



## Our Parish Vision Statement

St Brigid's will be a community that actively lives the Good News of Christ. We strive to be Christ centred, welcoming to all and to encourage everyone to grow spiritually.

### EASTER 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Proclaiming the good news of Easter could not come at a better time.*

*Everyone is affected, some more severely than others, by the Covid19 pandemic. Even for most people, who will not get sick, the disruptions to our social and economic life are already here. There is fear of the unknown as we make our way through this emergency, unprecedented in our lifetimes.*

*I have written elsewhere about the practical cooperation we should give to our public health authorities, especially as it applies to the life of our parishes. In this message, I want to invite you sincerely to enter more deeply, through these events, into the good news of Easter: and into the reality of your faith in Christ and your relationship with him.*

*The Son of God entered a broken world, to save it from within. Our world is broken by the original sin that afflicts our relationships with God and one another, whether personal or social. Relations within creation are broken, too, as the outbreak of this virus and other natural calamities reveal again and again.*

*Our liturgical celebrations of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be restricted this year, but each person, each family can reflect on the story revealed in the Scriptures and the liturgical prayers. It is the good news that humankind and creation are being redeemed from sin and death.*

*That each person who turns to Jesus Christ for forgiveness will find it. That each person who opens his or her life to him will be given the peace that is the fruit of forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.*

*At the Easter Vigil proclamation, in the Exsultet, the deacon sings:*

*This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.*

*This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.*

*Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed. O wonder of your humble care for us!*

*O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!*

*O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!*

*O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*

*May this Easter be a celebration of this new life for you.*

*Yours in Christ,  
+Michael McKenna*



**If you know of someone who does not have access to the internet** you might like to print the bulletin out for them—or call into the presbytery, or call us and we will deliver it.

To assist us with connecting to parishioners we are trying to update all our system records.  
**It would help us to know your email address or if you have moved in recent times.**

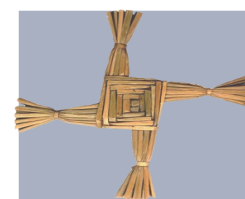
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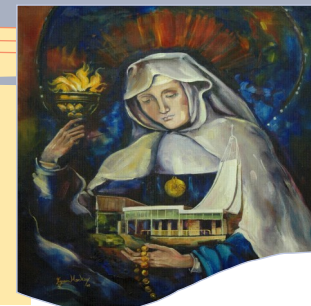
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**Catholic Parish  
of Dubbo**

# St Brigid's



We acknowledge the original owners of this land and pay respects to the elders past and present and all deceased members of the Wiradjuri people.

## EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A 12TH APRIL, 2020

### PARISH STAFF

Fr Greg Kennedy **Parish Priest**  
Fr Francis Muhenda **Assistant Priest**  
Fr Martin O'Mahony **Pastor Emeritus**  
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### First reading Acts 10:34,37-43

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.'

*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.'

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

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

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### The Gospel According to John

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'



### Readings for next week:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

Find the daily readings online: <http://universalis.com>

## Praying at home—one way to celebrate:

### GOOD FRIDAY COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION

#### Opening Prayer

Lord of Glory, we proclaim your death and look ever forward to your Resurrection. As we contemplate your Cross, the tree on which you hung so that we may have life, may we be ever aware of the life that springs from death, the light that rises from darkness, and the hope that banishes fear. Draw us close to you, so that we may know the glory your Cross points to. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

If possible read the Passion in Chapters 18 and 19 of John's Gospel

#### Adoration of the Cross:

*Place a cross on a table or some other place of honour, adding candles if you wish. Part of the beauty of the Adoration of the Cross is the time for personal prayer and reflection. You may wish to touch the cross. Do not let this time be cluttered by words but bask in the power of the cross as a symbol of not only death but ultimately of Resurrection. After your time of reflection:*

