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Copmanhurst & Cowper



Grafton & South Grafton





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Copmanhurst

Easter Sunday - Year B

4th April 2021

Parish Family News



BISHOP GREG'S -**EASTER MESSAGE 2021**

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This Easter we are mindful of three Easters. The Easter of 2019 which was uneventful and as expected, 2020 which was effectively cancelled because of Covid-19, and this year which is almost back to normal.

2020 was eventful because we missed all the things which we previously took for granted. We weren't able to meet with friends and family, sporting and cultural events were cancelled, restaurants and cafes were closed, we were confined and only allowed to necessary things. Last Easter our churches were closed and so we were neither able to receive the sacraments nor attend Easter liturgies. We missed what had been a normal part of our lives.

Things are almost back to normal, but they will never be the same, because we have changed. In 2020 we learnt how important our friends and family are, we learnt how important communication and relationship is, we learnt to appreciate other people, we learnt how to savour the beauty of praying and worshiping within a community. What we lost we have again but in a different way.

This Easter let us be grateful for these gifts and especially for the gift of being able to come to Mass and the sacraments. In so many other parts of the world our brothers and sisters are still in lockdown and will have a very limited Easter celebration. Let's not take anything for granted. Let's enjoy this Easter with a new fervour. Let's be a Risen people.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter. The Lord is Risen and we are changed.

Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD Bishop of Lismore

Television Free to Air—Channel Ten—Sunday Mass at 6am

For those who have access to the Internet: Bishop Greg—Mass at 8am Sunday— Livestreamed on Lismore Diocese YouTube channel or follow the links at lismorediocese.org

Also the following has Mass on demand. https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD HVaQ

DIARY OF THE WEEK: LITURGIES, DEVOTIONS ETC

Holy Saturday 3rd April

NO 9.00am Mass

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

Easter Sunday 4th April - Resurrection of the Lord

- 8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton
- 8.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Cowper
- 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

Monday 5th April

NO Mass

Tuesday 6th April

5.15pm Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

Wednesday 7th April

9.15am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

Thursday 8th April

8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

Friday 9th April

11.30am—11.55am Reconciliation and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00noon Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

Saturday 10th April

NO 9.00am Mass

4.00pm—4.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's Church

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

<u>Sunday 11th April</u> - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

- 8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton
- 8.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Cowper
- 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

Daylight Savings Time finishes this Sunday 4th April.

Vigil Mass time will change to 5pm from Saturday 10th April.

Please remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

<u>Please remember in your prayers:</u> Those who are sick and frail:

especially Josh Brown, Valda Hodges, Bette Madden, Susan Paine, Pat Connelly, (Taxi)-Tony Cameron, Chris Small, Tony O'Connor, Peter Newby, Kathryn Martin, Evonne Coutis, Cletus Moran, Brian Haynes, Bev Reilley, Dan Moran, Cheryl Kinnane, Dot Dougherty, Sandy Beadman, Gwen Haynes, Sonya Moore, Maureen Endean, Moya Ellem(Melb), Fay Ellem, John McAnally, Darcy Patricks, Eli Hagar, Allan Ryan, Kevin Burns, Shona Owens, Sue Jackson, Jacinta Frawley-Werger, Amanda Crawford, Aileen Whalan, Bree Brossman, and all those in hospital.

The Recently Deceased:

including Jan & Brian Harris (Tweed Heads), Jan Moss, Olga O'Meally, Bishop Bede Heather, Barry Blakeney, Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Sr. Loretta Maher, RSM, Peter Robson, Ken Robson, Maisie Wu.

Those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

including Fr John Dougherty, Fr George Cranney, Fr Charles Cullen, Fr Mattias Walshe, Fay O'Grady, Charles Pidcock, Pat Hackett, Hilda Pensini, Kathleen Sullivan, Mick Gillett, Irene Hynes.

<u>Other Mass Intentions:</u> including all the Holy Souls, Michael Bourke, Victor Gibbs, Peter Kennedy, Kathleen & Theo Hogg, Sr. Patricia Brown,RSM.



The process of conversion always entails the cross.

There is no holiness without sacrifice and without a spiritual battle.

#HolyWeek Pope Francis Pontifex 1/4/2021



Welcome **Xanthe Aurelia Weiley** to the Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Easter Sunday 4th April 2021 Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

MASS Attendance

Currently Dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations continues.

Places of Worship - Church services are still subject to the 2 square metre distancing rule.

As we know there are certain directives that must be followed to enable us to come together and celebrate as a community, please familiarise yourselves with the following:

- Hand sanitising on arrival and departure
- Recording name and phone number on arrival
- Sit in allocated pews, 3 or 2 as indicated (household may sit together)
- 1.5m social distancing at all times on entering and leaving
- Single file for receiving communion (on hand only) observe social distancing.
- Congregational singing is NOW permitted.
- MASKS are not mandatory but are recommended.

Anyone who is unwell or who have been in COVID-19 hotspots should not attend Mass.

Those most vulnerable to the virus include those people 70 years and over are reminded to carefully consider whether they should attend Sunday Masses at this time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass are encouraged to spend some time in prayer that might include reading the scriptures, joining in a screen Mass (details in this bulletin) or praying a rosary.

The Parish Bulletin is a single use product-please take it home. Please keep praying for the end of this pandemic & keep safe.



from 4.00pm

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McAuley Catholic College Grafton



Annual Parish 200 Club run by the

Cowper Community will commence on 12th April to 23rd August.

Cost: \$20 each (Five numbers)

Last chance to purchase your tickets.

Please contact the Parish Office or Margaret Walker 0427 022 326.



Planned Giving

Planned Giving contributions can be made using your envelopes or by electronic funds transfer. If you would like to make contributions by EFT, banking details are:

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Name: **Grafton Catholic Church.**

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For contributions towards the priest's, deposits can be made to:

BSB: 062546 Account Number: 00800535 Name: **RC Lismore Presbyterium Grafton**

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 11th April, 2021 You are invited to a Holy Hour in honour of the Divine Mercy 2pm to 3pm at St Patrick's Church, South Grafton.

Weekend Apr 10/11	St Mary's Church Saturday 5.00pm	St Mary's Church Sunday 8.00am	St Patrick's Church Sunday 9.30am	Mary Immaculate Sunday 8.00am
Commentator	Gail Ward	Barry Whalley	Jim O'Donohue	Barry Walker
Reader	Joseph Golden	Quinnlan Boyce	Gary Scurrah	Marie Moran
Extraordinary Minister	Joseph Golden	Marie Small	Lynne Higham	

Easter Vigil Readings

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2

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

Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1

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

Isaiah 55: 1-11

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

Epistle - Romans 6: 3-11

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

Gospel- Mark 16: 1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia! Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43

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 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21

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

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.

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.*

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

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.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence:

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

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 1-9

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. bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings: (2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B) Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31



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