

Bribie Island Beacon

Sunday 12 April 2020

Easter Sunday



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ON ABC

On Good Friday at 4pm ABC Television will show the Good Friday Liturgy from St John's Cathedral.

After Jesus arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane he found himself separated from his community, the friends who had journeyed with him for years were nowhere in sight. If you find yourself struggling with the solitude of this strange time don't forget Jesus too experienced what it meant to be isolated.

This is one of the powerful things about Jesus, he lived as one of us, facing challenges and obstacles in the same way we have to each and every day. Despite the challenges Jesus had confidence and trust in God. As people of faith we are called to have hope and love.

Through Jesus death and resurrection, we are called to have hope in all times, despite how gloomy things may appear, with God all things are possible. Underpinning all these things is love, God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so let us accept, celebrate and pass on this love to all our brothers and sisters.

Fr Steven Schwarzrock

GETTING THE BEACON BY EMAIL

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So how do we support our Parish community in this strange time.

PRAY – please pray that God strengthens our Church community and its leaders.

PARTICIPATE – join in with online worship as other non-gathered activities. Phone each other and say hello and ask are you ok.

GIVE – continue to support the Parish financially, consider commencing Parish Direct or give through your online banking.

PARISH NOTICES

Office Mail Slot – A mail slot has been installed in the door of the Parish Office on Toorbul Lane. For those who are unable to give online you may wish to place your parish giving through this slot as well as any correspondence for the Fr Steven or the Parish Office.

Neighbourhood Centre – Donations of groceries and clothing for the Neighbourhood Centre are still welcome, there will be a box at the front door of St Peter's each Monday, so if you can give something to support the needy in the community please bring it to St Peter's each Monday for collection.

Drink Containers – Please continue to collect your drink containers, they can be dropped off in front of the shed next to Coinda.

Parish Giving – Even though we are not meeting for worship the Parish still needs to meet expenses, if you are able to give by Parish Direct or Online Deposit it would be appreciated, bank account details on front of newsletter.

Pre-Loved Fashion Parade – The Focus on Fellowship annual fashion parade due to be held in June has been postponed to 2021.

PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need - Roslyn Young, Debbie Eustace, Marjorie Voss, Diane Loose, Barry Loose, Sue Telfer.

To add someone to the prayer list please email office@stpetersbribie.org.au

EPRAY - Be nourished and sustained through Daily Prayer. Quick and easy access to the Anglican Daily Office on your smart phone or tablet. Download the free 'epray daily' app from your app store. The Parish code is 6065.

It's interesting that in the Bible Jesus doesn't ask us to remember his birth or his resurrection, although we know we should, but he tells us to remember his death. When he instituted the Lord's Supper, he said, 'Do this in remembrance of me' (Luke 22:19 NKJV). Paul said, 'God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Galatians 6:14 NKJV). The cross, like the gallows and the electric chair, is an instrument of death. So why glory in it? Because of what took place there. When Jesus said, 'It is finished,' all your sins from the cradle to the grave were paid for. So the cross is God's first and last word when it comes to salvation. It's his first word because Jesus was 'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world' (Revelation 13:8 NKJV). And the cross is God's last word about salvation, for in Heaven they will sing, 'You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation' (Revelation 5:9 NKJV). There is no 'plan B' for salvation. The only road that goes to Heaven goes through Calvary. You can't bypass the cross or go around it if you want to be saved. The Bible says, 'Without shedding of blood there is no remission [for sin]' (Hebrews 9:22 NKJV). As you look at the cross today, you'll see the curse of sin, the cost of sin and the cure for sin. And as you look at the cross, remind yourself: 'He did it for me.'

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 10:11, 14-18; Luke 23:33-43; 1 Peter 2:21-24.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECT

Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTIVE ACTIVITY

Place a cross on a table or some other place of honor, adding candles if you wish. Be sure to allow some time in silent reflection as you gaze upon the cross and grow in relationship with Jesus. Create some time for personal prayer and reflection.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Good Friday?
2. What are your own experiences of death and resurrection?
3. How might you explain the significance of the cross to someone?

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECT

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

Christ is risen! Alleluia! When we read today's Gospel it is easy for us to laugh at Mary of Magdala. How could she not have known that Jesus had risen? Sometimes we have to remind ourselves that we know how the story goes. Imagine the utter shock of visiting the tomb of a loved one to find it empty. John's Gospel notes that even Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved did not understand what had happened. Perhaps this is an invitation for each of us to think deeply about what the Resurrection means in our own lives.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Easter Sunday?
2. What are some important Easter traditions in your own family?
3. Where do you encounter the Risen Christ?

Online Worship available every Sunday

To watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link vimeo.com/user110905450 the link is also available from our website and FaceBook page. Services from other parishes can be found on the Diocesan Website anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Morning Prayer on Wednesday & Sunday with Chat Time

At 10am each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** you are invited to join us for a Morning Prayer using Zoom. Chat time before Morning Prayer from 9:30am. Follow the Zoom instructions below.



ZOOM - Video and Phone Conferencing Application

While we are unable to meet in person the Parish will be using Zoom to hold meetings, prayer times, studies and conversations. If you have a computer with a camera, a tablet or smart phone all you need to do is download a free app by following this link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3408319100>

Open the app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**. When prompted select join with computer / internet audio. You can also phone in from your home phone by dialling **02 8015 6011**. The meeting id is **3408319100**. Please phone Fr Steven on 3408 3191 if you need assistance.

ONLINE EASTER WORSHIP

Online Services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be published on our Vimeo page, which can be accessed through our parish webpage, Facebook or the following link vimeo.com/user110905450

'But we preach Christ crucified.'
1 Corinthians 1:23

Paul writes: 'For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God' (1 Corinthians 1:22-24). There's no Jewish way to be saved, or Gentile way to be saved. There's only one way to be saved - that's the way of the cross! We all have the same need. We need to know what's right and do what's right. We need the wisdom to know what to do, and we need the power to do it. And Christ offers us both through the cross.

In his early ministry, when Billy Graham preached to a great crowd in Dallas, Texas, there was very little response to his message. As he was leaving the platform, an old man told him, 'Your message was good, but you didn't preach the cross.' Billy went to his room, wept and resolved, 'There will never be a sermon that I preach unless the cross is central.' Starting that day, God used him to win more people to Christ than almost any other preacher in history.

There's just enough ego in each of us to want to 'contribute' to our salvation by doing good works. But we cannot. Hymnist Robert Lowry wrote: 'What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.'