



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, YEAR C

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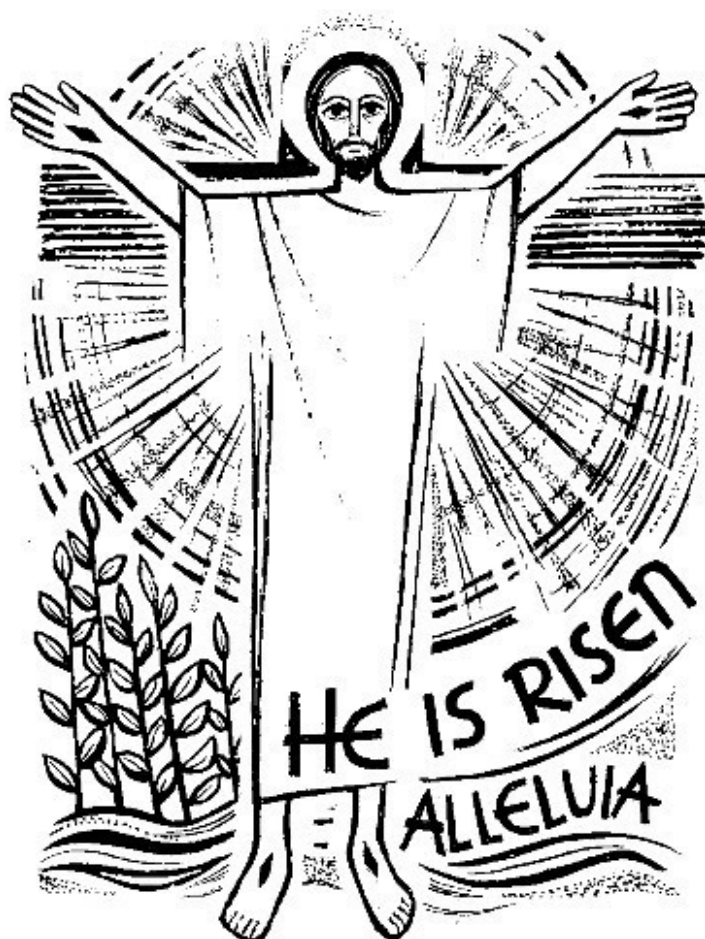
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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

The Octave of Easter, Year C

Monday—18th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—19th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—20th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Thursday—21st April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—22nd April

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @
The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—23rd April

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral **

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday—24th April

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

7.30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ The Junction

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral * **

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (*Italian*)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (*Polish*)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral **

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday 15 April until Easter Monday 18 April, inclusive. The Parish Office will return to regular business hours on Tuesday 19 April. The Team here wish you all a happy, holy, and safe celebration of Easter.

The Office will be closed Monday 25th April for Anzac Day.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for April is:

April 20: Lectio

April 27: No Meeting

All meetings are online via Zoom. All welcome to participate regularly or occasionally.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 1st May @ 6:15pm to discuss *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku. If

you would like to participate in book club **I ❤️ Book Club** meetings, please email

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

For more information contact:

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Reg Callinan

ANNIVERSARIES: Edna Margaret O'Beirne, Grace Johnson, Martin Johnson, Daniel Cork, Monica Gebbie

SICK: Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddie, Tiani Bishop, Jason Yu, Joel Samy, Tom Parker, Max Williamson, Sam and Margaret Broad

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.



MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, on Wednesday at 7.30am and Friday at 11.00am. All are welcome, including new meditators, but you will need to be at least double-vaccinated and you must wear a mask. Hand sanitizing is still required. Wednesday is usually a small group and would suit those who do not wish to go into crowds.

The Monday evening group is not resuming, but a meditation group is available on Tuesdays at 6.00pm at St Philip's Church, Vista Parade, Kotara.

