

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

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.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

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

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

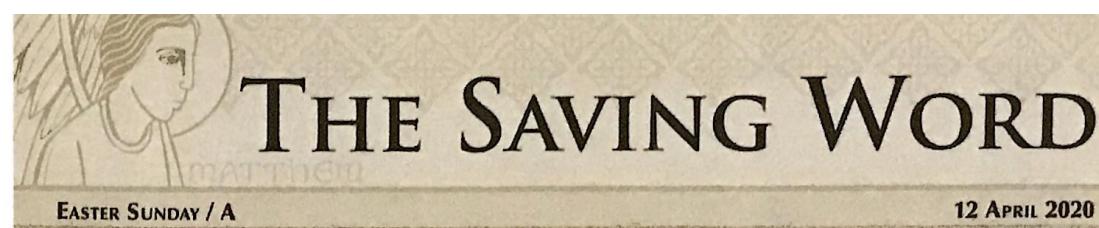
Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

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.

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MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

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 any more. 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS DURING THE DAY

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thurs 7:00pm

(Holy Family Chapel)

Easter Sunday – 12th April, 2020



Our Deceased: Geoff Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Roy & Bessie Landon and deceased members of Landon, Pigott, Stewart families, John & Bonnie Bowdern, Leslie & Isobel Johnson; Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill & Eileen Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani, Gregory Smallhorn, Bill Fullilove, Paul Houston; Ces Allman & Pamela Croaker.

Our Sick: Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan and Anne McIntyre, Adhy

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Parish News: **Wishing you all the joyful blessings of Easter!**



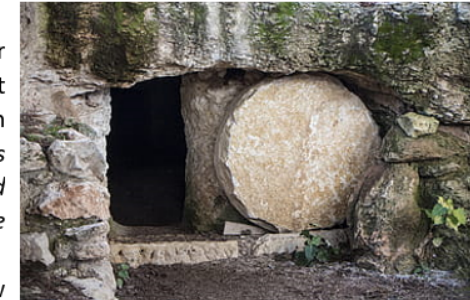
- **Thank you to all the parishioners who are still able to support the parish financially to meet ongoing necessities.** We have received enquiries from parishioners who were contributing by weekly envelopes. Since the church is now temporarily closed, cash collection has ceased. We can only accept online donations by credit card. This can be done by clicking on the **'SUPPORT US'** button through the parish website or by copying this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/eastwoodparish> on your browser. **For Biller Code, please choose 'Planned Giving,'** then fill out the rest with your details. **Your Planned Giving Number is your Envelope Number.** Thank you
- **Thank you to all those who participated in our Lenten Program this year. We were told that some groups had been very creative in getting together online and over the phone to finish the program. Congratulations to everyone!**
- **First Rite of Reconciliation can be arranged privately with Fr Martin. To book please call Fr Martin at 0414 841 928.**
- **Please visit the parish website for updates, Mass recordings and other resources.**
- **We also created a Facebook page for parishioners to stay connected. If you have a Facebook account, just search for 'St Kevin's Parish Eastwood.' Thank you.**
- **Thank you to those who have sent their family photos to be displayed in the Church pews for Fr Martin.** In this small way, we will be with him as he prays for us all. If you haven't done so, please email your photos to: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au
- **For those who have Project Compassion Boxes, you can go directly to Caritas Australia website and donate online: lent.caritas.org.au.**
- **The Catholic Weekly** is now available in digital form, visit: www.catholicweekly.com.au
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Easter Sunday – Jn 20: 1-9

A theatre critic once asked the Irish play writer Oscar Wilde after opening night how he thought that the play he wrote went and he answered in these words; *"I thought that the play was a success but the audience proved to be failures as they did not respond appropriately to what they were seeing."*

Perhaps we can apply this same principle to how we now respond to the resurrection event of Jesus coming back to life. If it is going to make a positive difference to our life, we will be the success if not we will not be the success. This event hopefully means a number of wonderful things, the first is that it reminds us that there is life beyond the physical death that we experience in this world. The second thing is that the evil and the injustices in this world will not have the final say as God's life and truth is stronger than the death and falsity of this world.

The resurrection event is like the 2 lungs of the human body if the body is to breathe then both lungs need to be working the first lung is that Jesus is now eternally alive and the second lung is that we believe and respond appropriately to this life! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*



EASTER JOY 2020

I think that it's a fair comment to make that what people don't pay for or struggle to gain in life it is often very hard for them to appreciate. For a number of reasons, we are living in a time and a culture in Australia where there is a widespread indifference to truth and to any faith commitment. Sadly, so many people who meet with difficulties abandon them instead of working through their difficulties.

Not that long ago it was a criminal offence to celebrate any religious event in Russia as the desire to eliminate religion was part of the agenda of the tough uncompromising communist government. Even though, there were still a number of flourishing underground Russian Christian churches. In one such Church on a vigil Easter night at the back of the Church someone lit a candle and then the candlelight was passed around the large room until there was a sea of flickering lights amidst the darkness. The person who reported this event said that behind each candle were people who had faces of extraordinary joy and faith as they celebrated with such conviction the memory of the amazing event that Jesus Christ had truly risen from the dead.

Perhaps the lesson of these Russian people is that they bravely gave courageous witness to the Easter event. The lesson that we might learn from these people is also to believe in the extraordinary joy of the Easter event! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*