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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



**We welcome Father McInerney to our parish as he celebrates Mass today. We welcome our parishioners and visitors to St Joseph's Timboon this Easter. Best wishes to all at this time and may you have a safe and happy Easter filled with joy.**

**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. We are in a similar sort of a situation as we are facing the epidemic of Corona Virus. Some countries are facing a very tough time. We are lucky in a way compared to other countries, but we are forced to adjust to a new way of life to suit the situation. What would be the Easter message for us, we who are living in an unsteady and difficult time. Actually, the message of the resurrection of Jesus delighted the Apostles, though they were sitting in an upper room in fear and frustration. Likewise, the message of the resurrection of Jesus should give us hope as we go through a difficult time in our life, as the suffering and death of Jesus didn't last long but brought about 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 heard in the gospel today. The Resurrection of Jesus has turned things around - He was transformed into a glorious form. He invited the disciples to live a new way of life with their eyes fixed on the glory of God. Hence, like the Apostles, if we want to experience God's glory and to go through a new transformation, we have to let go of the things of our old ways of life from our hearts and minds and to 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 in our witnessing life, like the disciples who faced this similar sort of horror of death but followed the instructions of Jesus to enter into the glory of God. Likewise, we would be victorious if we follow the values of the gospel and then we will be able to share the glory 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 this Easter's joy and hope shine upon you and your families on this Easter season. - Neville.

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Patrick Giblin, Bernadette Moloney

**Anniversaries occurring in April:** Laurie Loft, Laurie Dwyer, George Farmer, Father Meredith Delehenty, Joan Rylance, Dos Haugh, Mick McMeel, Pat Warner, Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnston, Elli Howe, Patrick Delaney, John Hunt, Marie McMeel, Margaret Dillion, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo.



**Easter Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



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# Liturgy of the Word The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Year B

## 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.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24. 35. R. see v.30

(R.) **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe. (R.)
2. You founded the earth on its base,  
to stand firm from age to age.  
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:  
the waters stood higher than the mountains. (R.)
3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:  
they flow in between the hills.  
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;  
from the branches they sing their song. (R.)
4. From your dwelling you water the hills;  
earth drinks its fill of your gift.  
You make the grass grow for the cattle  
and the plants to serve man's needs. (R.)
5. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul! (R.)

## Second Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R. v.1

(R.) **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

## Third Reading Is 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

## Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6 R. v.3

(R.) **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

1. Truly God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,  
declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
make them known to all the earth!  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

## Epistle/Fourth Reading 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.

## 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 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."'