

## EASTER GREETINGS FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

To All Members of our Holy Family Parish

A very special Easter Reflection for you with blessings from the Parish Council:

The Easter Challenge-

*Every year cocoons give up their treasure, fresh shoots push through brown leaves,*

*seemingly dead branches shine with green and singing birds find their way home.*

*Every year we hear the stories: Empty tomb, surprised grievers, runners with news and revelation, unexpected encounters, conversations on the road, tales of nets filling with fish and breakfast on a seashore.*

*And every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge*

\* *to be opened to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security,*

\* *to welcome God in every form and trust in our own greening.*

This reflection comes from Joyce Rupp- *Out of the Ordinary*

Jesus is Lord; the Father has raised him and he lives forever in our midst.

We trust you will all be filled with the Risen Jesus this Easter Season. Happy Easter.

Ronnie Wilson, Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council

## EASTER GREETINGS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

To All Members of our Holy Family Parish

Easter brings us hope, may it linger in our hearts forever, wishing all parishioners a very happy Easter.

Peter Fox

Chair of Parish Finance Committee

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

## Weekly Diary : 22<sup>nd</sup> — 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Fr John has his Easter break from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> May**

We welcome Fr Stephen Gronow who will celebrate Mass with us. May the Risen Lord grant him a wonderful week-end among us.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration  
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Regency Arcare Center Sanctuary Cove  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> : 5.30 pm. : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C  
 : 11 am. Children Baptism Celebration

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of May will be on the 05<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter C**



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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month

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## The Lord of the Resurrection

**Peter, the first man walked into the empty tomb.** He must have come to the tomb with unspeakable hope that Jesus was alive. He must have recalled his betrayal that brought his Master to such a horrible end. He must have said to himself: *“Now if he really has been raised up, would he take me back?”*

**The Lord of the Resurrection is the Lord of a Compassionate Heart.** We often are inclined to simply write off a person who is guilty of some infraction. The Risen Lord had a different approach.

He looked inside Peter's heart and saw the love as well as the weakness. Peter must have said: *“Master, why do you put up with me? I failed you.”* As the Good Shepherd, the Risen Jesus would say: *“Peter, that's all in the past now. I know your heart and I know your love. When the Spirit comes, you will be strengthened beyond what you can imagine. So be at peace. I want you to feed my sheep.”*

**We all have a little bit of Peter in us.** The Resurrection is something that buoys up every moment of life and every aspect of reality. God is always making new life by healing all wounds, forgiving all sins and bringing deadness of all kinds to new life.

On this Easter Sunday, Jesus would ask us to give up all of our negative views of ourselves, and to listen to him as he tells us that he knows how much we love him. Let's allow these loving words from Jesus to move us out into the world to feed his sheep.

## READINGS

**FIRST READING Acts 10:34a, 36-43** *We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. “We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.



“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 R. *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” **R.**

“The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.” I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4 *Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.***

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### SEQUENCE

Christians, praise the paschal victim! Offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price, reconciling sinners to the Father.

Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory; the Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day.

“The empty tomb of my living Lord!” I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored! Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side! “Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously.

He goes before you into Galilee.” Share the Good News, sing joyfully: His death is victory! Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 20:1-9 *According to the scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON 1 Cor 5:7-8 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia!**

## 2019 EASTER MESSAGE OF FR. JOHN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Today, the day of our Lord’s Resurrection, is the good time for me** to offer you my prayerful good wishes of Easter. I want to thank you most heartily for your daily commitment in the service of our Holy Family Parish in the last five years and eleven months – from 04<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Firstly of all, together with you, I want to lift up a heartfelt thanksgiving to the Risen Lord for all the good which God has graciously willed to accomplish through your service: an ever greater involvement of the School in the Parish life, the formation of two effectively advisory groups – a committed Parish Pastoral Council as well as a highly creative Parish Finance Committee – a devoted Parish Sacramental Team, a huge group of unnamed benefactors and volunteers in various ministries...

In the last five years and eleven months, you have been with me transforming the Parish into a community centred in the Risen Christ, a body alive, healthy, harmonious and united in itself. My thoughts and my gratitude go to all of you and to your families who have gathered in the Holy Family Parish church from every part of Runaway Bay. You all have made this year Easter Celebrations wonderful by your loving preparations in various ways and by your devout attendance. I am proud of your good will and desire to love God more and more dearly.

Thank you for your presence, for your prayer and for your testimony of faith. A special and grateful thought to all members of the PPC, PFC, School, different ministries as you all are beautiful flowers God gives to me: you give fragrance irrespectively to whomever coming by to this parish, the fragrance of joy. Happy Easter to everyone!

**My best Easter wish to you all** is the most loved greeting of the Risen Lord: “*Fear not!*” because he “*is risen.*” This greatest News has turned into a truly life-changing event. Nothing remains as it was before in the life of the Parish, in the lives of all of us who are following Jesus.

Because he is the Risen Lord, he is right here. He is in your mind. He is in my heart. He is mysteriously present and active in this Parish until the end of centuries: “*Here, I am with you every day, until the end of the age.*” (Mt 28:20) He brings meaning to our daily Christian life. He leads the entire history of our Parish into a new era. The Joy of Christ’s Resurrection straightens the present state of our Parish to “*a new heaven and a new earth,*” in which the life of all members is spiritually evaluated according to the criterion of merciful love, and in which everybody is making effort to be courteous, serene, enthusiastic and always joy-transmitting. A heart filled with God is a happy heart which radiates joy. So, let us not lose that joyful spirit which makes us and others amiable even in difficult situations.

Our Parish will be moving into a new era, when you and me let Jesus enter our life, welcome him as the Lord of our families, worship him as the Head of our parish. Since the Parish is a dynamic body, it cannot live without a vital, personal, authentic and solid relationship with the Risen Christ. A member of the Parish who is not daily nourished by Jesus, the Bread of Life will become a bureaucrat, a formalist, a functionalist, a mere employee, a branch which withers, slowly dies and is then cast off. Therefore, daily Mass, daily Rosary Prayer, daily spirituality which translates into lived charity – these are vital nourishment – are daily provided to us in our Holy Family Parish.

**Conclusion:** The Parish is called to improve and grow constantly in *communion, holiness and wisdom*, in order to carry out fully its mission. Let us seek more intensely the joy brought by the meeting with Christ the Resurrected, and to share this joy with saddened people, by helping the needy and showing solidarity.

In unison with the Risen Lord, let us be promoters of harmony, seeing the face of each member in the light of Christ’s Resurrection, and realizing that every member participates in the sanctification of the Body and its weakening. And so, we are called throughout our time of service to promote the body’s growth in building itself up in love, (Eph 4:15-16) to always sustain the Parish so that it can be healthy and health-giving; holy and sanctifying, to the glory of the Risen Lord for our salvation and the salvation of the entire world. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to make us love the Parish as the Risen Christ loves it.

I offer cordial good wishes for a holy and joyful Easter to all of you, to your families. I pray to God that the Holy Easter Holidays would bring you long, peaceful and happy lives, health and redemption, and I also address you the Easter greeting: “*Christ Has Risen!*”

Fr. John Khoái