

# ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

YEAR C; SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023



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*Please remember these people in our prayers*

## **Recent Death:**

## **Anniversaries:**

Ron Patching; Edna Nolen; Patricia Dillon; Jaxon Brigante; Ann Naus; Jane Giardina; Anna-Maria Dichiera; Louis Nelson; William Rogers;

## **Sick:**

Rowena Nolan; Sam Giampaolo; Gai Thi Tran; Louise Manna; Therese Cummins; Carmela Garreffa; Sue Shields; Pat DeLuca (senior); Trish Murrell; Amelia Spataro; Mary Costantino



Parish Administrator

**Fr Anthony Nagothu**

Visiting Priests:

**Fr Matthew Thomas &**

**Fr Shaiju Matthew**

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## **Local News:**

- ◆ Fr Shaiju Matthew received our **Holy Oils** last Monday at the Chrism Mass celebrated in Ballarat. These oils will be presented to the community at Holy Thursday Mass. They will be used on special sacramental occasions in our parish over the next twelve months e.g. Baptisms, Anointing of the Sick, Confirmation.
- ◆ **Farewell Mass:** Fr Anthony will be celebrating his final Mass 6pm, 15th April, in Robinvale and 9am, 16th April, in Manangatang. Please remember him in your prayers. Fr Shaiju Matthew will be taking charge as administrator of our parish effective from 20th April.
- ◆ Welcome **Peter Cay Trinh** (Seminararian). He will spend Easter Week in our parish.
- ◆ For anyone who didn't collect their **palm on Palm Sunday** there are plenty still available from the entrance table.
- ◆ Please bring any **Caritas boxes or envelopes** to church with you over Easter. This is the time for us to tally up our Parish contribution. All parishioners are invited to attend one of our Easter Masses. There is a choice of Easter Saturday Vigil @ 7.30pm or 9am Mass on Sunday.
- ◆ **Thank you to Saia** who decorated our church with palms for Palm Sunday.
- ◆ Mary Corcoran has prepared the **Table of Repose** for parishioners to use after Holy Thursday Mass - **thanks, Mary.**



# Happy Easter

## EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL SERVICE

### FIRST READING

#### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

*God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God and I give him praise.

#### **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea. The  
deeps hide them; they sank like a stone.

#### **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the  
foe.

#### **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

You will lead your people and plant them on your  
mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have  
made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which  
your hands have made.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

#### **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

### SECOND READING

#### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

*Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk*

*through the sea on dry ground.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

### **THIRD READING**

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.'

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL** Mk 16:1-7

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes.

But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
*Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen*

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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**...Bishop Paul's Easter Message...  
Copies of this are available on the  
table at the entrance.**

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

### **FIRST READING** Acts 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.**

**Thanks be to God**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17.

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

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for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

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

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up. I shall not die,  
I shall live and recount his deeds.

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad. or Alleluia!**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone. This is the work of  
the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad. or Alleluia!**

### **SECOND READING** Col 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL** Jn 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**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **FINANCES**

**Presbytery: \$736.00**

**Parish: \$731.00**

