

Alleluia! Easter Greetings!

Fr Paul and the parish leadership team wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Easter. Thank you to everyone who assisted in organising the various Easter liturgies and all those who attended. Your presence made it a beautiful and blessed time.

Thank you to the Members of the Liturgy Committee, Members of the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council, all those involved in the parish ministry roster as volunteers, the Altar Society, Parish Staff, Members of the Music Ministry, Members of McLean Ministry, and the Staff and Pupils at Holy Trinity School.

May you all have a blessed and grace-filled Easter.

Easter Blessing Prayer for Families

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer in Honour of the Holy Eucharist

Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen.



A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

The world was wrong and Christ was right. He Who had the power to lay down His life had the power to take It up again; He Who willed to be born, willed to die; and He Who knew how to die knew also how to be reborn, and to give to this poor tiny planet of ours an honour and a glory which flaming suns and jealous planets do not share the glory of one forsaken grave.

The great lesson of Easter Day is that a Victor may be judged from a double point of view; that of the world, and that of God. From the world's point of view, Christ failed on Good Friday; from God's point of view Christ had won. Those who put Him to death gave Him the very chance He required; those who closed the door of the sepulchre gave Him the very door which He desired to fling open; their seeming triumph led to His greatest victory. Christmas told the story that Divinity is always where the world least expects to find it, for no one expected to see Divinity wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Easter repeats that Divinity is always where the world least expects to find it, for no one in the world expected that a defeated man would be a Victor, that the rejected cornerstone would be the head of the building; that the dead would walk and that He who was ignored in a tomb should be our Resurrection and our Life.

Unroll the scrolls of time and see how the lesson of that first Easter is repeated as each new Easter tells the story of

the Great Captain, who found His way out of the grave and revealed that lasting victory must always mean defeat in the eyes of the world. At least a dozen times in her life of twenty centuries, the world in the first flush of its momentary triumph sealed the tomb of the Church, set her watch and left her as a dead, breathless, and defeated thing, only to see her rising from the grave and walking in the victory of her new Easter morn.

In the first few centuries thousands upon thousands of Christians crimsoned the sands of the Coliseum with their blood in testimony of their faith. In the eyes of the world Caesar was victor and the martyrs were defeated. And yet in that very generation while pagan Rome with her brazen and golden trumpets proclaimed to the four corners of the earth her victory over the defeated Christ – 'Where there is Caesar, there is power,' there swept from out the Catacombs and deserted places like their leader from the grave the conquering army chanting its song of victory: 'Wherever there is Christ, there is Life!' Who today knows the names of Rome's executioners? But who does not know the names of Rome's martyrs? Who today recalls with pride the deeds of a Nero or a Diocletian, but who does not venerate the heroism and sanctity of an Agnes or a Cecelia? And so, on Easter Day, I sing not the song of the victors but of those who go down to defeat.

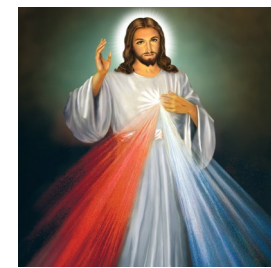
'Speak, History! Who are Life's victors? Unroll thy long annals and say,

Are they these whom the world called the victors, who won the success of a day?

The martyrs or Nero? The Spartans, who fell at Thermopylae's tryst?

Or the Persians and Xerxes? His judges or Socrates? Pilate or Christ?'

(The Moral Universe)



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and goes until Divine Mercy Saturday. Please join this holy and powerful devotion which seeks God's mercy for different intentions each day. Divine Mercy Prayer Guides are available at the paper table or online at www.divinemercury.org.

Divine Mercy Devotions

After Holy Mass next Sunday, April 27th, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration from 10am to 11am. During this hour, the Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited before the image of Divine Mercy.

