



Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd Parish

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 30TH AND 31ST MARCH 2024



The original ending

Today's Gospel from Mark, chapter 16, ends at verse 7 — but there's an eighth verse we did not read this evening/morning:

[The women] went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

In our Bibles, Mark's Gospel continues for another eleven verses, with brief stories of the Risen Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and to the Eleven and an account of Jesus' Ascension — but Biblical scholars believe that these verses were added to Mark's original text in the first and second centuries by Christians wanting to "complete" Mark's Gospel with the stories from the early Church's rich oral tradition. The writing style and themes of these added verses are unlike anything else in Mark's Gospel.

Therefore, the oldest text we have of the Gospel of Mark ends with those words: "they were afraid."

Succeeding generations of Christians found it hard to live with this cryptic, unsatisfying — even disturbing — "non-ending": *Jesus has been raised from the dead, and the compassionate women who risk coming to the tomb early on Sunday morning to complete the work of burial hear the angel's news and run in terror. The end.*

However, isn't that our first reaction to the news of Jesus' resurrection?

The truth is that Easter scares us. We can handle the birth of a child at Christmas with great joy — but the *rebirth* of Christ is terrifying. We can bury Jesus whose life exemplified the compassion and forgiveness of God — but the rising of that life from the grave forces us to the uncomfortable, unnerving task of examining the holiness of our own lives.

The resurrection of Jesus challenges many of our values, our belief systems, our perspectives. God's raising up his beloved Son from the grave is God's pushing us to the unknown and demanding Galilees of the poor, the marginalized, the lost, the despised; it calls us out of the safe "tombs" we have dug to isolate ourselves from the difficult and challenging, to protect ourselves in our self-centred and self-created purgatory.

And that is terrifying.

In raising his Son from the dead, God vindicates Jesus' Gospel of forgiveness, compassion and justice — a Gospel that we often prefer to "entomb" in shrines and beautifully crafted but seldom opened Bibles. To "see" Jesus, we must go to the Galilees where he is now. We "meet" the Risen Jesus only by going to where God is. It's a frightening, intimidating and unnerving journey that demands leaving the safety and comfort of our lives, letting go of our fears and doubts to let ourselves be transformed in the life and love of the God's Risen One. But that's how the peace of the Easter Christ is realised in our own Galilee.

Peace

Parish Pastoral Team

Act Justly, Love tenderly and Walk Humbly with God. Micah. 6:8

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Hosanna King, Bless all your people

READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Resp. Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47



Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

Mick Mulroney, Daphne Slattery, Kevin Shephard, Matthew Varkey, Edward Rasie, Shirley Franks, Agnes Sariman, Graham Jordan, Peter Allen, Graham Beckwith, Mary McMahon, Yvonne Vasta, Vailea 'Eteaki

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Rynne, Joe Sorbello, Evelyn Lawson, Faust Jacobone, Sandy Feeney, Shirley Giess, Grace O'Shea, Frank Grist, Joan Stanley, Arcangela Dibella,

P.G: \$457.00 **Loose:** \$642.05

Raffle: \$66.00

Thank you for your support of the Parish

Your support is greatly appreciated.



MASS TIMES

Good Shepherd: Saturday 6.00 pm

Good Shepherd: Sunday 7.30 am

Ryan: Sunday 9.30 am

Sunday 5.00 pm

Good Shepherd: Wednesday 6.30 am

Friday (No Mass)

Ryan: Monday 8.00 am

Tuesday 8.00 am

Wednesday 10.00 am

(Adoration after Mass)

Thursday 8.00 am

Parish Office Times

Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.00 pm

(Closed on Public Holidays)

BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:

NO BAPTISMS



MOTHERS PRAYERS meet on Monday morning at 9 am and Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm (except for Public Holidays) Room 5, at the Ryan Community Centre. For further information see church noticeboard or contact Janice on 0401 581 925.



Our Parishioners meet for coffee at Baker & Barista, Willows at 9.00 am every second Tuesday. Next get together 9th April

RECONCILIATION: Our Parish Priests are available for Reconciliation each weekend before & after Mass. Other times to suit can be arranged by phoning the Parish Office on 4723 9844 to make an appointment.



Please pray for the sick in our community & for all those in need of our prayers:

Colin Burke, Andrea Coulton, Lesley Griffin, Elena Brosnan, Winfred Santos, John Parker, Peggy Brazel, Boston Gallagher, Tom Raleigh, Michelle Gosper, Timothy Sherrington, Vincent Bray, Annie Clay, Madonna Reinke, Wendy Dowd, Marion Baxter, Douglas Graham, Dylan Bagley, Patricia Antony, Don Forrest, Martin Jordan, Helen Spokes, Larissa Hartnell, Connah Brazel, Jacqui Conn, Peter Miller, Andy Murphy, Kenneth Brand, Toby Kelly, Carmel Thompson, Sean Sibson, Cassie Brazel, Bronwyn Rust-Jones, Warwick Bull, Maureen Graham, Catarina Nisha, Marg Ryan, Telia Casey, Mary Butler, Daniel Davies, Graham Collins, Allister Holland, Tony Seeto, Robyn Gorry, Kevern Kennedy, Maree Stark, Kelly Hartley, Helen Bray, Marion Marschall, Ron Fletcher, Jon Loncar, Bob Haynes, Elsa Venturato, Duane Harrison

If your loved one no longer needs our prayers, please contact the office.