ART EXHIBITION: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres. Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

Exhibition date: Saturday May 14

Location: TBA || Time: 2pm– 5pm

Categories Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult. \$150 prize for the winning entry in each Category

E-PETITION

An online petition to abolish Alex Greenwich's Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (VAD) in the NSW Parliament is available at:

[LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislativecouncil.nsw.gov.au/legislation/other-legislation/e-petitions/e-petition-2021-2022/legislative-council-signing-e-petition-please-unanimously-reject-the-voluntary-assisted-dying-bill-2021)

An excellent article regarding the legislation that appeared in the Catholic Weekly may be viewed at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/nsw-dying-bill-danger/>

The 'ePetition' is open until 25 April 2022.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Today is Fr Andrew's last day with us. Next week we welcome Fr John Lovell in the role of Moderator of the City Pastoral Region and Rector of the Cathedral (in the temporary format of administrator).

EASTER BLESSING OF HOMES

Please collect a bottle with blessed Easter water to take home.

The Easter Season has always been a sacred tradition where families are invited to take the Easter Water and to gather as family to bless their homes. The emphasis has always been on the family gathering for this sacred annual custom.

The Book of Blessings makes the comment that for pastoral reasons and in the interest of unity between families living in the same location, the blessing may be celebrated for several families gathered together in one convenient place. Perhaps the family group could make a feature of this event this year. You are invited to take a bottle provided and use the following prayer to celebrate the blessing.

**Blessed are you, God our Father,
for your gift of this house
as the dwelling place of this family.**

**Grant that those who live here may obtain the
gifts of the Holy Spirit through their works of
charity let them show what grace Your blessings
brings, so that all who visit this home will find the
spirit of love and peace which only you can give.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R./ AMEN**

After the prayer of blessing sprinkle those present and the home with holy water and say:

**Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ,
who has redeemed us by his death and
resurrection**

CONCLUDING RITE

May the God of hope fill you with every joy in believing.

May the peace of Christ abound in your hearts

May the Holy Spirit enrich you with his gifts, now and forever.

R./ AMEN.

THE EMPTY TOMB

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

DIOCESAN APP

Coming soon this month!

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is delighted to announce the launch of our new mobile app for smartphones and tablets.

The new app is our latest innovation in staying connected with Catholics in the Diocese. Mass times, news and events, and parish giving, are now right at your fingertips.

What's new?

All your parish essentials are in the palm of your hand. As part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's new app, you are able to:

1. Check Mass times for any day of the week for your local church or any Parish within the Diocese.
2. Find the closest Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle church to you based on your location.
3. Read the latest news from parishes and/or the Diocese
4. Find out more about upcoming parish and Diocese events.
5. View daily prayers.
6. View homilies prepared by your Priest.
7. Setup regular electronic parish giving.

Contribute to one-off, specific local parish fundraising events electronically.

As part of the new app, you are also able to select your Church and receive customised alerts. To view your latest Parish updates, simply scroll down the home page and click on the notices that interest you for more details.

Mass times in your area

Whether you're at home or travelling, the Diocese's mobile app shows you Churches and Mass times near you.

If you're looking to attend a special Mass in your Parish, or you're just not sure about upcoming Mass times near you, simply searching in the app by your location allows you to find service times in your area.

How to download the app

You can download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!

If you already have the original app installed, this will automatically update to the new version.

Please click on the link for more information

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app/>

THE CHOSEN SEASON TWO DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to The Chosen Season Two Discussion group. During the session we will recap the highlights of the episode and be guided on a journey both personal and communal. We will explore as a group the human nature of Jesus as he builds his community and the threats that exist to tear it down.

Date: Thursday 28 April – 16 June

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-discussion-group-2022-tickets-301246655857>

MYSTAGOGY MONDAY

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation.

