

# EASTER SUNDAY

4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Acts 10:34, 37-43 (JB)*

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

**R. 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.' **R.**

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.**

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 (JB)*

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

This is the Good News, the grave is empty,  
Christ IS risen. Alleluia

### GOSPEL

*John 20:1-9 (JB)*

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.

## Welcome

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**St Brendan's:** 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**St Joseph's:** 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

#### ST BRENDAN'S: 11 April @ 9:30am

**Commentator:** C Finlay

**Reader:** R O'Dowd

**Communion:** J Robb

**Leaders:** L McGuane/A Ruddell

#### ST JOSEPH'S: 11 April @ 10:30

**Family:** Roache

**Communion:** P Roache

**Lay-leaders:** C&B Hickman

#### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

**St Brendan's:** 11-18 April M McCarthy/D Howard

**St. Joseph's:** J Melville

**Counters:** 11 April: J Miller

25 April ; A McCarthy

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Danial Roache, Frank Page,  
Pat Harney, Danny Moore, Mary Garner

**SICK:** Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,  
Leah Spokes, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn,  
Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum

*Thanks to the Lenehan Family, in  
memory of their brother Francis, for  
the donation of flowers for the Easter  
Masses.*

Many thanks to all those parishioners  
who have participated in the Easter  
liturgies.

#### Focusing the Gospel

##### Key words and phrases

saw and believed, did not yet understand, he  
had to rise from the dead

##### to the point

Though the disciples of Jesus came to believe in  
his resurrection after they encountered him  
alive, their understanding was not yet complete.  
Our own understanding of the resurrection  
gradually grows as we encounter the risen  
Christ, eat and drink at his table, and pour out  
our lives as he did.

##### Wisdom Connection

This Sunday, we celebrate Easter as a faith  
community. Easter is the Great Sunday. It is the  
celebration of Jesus's Resurrection from the  
dead. The historical event of Jesus's  
Resurrection is the final piece of evidence that  
proves he is who he said he is—the Messiah,  
the Son of God. When we gather as a faith  
community this Easter Sunday and each Sunday  
throughout the year, we celebrate again this  
glorious event of Jesus's rising from the dead.  
As we celebrate Easter through our various and  
diverse family and community traditions, let us  
never lose focus of Jesus's triumphant victory  
over death.

Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the other  
disciple come to believe more deeply in Jesus  
the Christ because of their personal relationship  
with Jesus, because of their love for Jesus.  
Could the Gospel of John be pointing to the  
importance of having a personal relationship  
with Jesus, a relationship in which we come to  
love Jesus more and more each day? Through  
daily prayer, frequent spiritual and scriptural  
reading, and acts of charity, we come to know  
Jesus more personally.

#### Happy birthday to Frank Demasi on his 80th

**A special thank you to Fr Kevin for  
his continued support of our  
Parish.**



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