



been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

#### SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden

with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

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

1 Cor 5:7-8

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

#### GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken

the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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#### MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

#### EPISTLE

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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

**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 cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

#### GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

#### MASS DURING THE DAY

#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had

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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**MASSES**

**WEEKDAY** Mon: 9am Tues: 9am Wed: 12noon  
**MASSES** Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon

**ENTRANCE** I am risen and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me,  
**ANTIPHON:** Alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**COMMUNION** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, Alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast  
**ANTIPHON:** with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Arcadius Guthrie, Maurice Bruccoleri, Thomas Greentree

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vivian Betts (16/3).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones now in God's care: Dean York, Daphne Sweeney, Laurie Brodbeck, Ron McGrane, Paul Karam, Trish Thornberry, William Grima, Paul Zammit.

**SICK:** Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Rose Pace, Barbara Brennan, Elizabeth Coroneos, Michael Jones, Elizabeth William, Julie Moran.

### MEMORARE

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows,  
the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken  
to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child,  
you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought,

I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude.  
Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion,  
obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life,  
that I may one day see you in Heaven. Amen

**Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,  
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to Thee.**

### COMING EVENTS:

**05 Apr:** Daylight Savings ends at **3am**. (Clocks go **back** 1 hour this Sunday)

**12 Apr:** Divine Mercy Sunday  
– Personal devotion may be observed in the Church during the day.

**12 Apr:** Parish Monthly Morning Tea - After 9am Mass. All welcome!

**25 Apr:** Anzac Day

**26 Apr:** Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105**

**Account:** West Tamworth Catholic - 'Presbytery' 1st Collection **OR** 'Church'-2nd Collection

**1st Collection:** For Armidale Diocese Clergy: **Ac.** 001023642 (**Presbytery Acc.**) for Diocese

**2nd Collection:** For St. Patrick's Church: **Ac.** 001041198 (**Church Acc.**) St Patrick's



## EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

**EASTER BLESSING:** To each and every one of you at this most holy time, we hope that your Lenten journey has seen a growth in your spirit and a renewed love and respect for Jesus and his most Holy Father. We hope you may enjoy this time with your family and loved ones and perhaps even some Easter treats.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:** Should you have missed this collection on Good Friday, envelopes will be still be available on the table at the back of the church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty. Thank you for your generosity.

### EASTER ROSTER

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 2 April 26**

6.00pm Holy Thursday

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3 April 26**

3 pm Good Friday

**CEREMONY OF LIGHT AND EASTER VIGIL 4 April 26**

5.30 pm Easter Saturday **R1** G Clout **R2** J Ryan **R3** J Woodbridge **R4** P Bamford

Epistle D Bolitho

Prayers of Intercession P Bamford

Gifts S. Shulze, V. Griffiths

**MASS OF THE RESURRECTION 5 April 26**

9 am Easter Sunday **R1** A Sartori **R2** R Paull **Gifts** G & U McKay

5 pm Easter Sunday **R1** A O'Halloran **Gifts** Volunteers

**Counting** M. Vella, A. Bowden **Cleaning** J. Hutt, J. Moran **Altar Linen** J. Hutt

**RCIA PROGRAM:** At the Easter Vigil, we will welcome candidates into the Catholic faith. Please pray for them, their families and their sponsors. The RCIA program is available all year.

**CANDLES PROVIDED AT THE EASTER VIGIL:** There will be candles available at the entrance of the Church for the Easter Vigil, for use during Mass and to take home afterwards. You may bring your own candles and holders, if you wish. We have tried to limit the spilling of hot wax and ask you are conscious of both the flame and the hot wax, both while lit and after extinguishing.

**Please exercise extreme caution and supervision with children with the lit candles.**

**HOLY WATER CONTAINERS:** Please remember to bring your own containers for Holy Water to take home. We have a very limited number of containers at the church.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion boxes can be returned to the basket in the middle of the Church (near the gifts). Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

**NEW ROSTERS COMING SOON:** Thank you to those who responded to our call for additional Volunteers for Church Cleaning and helping with our monthly Morning Tea. New rosters will be Updated and prepared in the coming weeks.

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 12/04/26

<b>Vigil:</b>	<b>R:</b> J. Woodbridge, D. Bolitho	<b>Gifts:</b>	J & P Bamford
<b>9am Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> S Nichols, A Sartori	<b>Gifts:</b>	Michelle & Sally
<b>5.00pm Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> S. Brown	<b>Gifts:</b>	Volunteer
<b>Counting Team :</b>	A. Bowden, S. Brown	<b>Altar Linen:</b>	M. Vella
<b>Fri Cleaning</b>	M. Vella, I. Ullman		

*Happy  
Easter*