



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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THE RESSURRECTION OF THE LORD 30/31.03.24 (Yr. B)

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday 1st Apr 9:00am Mass

Tuesday 2nd Apr No Mass

Wed 3rd Apr 5:30pm Rosary
6:00pm Mass

Thursday 4th Apr 9:00am Mass

Friday 5th Apr 9:00am Mass

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2nd SUNDAY of EASTER (Yr B)

Saturday 6th Apr 4:00pm Reconciliation

Saturday 6th Apr 6:00pm Mass—Booval

Sunday 7th Apr 7:00am Mass—Riverview

9:00am Mass—Booval

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 7th Apr 5:00pm Mass—Booval

Marriages by appointment only at least 6 months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment. The next Baptism Preparation session is to be **Thursday 4th April** at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.



REFLECTION

Seeing signs of life

He saw and he believed.

The day begins with darkness and fear. The tomb has been desecrated. The body has been stolen. Whatever Jesus said about resurrection, his disciples did not expect him to rise until the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time. The anonymous disciple loved by Jesus races to the tomb, sees the linen cloth and the



face cloth placed apart and believes. In this simple sign of a 'tidy' tomb, he sees what Peter missed, that God has entered this story of death and transformed it to a story of life.

On two occasions in this short reading, we find the use of the passive voice – 'the stone had been moved away' and the linen cloth over his head, 'rolled up' in a place by itself. Frequently in the Scriptures, the use of the passive voice is called the Divine Passive, as it is a way of referring to the action of God without naming God as the direct agent of the action. This is a Semitic way of reverencing God. The face-veil has been removed and rolled with care. Although never named, God is the Divine agent in this episode.

John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

Naming this day as 'the first day' of the week, is not simply an indicator that it is the day of the Jewish Sabbath (7th day), but is also a hint that in John's Gospel the resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. If you recall the Passion reading on Friday, which is always from John's gospel, you might have noticed that Jesus was arrested in a garden, and then was buried in a garden. We so frequently mix all the gospel accounts together we can sometimes miss seeing the unique theological vision and artistry of each individual evangelist. Only John has Jesus arrested in a garden, and only John has Jesus buried in a garden. Also John emphasises that the Cross is placed 'in the middle' which is the same phrase used to describe the tree of life in Genesis 2, which was also placed 'in the middle of the garden'. Then at the foot of the Cross John has a man and a woman, who is only called 'woman' and 'mother' in this Gospel. These were the names given to Eve. These differences to the Synoptic gospels are deliberate. John is setting the crucifixion within the garden of creation. For John, the cross marks the end of one creation – remember Jesus' words, 'It is finished' – and the beginning of a new creation.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, a similar theology is presented, that the resurrection is a new creation. Paul speaks about being 'brought back to true life' and reminds the Colossians that 'you have died'. For both Paul and John, the Christ event has an impact on all people and in fact all of creation. The old creation, the old life is now finished and a new possibility of life has been revealed and this is God's own eternity life, which humans can participate in. Jesus is the sign that humanity has passed through death and that humanity can be imbued with God's divine life, what Paul calls 'glory' in this passage. So Resurrection is not just a celebration for what happened to Jesus – if it were only that, then Easter would be just a nostalgic memory. Easter celebrates that we also, right now, through the Risen One, can participate in Divine life. So Easter is as much about us, as it is about Jesus.

Easter is a glimpse for us of heaven on earth.

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Wishing you all a Blessed Easter!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: June Brown, Barry Wade, Lyall Newsome, Gerard Flanagan, Geoffrey Frost, Sung Van Nguyen, Marie Noon, Bernard Graham, Denis Muir, Nora Muir, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Bill & Dorothy Walsh, Bernie Kinnane, Ken Adkins, Lorraine Murphy, Bob Massey, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob & Margaret Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas, Noreen Lund, Ta Thi Thin, Giao Ngoc Tran, Peter Joseph, Geoffrey Crocker, John Malone, Raymond Gale, James Hogan, Biao Ngoc Tran, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen, Louis Phipps-Ellis, Mary Phipps-Ellis, baby Lou Phipps-Ellis.