Our Lord promised that He wants "to grant a complete pardon to the souls who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (from the Diary of St Faustina)

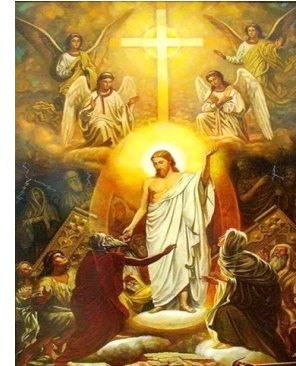
NB: It is possible, and even proper preparation, to go to Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday. Confession is not required on the day itself.



EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR C

20 APRIL 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"



"The greatest of all feast days is Easter Day, the day of the Lord's Resurrection, because today assurance was given to us to obtain eternal and immortal life in soul and body. Christ gave it to us through His resurrection, which is the cause and the assurance of our resurrection."

- St. Vincent Ferrer

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

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.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

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 Colossians 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.

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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 Corinthians 5:7-8

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

Gospel John 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.

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Easter Sunday - Year C

April 20, 2025



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Closed Monday and Friday due to Public Holidays

Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of the soul of June Sanders; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Stephen Tubb, Janet O'Reilly, Terry Savoy, Daniel Wilson, Straton Kennedy, Danel Djan Soares.

the sick:

Pope Francis, Tony King, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

APRIL - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MONDAY 21st

Monday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

TUESDAY 22nd

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 23rd

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Holy Mass - 6.30am

Holy Mass at McLean - 10.00am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 24th

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 25th

ANZAC Day / Friday within the Octave of Easter

Rosary - 8.00am

Holy Mass - 8.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 26th

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 27th

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Divine Mercy Devotions - 10.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

Easter Dues

Envelopes will be available throughout the Easter Octave. These donations support the local clergy and that of the Diocese. Please donate generously.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR APRIL

Margaret Robinson & volunteer

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 11 May 2025, after Mass

Finance Committee - Wed 14 May 2025, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 17 May 2025, 9.00am

Pastoral Council - Wed 28 May 2025, 5.00pm

Bottles of Holy Water

Bottles of Holy Water are available at the side of the Altar. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the Paschal Candle and other Easter expenses. Please return any old bottles to the office. If you have your own holy water bottle, you may fill it from the holy water vessel on the altar.

ANZAC Day

On Friday 25 April we remember the heroism and courage of Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives in the fields of battle. We also remember all of the civilian victims of war. Our parish will celebrate ANZAC Day with the **Holy Rosary recited at 8.00am and Holy Mass at 8.30am.**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, in this season of Easter we rejoice in the New Life the Risen Jesus gives us, offering hope and peace. As we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country, help us to be instruments of Your peace through the intercession of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Plenary Indulgences available during the Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the verses of the Tantum Ergo after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday during the solemn reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Good Friday brings two opportunities:

1. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly assist at the Adoration of the Cross in the solemn liturgical action of Good Friday afternoon; OR

2. "Personally make the pious Way of the Cross, or devoutly unite themselves to the Way of the Cross while it is being led

by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live on television or radio."

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil: "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at the celebration of the Easter Vigil renew their baptismal vows in any legitimately approved formula."

The usual conditions apply: Holy Mass and Holy Communion on the day (though on Good Friday there is no Mass so attendance at the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion takes its place; sacramental Confession on or before or after the day; prayer for the Pope's intentions; and detachment from sin. A plenary indulgence may be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

Quotations from the Enchiridion of Indulgences

Holy Communion procedures

Fr Paul has discussed with the Liturgy Committee, the Pastoral Council and some parishioners, the feasibility and desirability of returning to the way Holy Communion was received before the restrictions of Covid came.

It is proposed that all come to the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion processing down the centre aisle in two lines and return via the side aisles. Those who sit on the flanks of the congregation could file through the seats in the centre section, following those who are seated there.

Also it would not be necessary to hold back at the first pew until the person in front moves away. A respectful and practical distance behind the person in front would be sufficient.

A final decision about this will be made at the next Pastoral Council meeting on 28th May. Your input is welcomed.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Easter Vigil, Page 297
- * Proper of Mass, Easter Sunday, Page 337
- * Preface I of Easter, Page 36
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)

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