

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION **YEAR C | 20 APRIL 2025**

Rejoice for Jesus is Risen

There was a Russian Cossack, who had two sons in the First World War. Their names were Peter and Gregory. One day the father received a letter from the front. Unable to read he handed it to his daughter.

It was from Gregory's commanding officer and it began: "I regret to inform you that your son Gregory was killed in action on July 10.

Gregory was an excellent soldier, and you have every reason to be proud of him." The effect of this news on the father was immediate and alarming. In a matter of days he aged, turning grey overnight. His memory began to fail and even his mind was affected. He began to drink to excess. He kept the letter under an icon in the kitchen. Each day he would take it down and ask his daughter to read it to him once more.

After the local priest had offered a Requiem Mass for his son, the father felt a little better, but only a little. Twelve days went on like this. On the thirteenth day a second letter arrived from the front. It contained an extraordinary piece of news. His son was not dead! He had been wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Next morning, he had regained consciousness and crawled four miles back to his own lines, dragging a wounded officer with him. In recognition of his bravery, he was to be raised to the rank of a corporal and awarded the Cross of St George. Right now, he was recovering in hospital, and they could expect a visit from him in a month's time.

Once again, the effect on the father was immediate, except this time it was for the better. He was a sight to see. He was filled with joy. He grabbed the letter and went into the village with it, telling everyone he met; "My son is alive! He's been awarded the St. George Cross for bravery!"

This story should give us some idea of the joy the disciples experienced on Easter Sunday morning. Just as the Cossack father gave witness to the news that his son was alive, so too Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.

Peter summarises for them the essence of the story of Jesus who was anointed by God, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, healed the sick, and liberated those who were possessed. However, having antagonised the authorities, Jesus was crucified. But he was now raised to new life. He had appeared to his disciples, shared food with them and commissioned them to bear witness to all people.

Hearing this news, the Spirit comes upon Peter's audience, and all are baptised, Jews and Gentiles. As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of this great news and renewed in our ability to bear witness to all people by our words and deeds.

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This week in the Parish

Saturday 19	7:00 pm	- EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 20	9:00 am	- SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
Monday 21	Parish Office is Closed today	
Tuesday 22	11:00 am	- Christian Meditation Group No Mass today
Wednesday 23	Parish Office is Closed today No Mass today	
Thursday 24	No Mass today	
Friday 25	ANZAC DAY 9:00 am - Mass Parish Office is Closed today	
Saturday 26	5:30 pm	- Rosary
	6:00 pm	- Vigil Mass
Sunday 27	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
	10:30 am	- Baptisms
	11:00 am	- Baptism

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED...

Monday 21 April
Wednesday 23 April
& Friday 25 April.
All phone and emails
will be monitored.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The April edition of the Catholic
Life magazine is now available
for you in the Church. Or you
can read it online. Go to:
chancery.lismore.catholic.org.au
Click on main [Diocese of
Lismore](http://Diocese_of_Lismore) website & then click on
Catholic Life - read here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Hatton, Enid Armstrong, Lorraine Birch,
Lydia Cuadro, Sue Gallagher, Rachel Formosa,
Neville Banner, Barry Hall, Marie Watson

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop John Satterthwaite (4th
Bishop of Lismore), Mons. Eugene Harley, Betty
Foster, Donna Pearson, Ray Grant

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara McGrouther, Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy,
Robert Burton, Libby Varela, Marie nee Flack, Narelle
Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack,
Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke,
Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe,
Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray
today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and
emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the Diocesan YouTube channel - 9:00 am -
youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

READING ROSTER

26/27 Apr | Second Sunday of Easter | Year C

6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 3/4 May

ROSARY STATUE

20/4 Faith Buchanan

27/4 Pauline Weber

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena commences
this Friday | Good Friday 18 April.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on
the Second Sunday of Easter 27 April
(within the Easter Octave).





**'He is risen!
Truly, he is risen!'**
'He departed from our sight
that we might
return to our heart,
and there find him.
For he departed,
and behold, he is here.'
- St Augustine

HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER

to all parishioners from Fr Peter,
Fr Anthony, Fr Joseph and the Parish staff.
May it be a time of special grace
for you and your families.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all who
participated in any way in the Holy Week
Ceremonies & their preparation.
Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters

This year as we approach the great Feast of Easter we cannot ignore natural disasters and worrying international problems. Lismore Diocese had floods and heavy winds courtesy of Cyclone Alfred, but luckily survived. Despite our prayers, peace is not a reality in our world, and the international economic order is being undermined. Poverty and displacement are everywhere.

Today I read the section of Genesis in which Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. This horrible offence against family and love proves to be the salvation of the sons of Jacob who find safety and food in Egypt. From this Moses emerges as the leader of Israel who, after the Passover, takes the Jewish people to the frontier of Israel.

Easter reminds us that in spite of darkness and seeming impossibility, God is greater and can bring out much good from human despair and negative experience. The Resurrection crowns the despondency following the death of Jesus. We are Easter people who daily look for experiences of resurrection. If we look beyond ourselves to the abundant goodness which surrounds us, we shall see the Risen Christ.

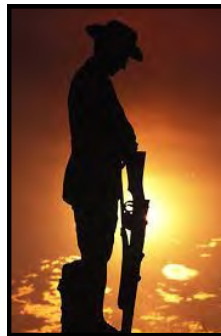
With my prayers and Easter wishes,

Bishop Greg

ANZAC DAY

This ANZAC Day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



Mass on Anzac Day will be celebrated at 9.00am in the Sacred Heart Church.

Parishioners are encouraged to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

THE ODE

**They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.**

LEST WE FORGET.

*Fourth stanza of the poem For The Fallen
Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)*

*Greater love has no one than to lay down his life
for his friends, says the Lord - John 15:13*



EASTER SUNDAY - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117)

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

SEQUENCE: (ALL READ)

**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!**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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