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Resurrection Sunday (19th/20th April 2025)

Brothers and sisters,

The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers".

Easter proves that Jesus is God. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead, his message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, "The people who built this had Faith. Today we have only opinions. And you can't build a cathedral with opinions".

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow, and tears. Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus – in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven – that gives meaning to our person, as well as to our common prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads, "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part".

The testimony of Mary Magdalene who went to the tomb early and met an empty tomb was ascertained by Peter and John who went to confirm the empty tomb; as a woman's testimony at the time did not hold water. It is also our faith that our Lord has risen and that also marks our own resurrection. We are a resurrection people. There is no way our Lord could rise and we remain unaffected and unchanged by the power of his resurrection. St. Paul says; "If we believe that we have been raised with Christ we should seek for things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father". (Colossians 3:1).

The resurrection of Jesus is productive of a lasting identity for us. There is need for every aspect of our lives to be marked with the character of the resurrection. Pope Benedict XVI in his book, Jesus of Nazareth (part two) indicated that the Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead. May his resurrection open new vistas of elevation for you. With the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, may our lives change:

From gory to glory. From shame to fame.

From zero to hero. From nobody to somebody.

From nothingness to something else. From darkness to light.

From condemnation to commendation. From victim to victory.

From pain to gain. From destruction to construction.

From pity to praise.

I wish you all a Happy Easter
and more blessings in your
life.

God is Good, All the Time!

Rev. Fr. Kevin Njoku



Readings for the Easter Triduum

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (17th April)

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The law for the Passover meal.

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ: And the bread we break, it is a sharing in the body of the Lord

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Until the Lord comes, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim his death.

Gospel Acclamation:

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-15

To the end he showed his love for them.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (18th April)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

He surrendered himself to death, while bearing the faults of many.

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

Father, I put my life in your hands

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

He learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Holy Saturday Vigil (19th April)

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.

Responsorial Psalm: (sung)

We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
We shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation.

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and honour to the Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke: 24:1-12

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

Resurrection Sunday (20th April)

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

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

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Ron Pokarier, Margaret Fechner, Tony Torre, Maria Malcotti, Terry Geraghty, Margaret Ford, D Wilde, Baby Jaime, Janet Young, Rosie, Paul Cameron, Margaret Salisbury, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, and Julie Fraser

We remember and pray for those who have recently died

Edward "Ted" Peel— 3rd April, 2025

Our beloved Sister Catharina passed away peacefully on the 15th April, aged 93 years

Her requiem Mass will be held on *Monday 28th April at 10am, St Vincent's Chapel* (131 Queens Road, Nudgee). We encourage those who can, to attend, the Parish will be organising a bus. Please contact the office before Tuesday 22nd if you wish to join. However, the funeral will be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Jan Murphy— 20th April

Eileen Ann Ward—22nd April 1983

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's (excluding the 5th Sunday of the month)

Morning tea will be served on the first Sunday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St John the Baptist.

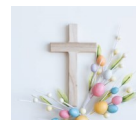
Jubilee of Teenagers Mass— dedicated to our youth 27th April

Divine Mercy Sunday—Sunday 27th April 10:30am

Parish Jubilee Celebration—Sunday 27th July

Happy Easter!

Happy Easter from Fr Kevin, Kaitlyn and Emma. We hope you all have a blessed weekend filled with family, love and laughter. If you are travelling, please do so safely.



Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and all who have helped make our Easter celebrations happen this year, particularly the liturgy groups from Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain as well as Greg Moran, his team and those who worked behind the scenes. Your continuing knowledge and assistance to the Parish (particularly to the girls in the Office) is always appreciated.

We also thank the Choir, the musicians and the technical crew for doing a marvellous job at leading our congregation in song over the Triduum, as they do every year.

Holy Land Collection— Good Friday

All donations collected during Good Friday Masses will go towards the Holy Land Collection, as it does every year.

The proceeds from this collection provide support for the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. *Your donation is appreciated.*

Multicultural Day Cancelled for 2025

Due to the extent of Jubilee celebrations being planned in the Parish, the Multicultural Day for 2025 will be cancelled. This will allow us to focus on the year of Jubilee and upcoming celebrations for jubilee events.

