

The Easter Vigil

Year B

Saturday 19th April 2025

Epistle

Romans 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

Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

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

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord

"He is not here;
he has risen."

Luke 24:6

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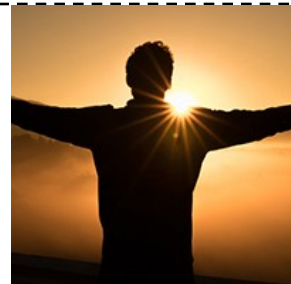
St Mary's—Cowes Mass Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9.00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 10am—11am



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On Holy Thursday we saw that God is the one who passes over; on Good Friday we recognised that Jesus is our real Passover. Today we contemplate our own passing over. Holy Saturday is a time of liminality; an in-between time. We are no longer in one place, but we have not yet arrived at the other. We are in the crossing. We are moving from darkness into light, from death to life, and we do this by passing through the waters of baptism. In the dark of the night, we are called to follow God into the unknown. If we can do this, if we can risk all and leave behind the life to which we have grown accustomed, we will be able to survive in this period of liminality. The vigil readings end with a promise of regeneration. The waters that at first threatened us, can rejuvenate us. We now stand at the threshold of a new creation. The period of liminality is over. Our next step is into the waters of baptism, there to be recreated, to be born anew, to die and to rise in Christ. Through baptism we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like those who heard the proclamation of the women, we are called to faith through the words of others. When we respond, our passing over will be complete and we will be embraced by Christ our True Passover.



Easter Offerings: Envelopes available at the back of the church



Divine Mercy

The weekend after Easter on Sunday 27th April is Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayers (chaplet) will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea, San Remo at 3pm. All Welcome



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Easter Sunday

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Sunday 20th April 2025

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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 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

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

or

(R.) Alleluia!

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for his love has no end.
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Second Reading

Colossians 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

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

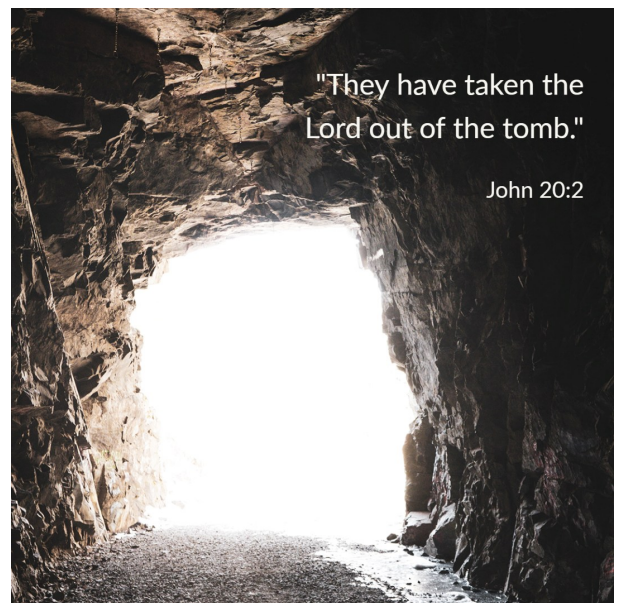
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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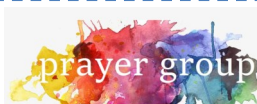
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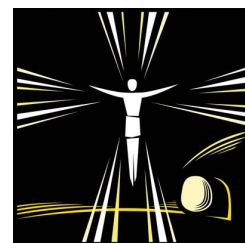
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REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen



Women go to the tomb as dawn is
breaking. The Power of Darkness
which had Jesus unjustly sen-
tenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch
blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of
all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of
human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians,
which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in
darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element
we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be
glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with
light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the
gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord
Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of
Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was
'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of
the message which the male disciples initially did not
believe. But eventually they too believed that Death
had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine
Love and we can, by grace, participate in that
resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits
us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be
transformed by that resurrection life recreating the
whole of creation.

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