



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Easter Sunday –Year A 11/12 April 2020

Mass online: <http://stbrigid.org.au/>; FBpage: [St Brigid's Marrickville](https://www.facebook.com/StBrigidMarrickville)

**Parish Office will reopen on
Wednesday, 15 April
from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

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Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second reading: Colosians 3:1-4

Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

REFLECTION

**Dawn has Broken
– The Son is Risen**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole

of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.



FAMILY PRAYER

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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Prayer Intentions for this week

Recently deceased

- ♦ Maria Schembri
- ♦ Fr Ray Farrell
- ♦ Vincenzo La Malfa
- ♦ Zequiel De Saosa

Death Anniversaries

Sarah Ann Marshall
Emmy Salie
Phero Hoang Dinh Rong
Patrick Collins
Fr Tony Clear CP
Helen de Paul Noble
Antonio De Francesco
Anna Le Thi Chung
Dee Pace, Mary Willis
John Ambrose Dawson
Ugo Buracchi
Domenico Mario Busin

For the Sick:

- ♦ Infected with Corona Virus
- ♦ Edna Taylor

Especially for those :

- ♦ who are evicted from their homes and lives on the streets.

Water is a sign of life, the life of Christ begun at our baptism. Place a bowl of water on the table in front of you. Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, is an opportunity to renew our baptismal faith.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Leader: Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Reader: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the reading. Perhaps parents could share the story of their children's baptism.

Leader: Let us renew the promises of our baptism.

All: WE RENOUNCE Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises. WE BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. WE BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Leader: Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.

Family members now take some of the Easter water and bless themselves with it.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray the family prayer of all the baptised as Jesus taught us:

Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe. All In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Special Appeal ~ Easter 2020

As you know the Parish relies upon the generosity of Parishoners to support both the operation of the Parish and its ministries.

In 2019 the Parish raised \$23,000 from donations across the Easter weekend through the generous support of both Parishoners and visitors. These donations are critical in supporting the ongoing costs of operating the Parish (2nd collection) and supporting the ministry of the Passionist Fathers (1st collection) across the whole year.

Given that the Church is physically closed for Easter this year we are making a special appeal for direct donations. Donations can be made directly via EFT to the Parish bank account details below. We also hope to have an online donation facility via the Parish website operational shortly. All EFT donations should be referenced "Easter Appeal" and will be allocated 70% to St Brigid's Parish and 30% to the Passionists Fathers.

We once again commend this appeal to your generosity at this very difficult time.

Bank Account Details

Acc Name: Marrickville Parish
Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 062784
Acc No 6445001
Description: Easter Appeal

Online payment on St Brigid's Parish website under the donate tab:
<https://stbrigid.org.au/donations/>

EASTER MESSAGE

Dear St Brigid's Parish friends

Happy Easter to you all!!!

What a strange way to celebrate the resurrection! I mentioned to you that I decided to not receive communion in solidarity with all of you. It has reminded me of the times when I was younger, we would receive communion about once or twice (maximum) times every two months. This was due to the lack of priests. I feel so much hunger for the Eucharist because the feeling of receiving Christ strikes through my heart and makes me much more energised than just when I pray or watch mass. So, sometimes I wish I did not make the solidarity decision, but it has given me a chance to feel how many of you might be feeling.

'Where there is a will there is a way.' We are lucky to have had so many people helping us through this time and providing masses online.

I would like to thank God for being the centre of our will and our wish to remain spiritually connected with God and one another.

I thank Fr Tom McDonough CP, our provincial for his guidance, his love and comforting words to us. Fr Giltus Mathias CP for sharing his technological talent with us in creating the liturgies. I very much thank other IT helpers as well.

I thank Fr Ron Davoren CP, the Mar-rickville Passionist Community Leader and all the Passionist brothers, for their companionship and support extended to the parish.

I thank the parish team, for their love and patience during all the uncertainties; for being flexible with so many changes and willing to help without questioning. I feel your support very much and feel privileged to have such a supportive team.

My gratitude goes to all parishioners

who have volunteered in one way or another, to keep our parish going. The parish cannot operate without volunteers! I thank our doctors, the liturgy committee, the parish pastoral council, the finance committee, and many other committees for your love and passion for St Brigid's, despite the hard times.

I thank also all of you praying for us and/or donating to St Brigid's parish so that we can continue our mission in the way that we have done.

Thank you and God bless your generous hearts.

I hope you all take sometime to relax and give God thanks for all your efforts in serving God, as you try to celebrate Easter joyfully at this difficult time. God is good at all times.

As I mentioned, when I was younger, we would always look forward to the Eucharist, and now I cannot wait to when we can once again celebrate together. For us that will be our real Easter.

The Easter we celebrate this weekend is a reminder that there is hope. Death is not end, there is an end to suffering even when physical life fades. We are a people of hope in the most overwhelming act of God's Love through the cross, that conquered death forever.

Happy Easter everyone, God bless you and your families.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**With Peace
Erick**