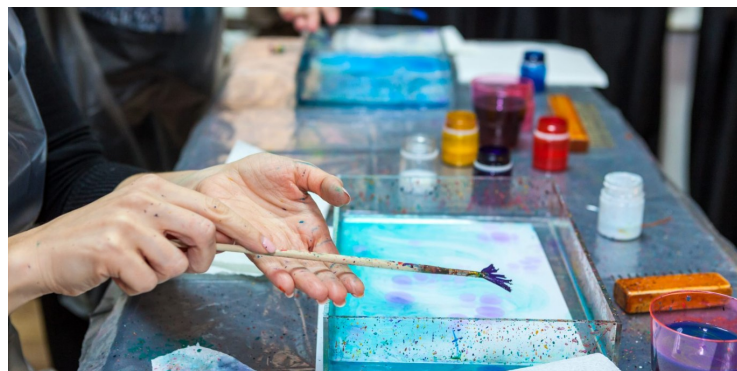
Join us each Monday morning as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel.

Commencing 9 May at 10am

GOSPEL FOCUS

The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.



LOUD SKY COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOPS **22ND APRIL – 9TH JUNE, 2022**

During 2022 a series of art workshops will be offered to link the experience and stories of survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, their families, and friends, with the creative possibility of the arts in the lead up to the Loud Sky Exhibition at the Lock Up in 2023.

WORKSHOPS:

Mixed Media Expression

An opportunity to explore different materials and a playful sense of expression. Grab some paper and art material and began with a few moments of silence, take a few deep breaths and relax into your breath. An invitation for participants to be present and focus on this time as selfcare.

This workshop will be presented by Dr Helena Bezzina, an artist and art-educator, who has also worked in galleries and museums in the area of health and wellbeing.

TIME: 3 – 4.30PM

DATES: Every Thursday beginning 5th May to 9th June 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie (MAC) 1A First St Booragul

Beyond Borders – Working with Textiles

Forget the perfect stitches of the school room, this workshop is about moving outside those boundaries to push the limits of what can be achieved with thread, fabric, paper, paints and found materials. It is as much about the process as the product. Exploring beyond borders and playing with a variety of materials.

This workshop will be presented by Ann-Maree Kelly, a visual artist who works with watercolours and textiles.

TIME: 10 – 11.30AM

DATES: Every Friday beginning 22nd April to 27th May 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: The Creator Incubator, 15A/50 Clyde St, Hamilton North 2292

Gratitude through Narrative Photography

This workshop invites participants to explore everyday gratitude through the medium of photography. It will also be an opportunity to learn new skills with photography. Participants will be offered instruction on the technical aspects of photography working with any form of camera they have (i.e.: smart phone, digital camera, DSLR, film camera) as well as post production edits such as cropping, colour, black and whites, and minor retouching. We will work towards choosing a selection of images that best reflect participants ideas on everyday gratitude which will be printed for presentation..

This workshop will be presented by photographer and art therapist, Danielle Minett.

TIME: 10 – 11.30AM

DATES: Every Monday from 2nd May to 6th June 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: The Lock-Up, 90 Hunter Newcastle 2300



NEWCASTLE TUDOR SINGERS

FOR PEACE

For Peace: A concert on Anzac Day, Monday April 25 at 2:30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The concert features the *Mass for the Armed Man* by Kurt Jenkins and Prayer for Ukraine—the spiritual anthem of the Ukraine.

