

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 12th April 2020



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First Reading Acts 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.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(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 Col 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.

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 1 Cor 5:7-8

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

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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Dear People of God

Happy Easter to you all and I wish you all the blessings of Easter.

St Paul in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, writes: Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead. He's alive and never to die again. He has saved us from death. Death in all its different forms can never hold us captives again. In today's first reading, Peter addressing Cornelius and his household said that God anointed Jesus "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". The Letter to the Hebrews says: "Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Yes, he took flesh as to suffer in the flesh and die for our sake. Yes, he died, and rose from the dead after three days to free all those who are held captive by the fear of death. Even if we shall die, that will not be the end. For we shall live again, if we die with him and in him. Fear can really enslave people really and though a human survival mechanism, it can incapacitate. It can affect our physical health or manipulate the thought processes of many. It can push some people beyond their limit or deter them from achieving their goal. A fear can be physical - like the fear of a real threat to life; psychological - like the fear of imagined danger or mentally perceived threat; or Spiritual - like the real fear of demonic attacks or of losing God's friendship. No matter whichever fear, Jesus by his death and resurrection has delivered us and can go on delivering us.

St Paul writes:

Indeed, we had accepted within ourselves the sentence of death, that we might trust not in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He rescued us from such great danger of death, and he will continue to rescue us; in him we have put our hope [that] he will also rescue us again, as you help us with prayer, so that thanks may be given by many on our behalf for the gift granted us through the prayers of many. (2 Cor. 1:9-11).

At this time of COVID 19 pandemic, we trust in God who can raise the dead, that he will continue to rescue us from all anxieties, worries and fears. In several places in the Bible, God has made it clear that those who believe in Jesus will overcome death, they will be victorious over any death threatening situation, because we know, as St Paul in today's second reading says, that "when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him". He is our Life – indestructible Life.

May we never be like the disciples who in today's Gospel reading are described as uncomprehending of the mystery of life in Christ. St John writes: "Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead". And that anyone who believes in him, even if he or she dies, he or she will live again (John 11:25-27). At baptism Christians share in Christ's death and resurrection. Having been baptised, we now have the life of Christ in us, never to die again. Thus, St Paul says again in today's second reading, "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for 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".

We are sons and daughters of the resurrection. So, enjoy Easter despite COVID 19 pandemic, social distancing and lockdowns. Once again, HAPPY EASTER.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass **Cancelled until further notice**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Cancelled	7.00 am
Wednesday	Cancelled	5.45 pm
Saturday Morning	Cancelled	9.00 am
Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the Third Saturday of next month at	Cancelled	9.00am

The next Anointing Mass will be to be advised

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	Cancelled	6.00 pm
Sunday	Cancelled	8.30 am

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am,	Cancelled
Saturday at 8.30am.	Cancelled

Divine Mercy Prayer	Thursday	Cancelled	7.30 am
Adoration	Thursday	Cancelled	6.00-7.00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am **Cancelled**

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church **Cancelled**

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 4th Sunday of each month **Cancelled**

Next Mass at St John's : **to be advised**



AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Dated 23rd March 2020

Following directives from the Federal Government,

- * All parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane are required to suspend with immediate effect all Masses, including weekday Masses.
- * Funerals—Funerals should be a private event strictly limited in size and in line with Queensland Health guidelines. The 4 square meter rule shall be adhered to and social distancing of 1.5 metres observed throughout. If you need advice in this matter please contact aomail@bne.catholic.net.au.
- * The Sacrament of Reconciliation should not be celebrated until further notice. The Holy See has given permission for the celebration of the Third Rite in exceptional circumstances which are unlikely to apply in this country. Approval should be sought from me or Bishop Howell for any proposed celebration of the Third Rite.
- * Baptism and weddings should be delayed if at all possible. If these celebrations need to proceed, attendance should again be strictly limited, with the 4 square metre rule and social distancing of 1.5 metres observed in line with the advice I gave last week.
- * First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion should be postponed until the pandemic is over. All other parish events, both outdoor and indoor, should be cancelled. This would include events such as outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

In days to come, I will provide Archdiocesan directives for the celebration of Holy Week, which will be based upon the guidelines already produced by the Holy See.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 29th March 2020

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 123.75 - For Clergy Support (Greatly affected by COVID 19 Crisis)

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 590.75 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

WE STILL HAVE AN OUTSTANDING DEBT OF \$3,000.00 from the installation of the air conditioners. If you feel touched to help, please do. I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers, and of your divine rewards.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

PRAYER WRITTEN BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow.

Almighty and all-merciful God,
 Lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
 In whom there is no shadow of death,
 Save us in this time of crisis;
 Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
 Watch over all medical people
 As they tend the sick and work for a cure;
 Stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
 If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
 By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
 That hope may never die
 And the light of Easter, triumph of life,
 May shine upon us and the whole world.
 Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

We pray for the recently deceased : John Bayles, Betty Redpath

We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We also remember their families—*may they be comforted and supported in their loss by this Community of Faith.*

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Brian Allen, Darren Sandstrom, John Sweeny, Kruze Patfield, Pat Ashton, Elle Rosier, Tony Bertram, Daryl Williams, Ava Mansfield, Shirley Jean Carr, Kath Fisher, Brenda Dale, (Baby) Paris Organ, Maureen Bourke, Jasmine Fay Parada, Patricia Smith, Maureen & Paul Hume, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, Sandra Miller, Nona Maguire, Linda Harri.

Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.

Celebrate the faith with your community, from home:

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is taking a number of actions to help protect the community and curb the spread of COVID-19. While Masses have been suspended, there are plenty of other ways you can celebrate your faith and connect with the Catholic community.

Watch Mass online. Mass from St. Stephen's Cathedral 8:00am weekdays, 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw.

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to all parishioners for free during this time. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au.

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Please keep helping your parish community by continuing your weekly offering via direct debit. Call the Archdiocesan Development Fund at 07 3324 3777 to find out how.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY MASS AT ST BRIGID'S

We will be live-streaming our Sunday Masses at 8.30am every Sunday via Zoom for the period of the COVID 19 Lockdown. Please let us know if you will like to join by sending us your mobile phone number and we will send to you a link with which you can join.

