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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | Year C | 20 April 2025



As light marked the dawning of Easter faith for some women, the Gospel of John points out that when a disconsolate Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, it was 'still dark'. She suggests to Peter and the Beloved Disciple that someone has stolen the body. She opens her experience of resurrection in the darkness of unfaith. But her words to the disciples send them on their way to the tomb. Respecting the authority of Peter, the Beloved Disciple stands back to allow Peter to see that the empty cloths have been carefully folded and lain at different parts of the tomb. Someone else has indeed entered the story! We hear nothing of Peter's faith response but the Beloved Disciple, the best of all disciples in the Gospel of John, enters the tomb, sees, and believes. It was not until then that the disciples were able to remember and believe the words of Scripture: Jesus' promise of resurrection on the other side of death.

Easter can lead us from hard-nosed unfaith (the darkness), resurrection (he saw and believed)

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025

### Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—[anthony.riosacg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosacg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipsscgcg.org.au](mailto:ipsscgcg.org.au)

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### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | Year C  
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**Entrance Antiphon - Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

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**First Reading - Acts: 10: 34,37 - 43**

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**

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

***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.

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

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**Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4**

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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**Gospel Acclamation - 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

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

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**Gospel - John 20:1-9**

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.

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**Communion Antiphon - 1 Cor 5: 7-8**

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

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<b>INNER NORTH</b>
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Fr Anthony is about to take a period of annual leave and there is a need to progress the parish assembly and also the discernment about the future of the current community of parishes potentially into a single

parish community, the priests *in solidum* have designated that Fr Renoir Oliver SSS will be the principal point of contact for the Assembly and discernment process and will speak on behalf of the priests *in solidum*. This designation does not impact on the role of the Moderator, since all the priests *in solidum* have agreed that Fr Oliver will act for them in this way. The priests have consulted with the Archbishop who support and approves their discernment on this matter for the practical good of the parishes.

**Please Note:** There will no Mass April 22-24 at St Brigid's Dickson and Blackfriars Watson. April 25 St Patrick's Braddon.  
Mass at the usual time April 22-24 at St Patrick's Braddon

**May 10 -** Fr Sebastian's 30th Ordination Anniversary and Fr. Renoir's 15th Religious Profession Anniversary. There will be adoration at 9:00 - 9:45am and mass afterwards at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. There will be refreshments after.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Andrew Selda who will be baptised at St Brigid's this weekend. Congratulations also to Hudson Gutzlaff who will be baptised at St Joseph's on Tuesday. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

**Recitation of the Rosary -** We still have few copies of the 'Rosary' for sale in the parish office . Please see the roster in the foyer for more information

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

The "Unpacking the Creed" journey has now come to an end.. At the same time, a new journey has started: "Unpacking the short sayings of Jesus". The group meets fortnightly, in St Joseph's church, on Thursdays, 11am-12.00pm The next meeting is on Thursday 24 April, 2025, Everybody welcome,. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au.

**Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's -** Will recommence Sunday 4 May - Term 2



## CONGRATULATIONS!

*We congratulate Fr Sebastian on his 30th ordination anniversary and Fr Renoir for his 15th Religious Profession. May you be continually faithful to the vocation that God has given you. You are in our prayers!*

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

William Korab, Diarmuid Battisson, Carmel Masters, Peter Dore, Caterina Tammaro, Dr Barry John Price, Wendy Altamore, Anne Balfour O'Brien, Davina Godfrey, Joy Pollard, Uqasha Imran Amjad, Kitty Mullaney

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Frank Tighe, Mary Bui, Sr Joy Belt RSCJ, Paul Doyle, Norbertus Purba, Felipe Miragaya, Dominica Cortese, Helen Olsen,

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Elsie Ong Lee, Maria Pham, Madelon Harvey, Errol Whitson, Patricia Brown, Maggie McKeown, Colleen & Robin Lees, Noel Tanzer,

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.*

## RISKS

Is it our task to make the gospel relevant to our lives, or to make our lives relevant to the gospel? It is very easy to enter into mind games when it comes to "religion truths." We need to be very careful about how far we enter into such games. We need to be careful not to distort the gospel in our attempts to make it relevant to our desires and values. If we truly want to be with the Christ, who is revealing himself in the proclamation of his gospel, then there are certain risks we need to take. We need to reach out our hands in trust to others. We need to accept our hurts and our pain. We need to accept our immorality. We need to stop looking at life in terms of questions and answers, or rights and obligations. We need to take such risks in order to experience ourselves as human beings who need Jesus Christ.

The passion account is a narrative of how the incarnate Word of God - Jesus Christ - literally became immersed in the critical aspects of human life. If we truly desire to be with the Master, we need to give ourselves the opportunities that can be ours if we are willing to take the risks in life.

Today I will remember how important it may be for me to take risks.



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**Blackfriars**: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Joseph's**: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish

Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Thomas More**: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish  
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**May the glory of the Lord's miracle  
strengthen your faith and renew your  
hope.**

**Wishing you a blessed Easter...**

MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 27April					
	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.30 1st & 3rd Friday Monthly
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm			11.30am - 12.30pm	
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Thursday *During Lent*		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday Sunday	9.30am	8.30am	8.15am -Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		