IGNATIAN ECOSPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

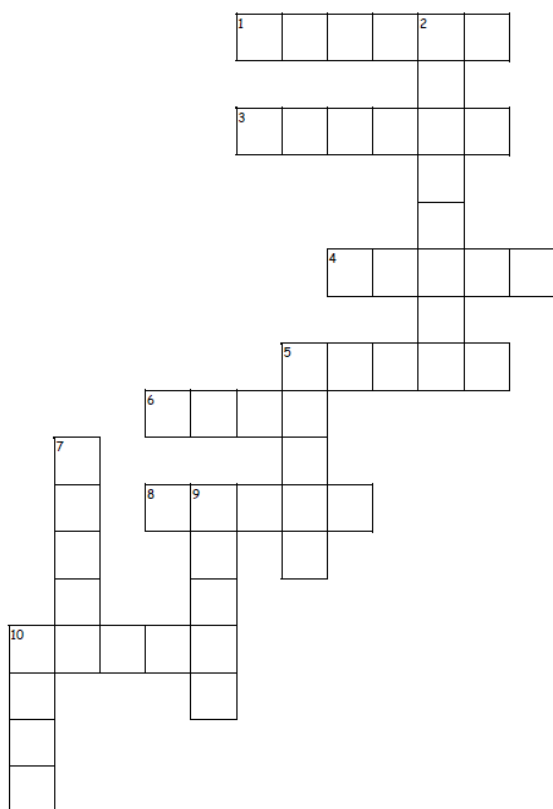
You are invited to join the Newcastle hub of the International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference, 26 - 30 April 2022. <https://iiec.org.au/>

A group of up to eight people will gather each day 9.15 -11.30am in inner Newcastle to hear the conference speakers and discuss our responses. During the day, we will spend time with God in different settings (either individually or with the group). Later in the day, we will gather to share our experiences (either in person or online). Registration is up to \$200. For more information contact Lawrie 0419 447 217 or lah.yallourn@gmail.com.

CROSSWORD

All who have faith in Jesus will have their sins forgiven

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 15c-16ab & 17, 22-23
Jn 20:1-9



Across

- 1: selected
- 3: lifted up
- 4: Jesus was nailed to one of these
- 5: a type of cotton fabric
- 6: she was the first to notice that Jesus' body was missing
- 8: this covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 10: Jesus rose from the dead after this many days

Down

- 2: all people
- 5: reclining, resting down
- 7: belief
- 9: removed
- 10: burial chamber

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Jesus Christ is risen!

Jn 20:1-9

X S Y E S Y H R N I L L K J
J B M G I F K C R Y E V S D
C B N G L A Q E L G B I A H
L S M C N C D F A D C E G V
P E T E R E T O M B O N T X
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P T J G C P R B W T N L K N
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S B V X B E H Y L C A V L I
D B H M T A Q B F E S O Q F
G Q J W J E N T R A N C E E
N R S T O N E M G M C Q U V
G D P K P L I N E N M A R Y

Try to find these words:

cloth
dark
entrance
face
life
linen
Mary
Peter
Scriptures
stone
taken
tomb

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard SJ

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb

accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

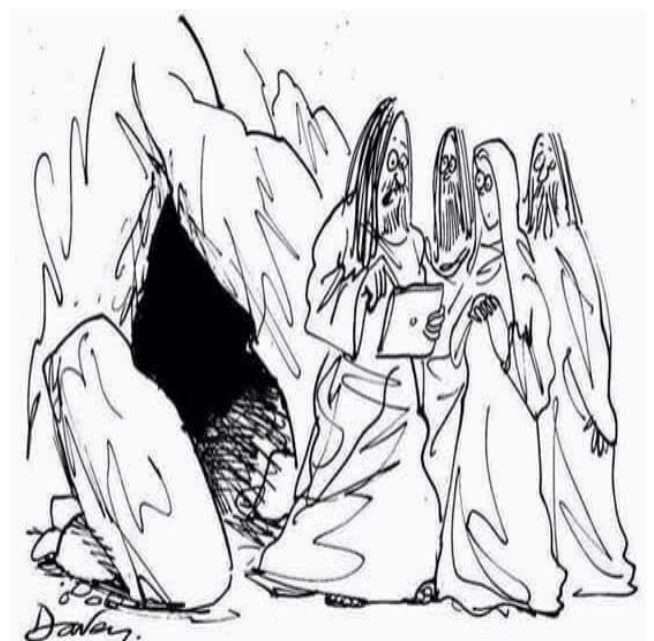
Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

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.

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

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

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 corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

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

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: 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

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

Communion Antiphon : 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.