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Kevin Murphy, Peggy & Jeff Newton, Lynne Connors, Jill Roberts, Helena M. Siczek, Desmond Daly, Patrick Phipps-Ellis, Karen Cooper, Pauline & Graeme Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Declan Simmonato, Grace Thompson, Lilian Morrison, Joana Ambrad-Isip, Desolie King, Trish Rowlands, Patrick Phipps-Ellis,

**We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.
We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES : 31 March—6 April

Nancy Behm, Col Beverley, Jim Haviland, Rocky Millington, Stanley Patch, James Smith, Francis Young, Ted Blight, John Ekner, Mieczyslaw Pietka, Marianna Pietka, Edward Leszek, Mauricio Diaz, Pope John Paul II, Dorothy Baker, Joseph Monsour, Maureen Plant, Joan Pommer, Edward Skippington, Thomas Slack, Stephen Thackray, Dorothy Baker, Michele Besgrove, George Butts (Snr.) Margaret Carmody, Glad Cody, John Lobegeiger, Timothy Maher, Louise Moesberge, Mick Roach, Bob Skippington, Steve Tirant, Molly Wilson, Hazel Gribbin, Joseph Kenny, Michael Tierney, Walter Wust, Jenny Artlett, Gwen Kinnane, Mrs Lourigan, Clem Maher, John Mangan, Margaret Power, Glenda Spall, Denis Sullivan, Joseph Aspinall, Allan Evers, Tom O'Brien, Paul Vassallo, Harold Marks, Patrick Charles Curtin (Snr.) Joseph McCormack,

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 31.3.03.2024 = \$2057.35

Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	2nd Apr.	9:30am	Craft Group
Thursday	4th Apr.	4:00pm	 SDVP
Friday	5th Apr.	10:00am	No Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	6th Apr.	7:00am	St Josephs Garden
Sunday	7th Apr.	After 7am Mass	 Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	7th Apr.	9:00am	Children's Liturgy

Good News for All of Us

The first thing we saw was the empty tomb, but emptiness is not always bad. Our faith tells us that God created the entire world out of nothing. We could not have expected such a thing, but everything is possible for God. The blind can see, a person can be crucified and raised from the dead, a disciple can believe without understanding everything that happened. What God touches bursts with life. It is no wonder that we are joyful this season. But we are challenged in that joy to be an Easter people. Raised with Christ, we are compelled to share the Good News as Mary and Peter did; we are bound to help the sick, the imprisoned, the poor, and the marginalized as Jesus did. We are to live our lives in every way as followers of Christ and not of the world. It's good to be reminded of that every year.

Deeley, M. K. (2020). *Breaking open the word: an ocia guide to sunday scripture* (Th). Liguori Publications. P55

Questions for Reflection (and Discussion)

Have you ever experienced something good coming from a difficult or bad event?

Christ has given us new life. What is one thing you can do to reflect that new life?

WORDSEARCH FUN

J	N	M	B	I	G	L	A	Q	A	V	X	J	I	G	K	F	Cloth
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E	A	O	N	E	K	A	T	S	L	T	Y	F	S	T	A	M	Face
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A	Z	T	D	C	S	I	F	K	I	N	V	C	R	I	U	F	Linen
L	Y	D	R	N	S	Q	V	M	S	H	C	U	I	W	K	P	Mary
Y	Z	O	I	A	D	Y	R	O	L	Z	L	R	P	X	Y	N	Peter
N	O	I	F	P	N	R	N	F	Q	O	P	N	T	V	K	T	Scriptures
W	H	T	Z	P	A	C	R	W	X	W	U	I	U	S	H	V	Stone
C	N	V	R	V	N	H	E	C	M	Z	C	W	R	Z	I	S	Taken
G	V	Q	S	T	D	K	T	L	F	A	R	C	E	E	E	B	Tomb
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DIVINE MERCY Saturday 6th April

On Saturday 6th April, there will be a special Mass at OLPH, Riverview for Divine Mercy. This Mass will be at 8:00am. It will conclude the nine-day Novena for Divine Mercy which commences on Good Friday. All are welcome to join in this Mass.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: CLOW

We acted out the Gospel reading for the children last Sunday so they would be able to grasp Holy Week more fully. It helped them to see as well as hear



what Jesus did in the days before and after he died on the cross. This format was well received and I thank Jacob for generously giving his time to play Jesus for us. **Have a blessed Easter!**

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Archdiocese of Brisbane's Office for Safeguarding - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity.

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Booval Catholic Parish.