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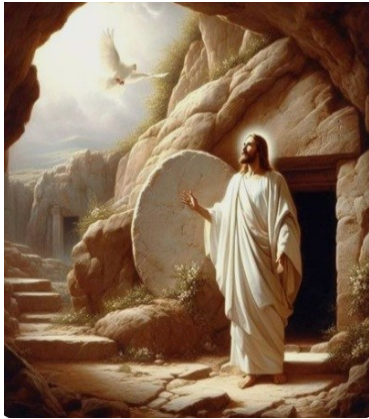
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EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A - 5 APRIL 2026



“The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Christian faith and the source of our eternal hope.”
- Saint Leo the Great

Easter Vigil: Use Red Holy Week Missal, Pg 154

Sunday Morning Readings:

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 6 April - Closed, Friday, 10 April - 8am to 1pm
Tues, 7 April - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Joshua McCosker; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Robert McCabe (brother of Fr Paul)

the sick: Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 6th: No Mass - Church closed
Tues 7th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass
Wed 8th: 6.30am Holy Mass
Thurs 9th: 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45 - 1.30pm Confession, 1.30pm Ladies Lunch
Fri 10th: No liturgies. Clergy Deanery Meeting - Armidale
Sat 11th: 10.00am Baptism of L. McMahon
3.30pm Holy Mass - Tingha
5.15pm - 5.45pm Confession, 5.30pm Rosary,
6pm Holy Mass - Inverell
Sun 12th: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass, 10am Morning tea followed by Private devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 12 April 2026, after Mass

Men's Breakfast: Wed 8 April 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Liturgy Committee: Sat TBA 2026, 9.00am

Finance Committee: Wed TBA 2026, 4.00pm

Altar Society Roster For April: Margaret Robinson & volunteer

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Morning Tea

There will be Morning Tea after the 9am Mass next Sunday. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

Blessing of April Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrants will be done during 11/12 April Masses

Easter Greetings!

Fr Juvi 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.

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.

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. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel near the altar.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday 8 April at 8.00am at The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street**. Please contact David McMahon on 0427 089 560 to confirm your attendance for booking purposes. Payment is pay as you go.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and goes until Divine Mercy Saturday. Divine Mercy Prayer Guides are available at the paper table or online at www.divinemercury.org.

Divine Mercy Devotions

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) Private devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be after the Morning Tea next Sunday.

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 Dues

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

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

- * Proper of Mass, Easter Vigil, Page 297; Easter Sunday, Page 337
- * Preface I of Easter Pg 36
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Octave of Easter commences on Pg 286