Money Counting

22nd April —Trish	28th April —Peter
6th May —Colleen	12th May —Trish

Bible Reflection—20th April 2025

(Resurrection Sunday)

Though the disciples of Jesus came to believe in his resurrection after they encountered him alive, their understanding was not yet complete. Our own understanding of the resurrection gradually grows as we encounter the risen Christ, eat and drink at his table, and pour out our lives as he did.

<https://www.liturgia.com.au/App/Calendar/2025/4/20>

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Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday April 21st, Friday April 25th, and Monday May 5th, due to the public holidays. We will continue with our regular hours for the rest of these weeks.

No Masses— Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd

There will be no masses on Monday 21st or Wednesday 23rd April to allow Fr Kevin to have a rest following a busy Holy Week. There will be an ANZAC day Mass on Friday 25th at 6:30am.

Anzac Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

During ANZAC Day, we remember the over 8000 Australian soldiers who gave their lives during World War 1 in defence of the great freedoms that we often take for granted today. We solemnly give thanks for their sacrifice and for their pursuit of freedom and peace for our sake.

Father, we ask that you give peace and wisdom to all the current military personnel who faithfully serve and protect our country. May they be granted your protection and comfort at all times.

Thank you, Jesus, for laying down your life for us on the cross to bring ultimate freedom and peace. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and humility, considering both the sacrifices of the ANZACs and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Lest we forget.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Following 9:30am Mass at Beaudesert on **Sunday 27th April**, let us all join together from 10:30am for Benediction, Adoration, and Blessing & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available during adoration.

Did you know that the Lord said this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation"?



Jubilee Celebrations— Papal Blessings

Thank you to those who have either nominated themselves or their loved ones for a Papal Blessing of their anniversary.

If you have nominated yourself, or someone else for a wedding anniversary, we ask that you please send either Sam Hamer (0409 592 010) or the Parish office a photo of you on your wedding day, plus your most recent photo together. We also will need the details of the Church your wedding took place. Your help with this information is appreciated.

Jubilee of Teenagers 25th-27th April



In anticipation of the Jubilee of Teenagers, set within a yearlong celebration of hope, we remember the words of Saint Pope John Paul II in his message to young people for the 12th World Youth Day: We are living in an era of great changes: the rapid decline of ideologies that seemed to promise a long resistance to the wear and tear of time; the tracing out on the planet of new confines and frontiers. Humanity often finds itself uncertain, bewildered and anxious (cf. Mt 9:36). But the word of God knows no decline; throughout history and among changing events, it remains firm and gives light (cf. Mt 24:35). The faith of the Church is founded on Jesus Christ, the one Saviour of the world, yesterday and today and forever (cf. Heb 13:8). It gives Christ as reference for an answer to

the questions rising up from the human heart in the face of the mystery of life and death. Only from Christ, indeed, can there be answers that do not deceive nor disappoint.

Do not be afraid! It is in Christ that we find our hope. Romans 5:1-5 tells us, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Every age and generation of teenagers that has gone before us has been faced with challenges and struggles in this world. But do not be alarmed because we have hope in Christ Jesus! By clinging to the joy of the Gospel and the witness of Christ, we can find the strength we need to face the adversities of our age.

Let us look at the lives of the young saints who have paved the way for us like Bl. Carlo Acutis whose devotion for the Eucharist evangelized countless people from around the world or Bl. Chiara Badano who radiated joy in her sufferings at the end of her life and looked with anticipation on being united to Christ. We must reclaim this joy that has been given to us by Christ to be witnesses to the world around us.

As you celebrate this beautiful Jubilee of Teenagers, radiate your joy and love for the Lord with all those whom you interact with on the internet and in real life. Remember these words from 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." You are the Church of now and Christ is dwelling in you! Witness to the joy and hope that is found in Christ Jesus so the world may know the reason for your joy

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Loving Father,

you look with compassion on all your children, especially those who are vulnerable.

May we work to create a world in which every child has access to food, clean water, shelter, education, health care, and all other basic rights.

May we teach youth about their role in working for peace, justice and the common good.

May we act together to ensure that the lives and dignity of children everywhere can be respected.

Amen.

Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of
becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 21st—27th April

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm - 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
NO MASS		NO MASS		Beaudesert ANZAC Day Mass 6:30am	Beaudesert 6.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am Beaudesert 9.30am

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.'

Our mission is: evangelisation of our parish and wider communities; liturgy and prayer opportunities that form, inform and transform our faith; pastoral support through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and leadership that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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