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HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

31ST March 2024



Rejoice

The Lord is truly risen,
alleluia.

To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity,
alleluia, alleluia.

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

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.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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.' *(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 Colossians 3:1-4

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

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

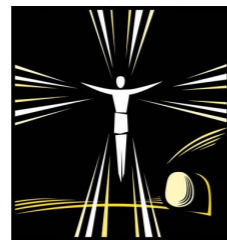
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't 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.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MEDITATION



One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?

Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death.

SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
07 APRIL 2024
SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - Year B
Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!
Saint Gregory's Easter Prayer

May the blessings of the Resurrected life of Jesus always abide in your hearts to bring you that new life of love and the promise of the eternal rewards of heaven.
Stay well and wishing you many graces coming upon you.

Fr. Wojciech and Fr. Jeremy



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
29 March to 06 April 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday on 07 April 2024
30 March - Easter Vigil - 6:00 pm
31 March - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 April - after Morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY
ON 05 APRIL 2024 AT 7:00PM
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)
Please join us in responding to 'Our Blessed Mother's Appeal for Prayer & Reparation for World Peace & the Sanctity of Family Life'. Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE
(SATURDAY - 06 APRIL 2024)
St Margaret Mary's parish has joined the Men's Rosary Crusade! For several years, Catholic men from around the world have been gathering outside churches on the first Saturday of each month to pray the five Joyful Mysteries of The Holy Rosary.
On Saturday, 06 March, at 10:00am, our men are invited to participate in this powerful prayer in our church forecourt – rain, hail or shine! - in a public demonstration of devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Afterwards there'll be fellowship and morning tea in the Pastoral Centre, so please bring a plate to share.

Solemnity of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Monday - 08 April 2024
9:15 am Mass

The Association of the Holy Shroud invites you to the 33rd Annual Holy Shroud Fiesta Celebration
Easter Monday
1st April 2024
@2:45 PM
Co-celebrated Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, and Eucharistic Procession followed by refreshments at the Pastoral Centre
St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

FAMILY DAY OUT AT PENROSE PARK
Where: 120 Hanging Rock Road, Berrima
When: 6th April
Time: 11am mass followed by lunch
RSVP RITA ELBAVEH 0415516564

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024
Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 27 February until Friday, 26 April 2024. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours. **(Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).**
Parents Night: Monday, 08 April at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.
RECONCILIATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions will be held on WEDNESDAYS with two time slots to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**
Session 1: 01 MAY
Session 2: 08 MAY
Session 3: 15 MAY
Session 4: 22 MAY
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 27 May 2024 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

- * Dr. Brante Pitre Talk (resume Wednesday, 03 April)
- * Eucharistic Adoration (resume Thursday, 04 April)
- * Scripture Study (resume Thursday, 04 April)

