our churches at Easter is the result of a shared responsibility by so many wonderful members of our parish. What a fine job you have done; so, with my sincere thanks to all of you.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! Let us be thankful for His unshakeable faith in humanity, unconditional love and redeeming sacrifice. Have a safe and joyful Easter!

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 – We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
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(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 – Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 – The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Where there is hope,
there is life.
It fills us with fresh courage
and makes us strong again.**

Next week's Readings

First: Acts 4:32-35

Second: 1John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

EASTER MASS TIMES – Bookings are essential for all celebrations

Holy Saturday 5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St John Vianney's Parish - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLZ>

7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBO>

Easter Sunday 7:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Jude's Church, Gumdale

8:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBT>

9.30am Easter Sunday Mass - St John Vianney's Parish - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPPMB>

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!
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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodburn, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Roma Piper, Leontia Markey

Anniversaries & Remembrances April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers..

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

<u>Roster</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Counting</u>	<u>Group 2</u>		
10 th & 11 th April	6:15pm (1st) Carolyn W (2nd and POF) Don F	8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2 nd and POF) Jane W	<u>Music</u>	6:15pm Gp 3 Emma M	8:00am Gp 2 Chris M
			<u>PowerPoint</u>		

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

COVID 19 Update: The Greater Brisbane lockdown will end at 12pm Thursday 1 April 2021.

Please keep in mind that the outbreak is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland.

- For the next two weeks, until Thursday 15 April, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces (including at Masses) and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible. Priest are required to wear masks upon entering and exiting the Church, during Communion and for Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday.

- When attending Mass celebrations, parishioners are to stay socially distanced at all times, including while processing to receive the Eucharist.

- Capacity limits for Places of Worship are no more than one person per 2 square metres for areas open to or used by parishioners, whether indoors or outdoors.

EAST TIMOR EASTER RAFFLE Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Drawn 11th April!!!! Many thanks for your support.

Weekday Masses there will be no Parish Mass on Thursday 8th April or **Friday 9th April**. Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 2nd April and Monday 5th April**.

Rose Garden A big thank you to the Garden Gnome who keeps our rose garden at the Shrine to Our Lady at the front of the Church looking so lovely and vibrant. It is a lovely feature in our Parish and a truly special place to pray. The roses are used in the Church each week at our Mass celebrations. Please do not pick or snap off roses from the bushes (this damages the bush and can stop more roses from blooming). If you would like a rose from the bush at any time, please come to the parish office or phone/email your request to the Parish Office.

Parish Diary:

Monday 5th April

Tuesday 6th April

Wednesday 7th April

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 8th April

NO RECONCILIATION
NO MASS

Friday 9th April

NO MASS

Saturday 10th April

3:00pm Baptism
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 4th April

Divine Mercy

8:00am Mass
11:00am Baptism

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Easter Sunday

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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."'