



THE SAVING WORD

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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

(see opposite 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!

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Jn 20: 1-9

GOSPEL

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.

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: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

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

Mk 16: 1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to

go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

■ 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



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadigal People as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



EASTER SUNDAY

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the:

Recently Deceased: Caryll Perira, Doyn and Marlene Casperez, Graziella Vitale (Rose André's mother), Keith Lawson, Faye Smith, Ivan Micallef, Marshall Kandur, Ange Portelli, Jose Barreto Martins, Ronald Camenzuli, Mauro Soriano, Piera Scarfaro, and all those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.



Anniversary: Gerard Dalton, Joseph & Lydia Bujeya, Robert & Yolande Aquilina, Antonino Torrisi, Joe Smith, Patricia (Trish) Simmonds, June (Nonie) Power, Inez D'Souza, Peter Heany, and Alice Payet.

Deceased: Grace Abela, Francis Abela, Sime Pedisich, Joyce Gander, Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

The Sick: Esperance Mankarios, Helen Facione Stephany Hiew, Margaret Gately, Maureen Maron, Sandra Russell, Bishop Peter Ingham, Ha Oi Lan, Mario Assini, Sam Strano, Josephine Regan, Mary Vella, Beatriz Visperas, Michael Victor, Marcus O'Dean, Angela Beveridge, Merley Nate Fien, John Sarniak Thomson, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, and Santa Viselli. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and pray for World Peace, and those suffering from Covid.

Prayers for: Care of the World Environment.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 6 April, 2024 - 5.00pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed)
Sunday 7 - April 2024 - 10.00am St Agnes'

FROM FR JOHN'S DESK

Easter Sunday
HE IS RISEN



Greetings dear parishioners and visitors of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew & St Agnes Malabar-Matraville.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed! This is the cry of Christians everywhere in this Easter Tide, as Jesus overcame sin and death as the perfect sacrifice for our salvation and rose from the dead. The Church now has an Octave of Easter Day—8 days of celebrating Easter Sunday. Then the Easter Season continues till the Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. I want to thank all those who made our Easter Triduum so beautiful. Christ is Risen indeed!

As many may know that the Parishes of St Andrew's, Malabar, and St Agnes', Matraville are now in a process of being merged as one parish. The Archdiocese of Sydney through its mission plan 'Go Make Disciples' speaks about amalgamation of parishes due to lack of vocations and building up of resources of parishes into one. The Archbishop's desire in building Eucharistic communities paves way in new possibilities in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 21st Century. I have spoken about tools of consultation which will be used in this amalgamation. One of the tools is that there will be a parish meeting at St Andrew's and St Agnes', two meeting one in each parish, (to be announced after Easter) in which people can hear all matters concerning the amalgamation and questions will be answered. To be quite clear the names of St Andrew's and St Agnes' Churches will remain. There will be one Parish Council, One Parish Finance Committee and the resources of both parishes would be combined building up the resources for the one new parish. Please attend the meetings to have your questions answered, so watch this space!

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land rich by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and St Clare of Assisi to St Peter and St Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we will cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's and receive the Jubilee blessing. We will pilgrimage with the Parish of Sydney City South and our Parishes of Malabar—Matraville. Our proposed itinerary 13 nights/16 Days departing 23 April—8 May 2025 an approximate cost is around \$10,000 twin share, Single supplement an extra \$1,250.00. Our pilgrimage has been customised by Harvest Journeys and it would be helpful if you were keen about joining the pilgrimage, could you please leave your names at the entrance of our churches.

God blessings of Easter be with you all

Fr John



We welcome into our Parish community **Freya Suzanne Durkan** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday at St Andrew's Malabar.
Congratulations.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding.enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Funeral for the late Faye Smith - Tuesday, 2 April, 11am, Eastern Suburbs Crematorium.

Funeral for the late Graziella Vitale - Wednesday, 3 April, 10.30am, St Therese, Mascot

Funeral for the late Ivan Micallef - Thursday, 4 April, 10.am—Eastern Suburbs Crematorium