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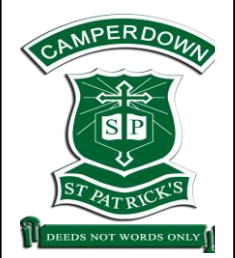
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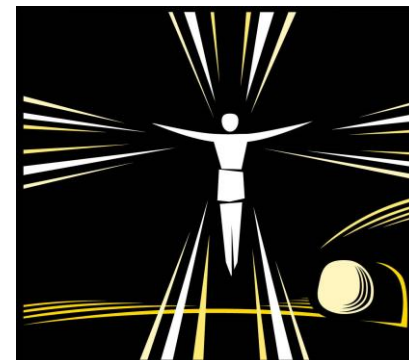
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Easter Message.....Easter gives hope to the people who live in a state of hopelessness. The people in Jesus' time had undergone political turmoil - they were expecting a Messiah or liberator. Currently we are facing a similar sort of a situation due to the epidemic of Corona Virus. This is a difficult and tough time for many of us. Except for essential services all other business are closed and many have lost their jobs. Schools and churches are closed; no more sports and no other entertainments. We are forced to adjust to a new way of life to suit the emergency situation. What would be the Easter message for us who are not permitted to celebrate our Easter in our traditional way? Actually the message of the resurrection of Jesus delighted the Apostles, though they were sitting in an upper room with fear and frustration. Likewise the message of the resurrection of Jesus would give us hope as we go through a difficult time in our life. The suffering and death of Jesus didn't last long but brought a glorious end by his resurrection.

The news of hope came to his disciples through a group of women who visited the tomb of Jesus. As we see in the gospel of John, Mary Magdalene stays at the empty tomb, weeping. Someone speaks to her. "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She thinks it must be the gardener, until he calls her "Mary". She looks up and it is Jesus. In her joy at seeing him alive she must have grabbed hold of him. But he tells her "Do not cling to me." Here, the risen Jesus is telling her that something new has happened. The Resurrection has changed his whole being. He was transformed into a glorious form. He passed all the suffering of the world and was ready to ascend to meet his father. This glory of the resurrection of Jesus has invited the disciples to observe the instructions and the teaching of his kingdom and remain in Jerusalem. Hence the disciples will have to live a new way of life with their eyes fixed on the glory of Jesus. Like the Apostles, if we want to experience God's glory and to go through a new transformation, we have to let go the things of our old ways of life from our hearts and minds, hence make a fresh start in our life. In the process of our transformation, let us put on the armour of hope to face the challenges and obstacles that are put in place due to the state of emergency. Like the disciples who faced this similar sort of a death and horror, the instructions of their leader came out victorious in the end with the grace of God. Likewise we will be victorious if we follow the instructions of our health experts then we will also overcome this dreadful sickness with the grace of God. In this manner let us support and motivate each other with the message of hope that this Easter brings to our hearts and minds.

May Easter's joy and hope shine upon you and your families this Easter. Neville.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden
Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson
9am 2nd Sun. Lismore
9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon
9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum
Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden
(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)
2nd Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side
Friday: 9.30am Camperdown
When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien,

Recent Death: John Ryan
Death Anniversaries

Dorothy Hill, Michael Dwyer, Una Hatley, Peter Pearson, Patricia Lineen, John Kavenagh, Francis Sargeant, Marie Fahey

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 1:1, 26-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(R.) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He collects the waves of the ocean; he stores up the depths of the sea. (R.)
3. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth, he sees all the children of men. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Ex 14:15—15:1

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ex 15:1-6, 17-18. R. v.1

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise. (R.)
2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,

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- the flower of his army is drowned in the sea. The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (R.)
3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (R.)
 4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where
you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (R)

Third Reading Ez 36:16-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, “These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land.” But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, “The Lord says this: I am not doing this for my sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.”’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 41:3. 5; 42:3. 4. R. Ps 41:2

(R.) Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

1. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;
when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)
2. These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy. (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

Prayer: Let us pray.

Lord God, you have brightened this night with the radiance of the Risen Christ.
Quicken the spirit of sonship in your Church; renew us in mind and body
To give you whole-hearted service.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **R.** Amen.

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 anymore. 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.

This is 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 corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

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Bishop Paul has recorded an Easter message which is available on the Diocesan website. Please click on the link there to view: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Despite the restriction on church services due to the coronavirus pandemic, especially at this most holy time of year, we hope that you may have a happy and safe Easter.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

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.

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