

# Peak Downs Catholic Cluster of Parishes Bulletin

part of the Western Deanery within the Diocese of Rockhampton Qld



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A 12th April 2020

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

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Responsorial** Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v24

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

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

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 28: 1-10

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



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### MASS TIMES

Please be advised that all Churches will now be closed, at the Bishop's instruction.

No Masses until further notice.

Bishop Michael has asked us to join him and all the priests of the diocese each day at 12 noon as they celebrate Mass. As a community could we stop, remember each other and pray the Lord's Prayer just to keep us in touch.

9.30am Sunday Mass in Rockhampton is available online at  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

Mass is also available to watch on Channel 10 at 6am each Sunday.

**Please see attachment from the Bishop's Office for Easter Mass Times. You can view these at the same link as above.**

## Remember In Your Prayers



### *The Sick*

And others in our communities who are incapacitated or recovering from sickness and in need of spiritual support.

Steven Bryant	Mrs Roth	Keith Kelly
Beverley Paulsen	June Tewson	Joleen Adamson
Barry Coleman	Andre Tiberoo	Mary Walker
Julie Rowan	Carmel Dickinson	Hugh Williams
Linda Fearn	Ronnie Baldock	Chris Hayman
Dan Clancy	Jan Palmer	Alan Burton
John Matthews	Josie Kelly	Peter Mifsud
John Russell	Ian Williams	Margaret McCoy
Anne Lynam	Stephen Winters	Una Kowitz
Todd Dennis	Jim Young	Linda Schostakowski
Carmel Smith	Diana Kidd	Murray Sisson
Brendan Schostakowski	Peter Mahony	Lorna Faint
Mrs Croft	Anna King	
	Barry Hathaway	

### *Recently Deceased*

Teddy Jones	Kath Eite	Dave Murphy
Sister Noela Macnamara		Dot Waterson
Mary Gallagher		Eryl Toomey

### *Baptism*

### *Anniversaries*

### **Cluster Mission Statement**

We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community.

### **Bulletin by email**

Cluster church bulletins can be sent to you by email. If interested please email the Cluster Administration Officer, Cathy Pearson at [peakdowns\\_finance@hotmail.com](mailto:peakdowns_finance@hotmail.com)

# Cluster Notices

## Cluster Communities' News

### EASTER REFLECTION

#### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

By Mary Coloe PBVM

Seeing signs of life

*Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9*

He saw and he believed.

The day begins with darkness and fear. The tomb has been desecrated. The body has been stolen. Whatever Jesus said about resurrection, his disciples did not expect him to rise until the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time. The anonymous disciple loved by Jesus races to the tomb, sees the linen cloth and the face cloth placed apart and believes. In this simple sign of a 'tidy' tomb, he sees what Peter missed, that God has entered this story of death and transformed it to a story of life.

On two occasions in this short reading, we find the use of the passive voice – 'the stone had been moved away' and the linen cloth over his head, 'rolled up' in a place by itself. Frequently in the Scriptures, the use of the passive voice is called the Divine Passive, as it is a way of referring to the action of God without naming God as the direct agent of the action. This is a Semitic way of reverencing God. The face-veil has been removed and rolled with care. Although never named, God is the Divine agent in this episode.

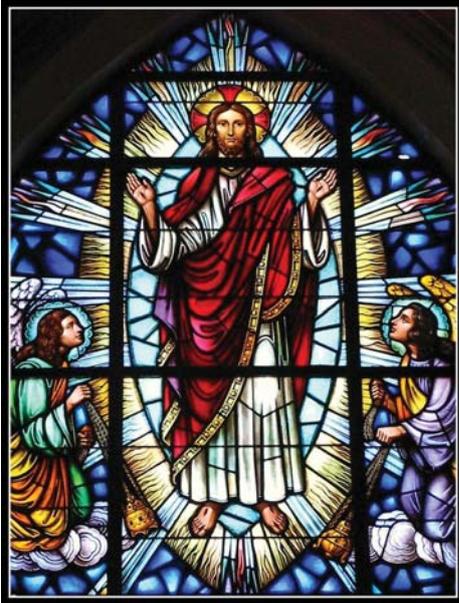
John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

Naming this day as 'the first day' of the week, is not simply an indicator that it is the day of the Jewish Sabbath (7th day), but is also a hint that in John's Gospel the resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. If you recall the Passion reading on Friday, which is always from John's gospel, you might have noticed that Jesus was arrested in a garden, and then was buried in a garden. We so frequently mix all the gospel accounts together we can sometimes miss seeing the unique theological vision and artistry of each individual evangelist. Only John has Jesus arrested in a garden, and only John has Jesus buried in a garden. Also John emphasizes that the Cross is placed 'in the middle' which is the same phrase used to describe the tree of life in Genesis 2, which was also placed 'in the middle of the garden'. Then at the foot of the Cross John has a man and a woman, who is only called 'woman' and 'mother' in this Gospel. These were the names given to Eve. These differences to the Synoptic gospels are deliberate. John is setting the crucifixion within the garden of creation. For John, the cross marks the end of one creation – remember Jesus' words, 'It is finished' – and the beginning of a new creation.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, a similar theology is presented, that the resurrection is a new creation. Paul speaks about being 'brought back to true life' and reminds the Colossians that 'you have died'. For both Paul and John, the Christ event has an impact on all people and in fact all of creation. The old creation, the old life is now finished and a new possibility of life has been revealed and this is God's own eternity life, which humans can participate in. Jesus is the sign that humanity has passed through death and that humanity can be imbued with God's divine life, what Paul calls 'glory' in this passage. So Resurrection is not just a celebration for what happened to Jesus – if it were only that, then Easter would be just a nostalgic memory. Easter celebrates that we also, right now, through the Risen One, can participate in Divine life. So Easter is as much about us, as it is about Jesus.

You may have had a chance to see the film, 'As it is in heaven,' which suggests that through music, a group of people for a short time were able to glimpse or hear the divine harmony. For a moment, they participated in something bigger than themselves. Easter is this glimpse for us of heaven on earth.

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### *Spiritual Communion*

I believe  
That you are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you  
Above all things, and  
Desire to receive you  
Into my soul.

Since I cannot  
At this moment  
Receive you into my soul,  
Comme at least spiritually  
Into my heart.

I embrace you  
As if you were already there  
And  
Unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me  
To be separated  
From you.  
Amen

### Clermont

#### **Birthdays for April**

Milla Buchanan, Jesse Barnes, Willow Harrison, Elizabeth Shannon

#### **Project Compassion**

If any one is wanting to drop off their Project Compassion Envelopes, please send me an email and we can organise where. [Peakdowns\\_finance@hotmail.com](mailto:Peakdowns_finance@hotmail.com)

### **DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER— 4 APRIL**

The Bishop's latest Newsletter has been released, use the following link to view:

<https://rokatholic.schoolzineplus.com/diocesaneews?nid=19>



### **Why We Do The Things We Do** *The Easter Season*

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. Traditionally, the Easter vigil is the time for baptising newcomers to our Church. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday. In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptised. Called *mystagogy* ('reflection on the mysteries'), this catechesis led the baptised to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.