ROSTERS 6TH AND 7TH APRIL 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 6.00pm

Welcome:

Readers: Stella Deguara
Graham Poacher

Eucharistic: Leung

Family

TBA

Sunday 7.30am

Welcome: Richard Meade

Readers: Harry Bisley

Anne Hansen

Eucharistic: Monica Eaton

Vivienne Scalton

Dot Parnell

RYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday 9.30am

Readers: Stephanie Giorcelli
Johanna Kodoatie

Eucharistic: Darryl Serrurier

Walter Raleigh

Martin Boorer

Graham Joseph

Julie Wilson

Offertory: Sacramental Program

Cuppa Bridgefoot Family

Baptism No Baptisms

**We acknowledge & respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand,
The Wulgurukaba people. May we walk gently together.**

- 29th March** Catholic Horizons Good Friday Special Triple T 103.9fm @ 6.30 – 7.30 am
21st April Sacramental Program Confirmation and First Eucharist – 9.30 am Emmaus Hall
(All are welcome)
24th April Baptism Preparation Meeting 7.00 pm Ryan Community Centre



EASTER SUNDAY



Thankyou for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Annual Good Friday Appeal for Holy Places

The Annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29th March. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land – the 'ancient stones' of our Christian heritage and the 'living stones' of our present and future Christians. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?

The House of Prayer is welcoming interest and enrolments for their spiritual direction formation program beginning in May. The program will run part time over 3 years with 3 intensives each year. This formation is beneficial to anyone called to a listening ministry and those who would like to explore their own contemplative practices. To express your interest or for more information, please contact Brianne Falconieri at the House of Prayer on 4728 9861 or visit our website <https://www.houseofprayertownsville.org.au/formation-program.html>

PRESBYTERY CLEANER

We are looking for a cleaner for the Presbytery. This involves cleaning of the Presbytery and ironing for the Priests. This is for 5 hours per week. Please contact the Parish Office.



PARISH MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Good Shepherd Men's Group Luncheon is on again on Friday 5th April 2024 at 12 noon. Please note the change of venue as we are now meeting at Kirwan Sports Club. Bamford Lane, Kirwan



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Children's Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MASS READERS, EUCHARIST MINISTERS ETC.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at all of our Masses, with Reading, Eucharistic Ministers etc. If you would like to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

FACILITATING OPEN COUPLE COMMUNICATION UNDERSTANDING AND STUDY (FOCCUS)

Pre-Marriage Inventory, previously known as the Marriage Preparation Course. Couples are invited to explore their relationship with each other and the marriage they would like to have, through discussions on topics; what strengthens and weakens relationships, communication and resolving conflict. Couples will be asked to consider a series of questions relating to their relationship in context of parenting, religion, spirituality, values, readiness, communication, problem solving, intimacy and family of origin. A second session may be required for further opportunity for couple to discuss the topics from the previous session with a qualified pre-marriage educator. Couples will receive a certificate on the successful completion of the course. FOCCUS© is an opportunity for discussion, not a test, predictor or compatibility assessment. LOCATION: Townsville, Burdekin, Charters Towers and Ingham

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2024

Thursday 28th March

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

7.00 pm – Ryan Community Centre

(LAMB & BREAD PROVIDED)

PLEASE BRING FRUIT/NUTS/ DRINKS TO SHARE



Friday 29th March



GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10.00 am Bishop Benjamin Centre, Good Shepherd

School, Rasmussen (We will be taking up our annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.)

Friday 29th March

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

5.00 pm Ryan Community Centre

(Please join us after the service for some supper –
Please bring a plate of food to share – NO MEAT PLEASE)

Saturday 30th March

EASTER SATURDAY – VIGIL MASS

6.00 pm Good Shepherd Community Centre, Rasmussen
(At this Mass we will welcome our RCIA people to our Parish Community)

Sunday 31st March



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7.30 am Good Shepherd Community Centre, Rasmussen

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Monday 1st April

EASTER MONDAY

8.00 am – Ryan Community Centre,

Respect, Protect and Report

Your involvement and support to our parishes is critical to ensure we put into action, our commitment to protect our most vulnerable and to create a safer environment for everyone. Our Church community seeks to respect our diverse circumstances and backgrounds, and to provide support and respond effectively to those who are vulnerable and at risk of being harmed. The Catholic Diocese of Townsville believes that children and vulnerable adults (adults at risk of being harmed) are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm.

Please visit www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding to access the safeguarding policy, its procedures and resource documents. Your feedback, via the webpage, is welcome and is directly submitted to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. You can also speak directly with your Parish Priest or Safeguarding Representative. For more information regarding the Safeguarding policy and our procedures, please contact Mr Craig Brereton on 4726 3264 or cbrereton@tsv.catholic.org.au