

EASTER CEREMONIES BROADCAST

on PRIME TV

Catholics around Australia will be able to watch Easter services live on national TV from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

In a 7News special, the network will stream across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.

- ⇒ The Lord's Passion - 3pm on GOOD FRIDAY
- ⇒ Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am

Mass with Bishop Shane at St Kilian's Church Bendigo will continue to be livestreamed on Sundays at 10am
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

What's happening around the Parish.....

Some of the challenges thrown to the many groups in our Parish are how do we stay connected. Phone calls have been a great way to keep support networks going. The other thing is video conference calls utilizing Zoom. Our Teams of Our Lady group, (for married couples) met via Zoom recently. There was much laughter and joy as we could see each other again and were able to share the challenges we all are facing. Some shared some positive experiences from our isolation.

Our Parish Men's group also met via Zoom on Saturday for our normal men's breakfast. Eighteen (18) men joined the video from Mooropna, Numurkah, St Brendan's and St Mel's. The men each shared how things were going in their lives - their up's and down's! Once again great joy at being able to see faces of good friends, as we seek to continue to support each other through this very different world.

Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate

HOLY WEEK IDEAS

On **Good Friday** some locals are choosing to place a cross in their front yard/front window. We display the cross of Jesus as a sign that all the bad things of this age will have already met their final end.

On **Easter Sunday** you can choose to tie some balloons to the cross/mailbox/front of house. We decorate our homes with balloons in celebration! He is risen!



More Celebrations -

- ♦ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Monsignor Peter Jeffrey whose birthday was during this week
- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Fr Varghese who will celebrate 15 years of his Priesthood on 18 April.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



EASTER LITURGIES AT ST BRENDAN'S for 2020

Fr Varghese, Deacon Baguma and myself will celebrate the Easter Liturgies at the following times:

- ♦ Holy Thursday Mass - 5pm
- ♦ Good Friday - 3pm
- ♦ Easter Vigil - Saturday 6pm
- ♦ Easter Sunday - 9am

These will not be streamed. You are invited to pray along with us from your homes.

Wishing you and your families a very HAPPY EASTER.

With God's blessing Fr Joe Taylor

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE DROP OFF POINT

Access to the mail slot at the front of the Parish Office is temporarily compromised due to plumbing issues.

Any envelopes can now be put through the opening in the FRONT DOOR of Fr Joe's Presbytery.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to those who have used this option to pass on your contributions.

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If you have a **Project Compassion Box**, you can bank your coins in the Sandhurst Caritas Account and email caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for a receipt. Details are **Name: RHayesKStone** **BSB: 083-760 Acc No: 66-451-1663**

If you have **Project Compassion Envelopes**, you can leave them at the St Brendan's Presbytery or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636 **OR** you can **donate online at www.caritas.org.au**.

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE ACBC

On 7th April the High Court upheld Cardinal Pell's appeal and quashed his conviction.

See attachment to this Bulletin for a full Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC).

Recently Deceased: Carla Cortese (Italy), Bill Dowling (Yarrawonga)

Fr Joe will pray intentions at a **Private Mass** - please email Shepparton@cdos.org.au

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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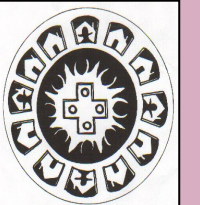
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Christ in community...the heart of our faith

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

12 April 2020



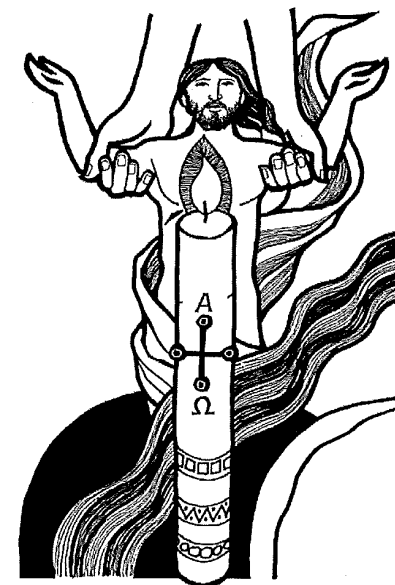
Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings Urbi et Orbi Blessing

At Christmas and Easter each year the popes give a blessing for the city and the world (Urbi et Orbe) to both the large crowd gathered in Rome and all people who see on TV and online. This year, however, Pope Francis gave this blessing two weeks early. He meditated on the calming of the storm (Mark 4:35-41) during the prayer service on the steps of St Peter's Basilica last Friday evening. St Peter's square was eerily empty.

Quote for the Week

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Vivian Greene, author

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Looking at the Readings

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Francis Easter Blessing 2020

"When evening had come ..." (Mk 4:35-41). The Gospel passage begins like this. For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this. The full text of his meditation is found on www.vaticannews.va/en.html

HOLY WEEK: Something to think and pray aboutIngenuity blossoms when the personal freedom to pursue opportunities is linked to a profound trust and optimism that the world presents plenty of them. Imagination, creativity, adaptability, and rapid response become the keys for finding and unlocking those opportunities.

Chris Lowney, Heroic Leadership