

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. **Or**

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

ANTIPHON: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

RESPONSE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. **Or Alleluia.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. . **R.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK (2nd Sunday of Easter, Yr A) Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Figuring out Families

It is in the family we learn the skills of living together. We first learn that we are loved, understood, wanted and cared for, and in most cases, it's in the family we are formed to be who we are. But our biggest hurts, failures and tragedies can also occur within the family. A new podcast series, Figuring out Families, looks at the issues facing families today. Produced by Majellan Media, experts in a variety of fields are interviewed about the specific issues and type of assistance that is available to wounded families. The podcasts are now available at www.majellan.media

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We are an Easter people



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On this great Easter day, when we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the Church puts before us the very early preaching of the apostles. From the Book of Acts, we hear Peter proclaiming the very core of our faith: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

Peter summarises Jesus's ministry: he "went about doing good." Peter recalls his death and resurrection: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and allowed him to be seen." But only to certain witnesses, Peter explains; it was "to us . . . who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Peter concludes, "Jesus commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God . . . and that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

St Paul also cuts to the core in his letter to the Colossians, highlighting the ramifications for those who believe: "Seek what is above . . . not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Paul stresses that Jesus' death and resurrection makes a radical difference to us and to how we live our lives. We are called "to live a new life".

The gospel then takes us back to the world-changing experience on that first Easter morning: Mary Magdalene had gone

to the tomb, only to find it empty, the body gone. Where was he? Was the body stolen? Confused, she ran to tell Peter who then, accompanied by another disciple ("the one whom Jesus loved"), ran to the tomb. They find that the tomb is indeed empty. But the disciple whom Jesus loved gets it! No need for further evidence for him: he believes, there and then, that Jesus had risen from the dead.

For Peter and for Mary Magdalen, that faith would come with meeting the risen Lord face to face, seeing him with their own eyes. So too for Thomas, who refused to believe until he too saw and indeed touched the risen Lord. Blessed are those who, like the beloved disciple on that first morning, do not see but believe, Jesus tells Thomas.

So it is for us, who believe – even if sometimes shakily – that he did indeed rise from the dead and that he is our Lord and God, the Christ, our Saviour.

His resurrection changes everything. It affects the way we live our lives, what we value, what we work for, the choices we make, the way we face death, and the unswerving hope that is in us. That is what makes us an Easter people.

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WEEK START SUN **APRIL 12, 2020**

THE RESURRECTION - EASTER SUNDAY

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Easter Sunday 2020

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PRAYER IN TIME OF CRISIS:

Almighty & all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom & courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick & work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us & the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives & reigns for ever & ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



YEAR **A**



IMPORTANT MESSAGE from... Archbishop Mark Coleridge

On **March 23, 2020** the Federal Government suspended all gatherings for an initial 4 weeks to stem the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Therefore, all parishes in Brisbane Archdiocese were required to suspend with immediate effect all Masses, including weekday Masses.

The ruling included a suspension of all religious gatherings, places of worship & severe restrictions on weddings, funerals & people gathering have been since put in place.

We are now very familiar with what we need to do to curb the spread of this aggressive virus.

Parish office is open but with strict adherence to social distancing and gathering numbers.

The best way to contact parish is email or phone:

**Parish office/ Fr John 3398 3697;
Jeanne 0414 836 071**

Regina Caeli has a parish website.

Weekly bulletins links to important information & updates, Gospel readings, & Easter resources will be updated each Friday or sooner if necessary. Hard copies will be posted at exterior doors of church. Please utilise the website: Visit <http://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au>

With Easter just around the corner, and accepting this Easter season will be celebrated in a very different way, we will make available reflections to at least be able to privately celebrate Easter.

As with all parishes liquidity of parishes relies on the generosity of its parishioners. It is important we remember that generosity is even more important to keep parishes viable.

*The Archdiocese is encouraging parishioners to consider direct debit as a vehicle for donating. Forms available on request from parish office or, **Direct deposit may be made to: Regina Caeli: BSB 064 786 A/c: 006171102 Please incl refer'ce.***

If you know someone who doesn't have access to w/end newsletter or resources online, we are happy to provide hard copies to homes. Please let us know & we will deliver. We are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, help to stay connected with the parish community, please contact **Fr John / Parish Office 3398 3697**



Church building closed...

Masses & individual prayer within the Church has been suspended, however we invite you to celebrate your faith with your community, from home.

- Watch Mass online 8am Mon-Fri and 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw
- Read the latest news from the Catholic Leader at catholicleader.com.au
- Sign up for regular emails, including two-minute homilies & daily readings: www.archbne.org/dwlk
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Fr John writes...

Easter this year is unlike any we have celebrated in the past. The fear of sickness & the efforts to control the spread of infection have ensured that we spend time in isolation, cut off from our normal activities.

At the first Easter, the circumstances placed the apostles in a similar story. After the meal, the celebration of the Passover, Jesus takes the apostles into the garden to pray.

From that moment everything changed for the apostles. Despite Jesus warning that he would be rejected by the people, it was only as it happened that they were able to accept the reality of what Jesus was saying. Peter in the courtyard by the fire was forced to acknowledge what Jesus foretold, he would deny Jesus. John the apostle was the only one who stood with Mary at the cross. As news arrived on the morning that the tomb was empty, the apostles were again challenged to move forward in faith in a life, like that of Jesus.

As we celebrate Easter this year, we remember all those who have gone before us in Easter hope & joy. Jesus' promise to be with us in every moment of our journey, gives us the confidence to step out in the knowledge that we are not alone whatever our circumstances in life.



Parishioners & Friends of Regina Caeli,

Easter is on our doorstep. Let us try & create one symbol in

Holy Week that highlights each part of the Easter Journey. Following on from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday may see a deliberate washing of feet. A cross created for Good Friday! A special light for Easter Sunday.

We still need remember as uncertain as these times are at present, what connects us is our faith, strength & a desire to care for others. Let's be imaginative how we use this time & connect with family, friends & neighbour in a different & positive way.

Stay safe and stay well!

The Archdiocese has created resources in these unusual times for us to better embrace the



2020 Easter journey.

Click on links below:

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>

Young people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8&t=18s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

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Let's make the most of Easter 2020!!

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