#### Litany for Forgiveness:

For the times we have not loved as we are called to love	Father, forgive
For the times we have cultivated doubt instead of hope	Father, forgive
For the times that selfishness, greed, and lust influence our decisions.	Father, forgive
For the times we nurture isolation instead of community.	Father, forgive
For the times we hear the needs of others but refuse to act.	Father, forgive
For the times we pass judgment on ourselves and those whom we encounter.	Father, forgive
For the times we create divisions.	Father, forgive
For the times we neglect care for our common home.	Father, forgive
For the times we are not good stewards of the gifts you give us.	Father, forgive

Confident that Jesus Christ hears our prayer, let us offer our petitions with open hearts:

For the church, for the Pope, and for all women and men who live their lives in service of God: May they know the intimacy of authentic relationship with Christ.  
For all catechumens, and for all who are preparing to celebrate sacraments: May they respond to their baptismal call with courage, opening their hearts to the invitation of God.  
For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit: May they know the great compassion of God through those who care for them.  
For peace in our families, communities, nation, and world: May all seek resolution to disagreement and difference in ways that protect the life and dignity of all people.  
For all who are unemployed or underemployed: May they find opportunities to use their gifts for the service of others in ways that are sustaining and life-giving.  
For all who grieve: May they know the consolation of hope found in Christ.

Our Father

**Concluding Prayer:** Loving God, We praise you in a special way today as we celebrate Good Friday. Be with us as we continue our journey through Holy Week, that we may more closely align our lives with yours, knowing that death never wins, and that life and love always prevail. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen

*For those who can access the internet:*

**Find us on facebook:**  
**facebook.com/StBrigidsDubbo/**

**Live streaming Mass:**  
6pm Holy Thursday Mass  
10am Friday Stations of the Cross  
9am Easter Sunday Mass  
**www.stbrigidsdubbo.com**

The Diocese has developed a service to assist our prayer. Daily readings and reflections can be accessed by a free email subscription.

**Connect@Home**

<http://eepurl.com/ddY9nr>

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from **Thursday 9th April and re-open on Monday 20th April**  
*The office will be open Monday—Thursday until further notice.*

**CHANNEL 7 / Prime 7** will broadcast from St Mary's Cathedral :

**The Passion on Friday @ 3pm**  
**and Easter Sunday Mass from 10:30am**

AS A PARISH WE OFFER  
OUR PRAYERS FOR:

### ANNIVERSARIES



Greg Tratt  
Patricia Butcher  
Peter Ensor  
Arlee Morris  
Norma O'Brien  
Ray Lynne

#### Masses to be offered for:

Colin Shibble, James Alborough, William Latta, Modesto C Alviola, Ivan Solomon, Carolan, Dwyer & Donnelly families, Amelia & Alfred Walsh, Colin McColl, Terry Tancred, Wendy Baker, Ongoing Prayer for Rain, Karen Van Denhoven, Judy Prentice, Eleuterio & Narcisa Ngujo, Greg Tratt, Tom & Joan Slattery, Grace Mirafuentes, Anastacia Iluisma, Teotimo Mirafuentes, Tom Davidson, Terry & Jim Fahy, Francesco & Bibiana Lappa, Members of the Lappa family, Alwyn McMillan, Dec'd McMillan, Munro & Olsen families, Madden, Duggan & Honeysett families, Arturo & Angela Marinucci, Dec'd members of the Marinucci family, Tim Meehan, Ray Meehan, Maureen Nolan, Bill O'Neill, Margaret Ryan, Anthony Wilson.

#### Those who are sick:

Martin Coleman, Joan Cowley, Molly Croft, Bernard Davis, Jeffrey Davis, Vivien Deane, Rosemary Doherty, Don Egan, Marcia Fahy, Josh Farr, Denise Hills, Bernice King (Fr Carl Mackander's sister), Dianne Scroope, Michael Simmons, Brendan Stanford, Nathan Stanmore, Emma Whiteley (Wagga)

**Lord, may your peace come upon people across our world who are struggling in our present crisis. May the hope of resurrection sustain and comfort us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

**Let's Go Further, Together.**

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