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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

5 APRIL 2026

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

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.'

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.**

**or
(R.) 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.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

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.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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.

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.

or Mt 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

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.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April, 2026

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Readers & Commentators April 11 & 12, 2026

5.30pm	Fran Smullen	Damien Sullivan
8am	Lyndel Annett	Di Teitzel
11am	Paul Richardson	Loretta Richardson

Recently Deceased: Elena Tassone

Anniversaries: Maria Fiore

A SINCERE THANK YOU

A huge and sincere thank you to all those who quietly and generously worked behind the scenes to help make our Easter Celebrations so meaningful and beautiful. There are far too many people to name, but please know that your efforts have been deeply appreciated.

Easter is the heart of our liturgical year, and it brings with it many extra preparations and responsibilities.

Your willingness to give of your time, energy, and talents in service of our parish and our faith community is truly a blessing.

May God richly bless you for all that you do, and **thank you once again** for your dedication and generosity.

An Easter Message from Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle

Fr Brian Boyle's Easter message reflects on faith and the call to share the Good News of the risen Christ in our daily lives.

A printout of his full message is available at the back of the Church, and you can also find a recording and the full message on the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

All Sacristans and ladies who help around the Church are invited to join us for a cuppa at Parklake on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10.00am, including **April 11.**

Enquiries to Kath
0409 003 420

Parklake

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



**FRIENDSHIP GROUP
LUNCHEON**

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

SHEPPARTON CLUB
(455 Wyndham St, Shepparton)

12.30pm

All welcome!
Please contact Pat Simpson
0423 343 711 (leave a message)



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas
Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



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**For those who haven't yet, please return Caritas
BOXES OR ENVELOPES ASAP
so that the money can be sent to CARITAS.**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Happy 100th Birthday to Rita O'Brien

We are meeting at the Park Lake for lunch at 12pm for Rita O'Brien's 100th Birthday celebration on Thursday, April 16.

If you would like to come you are most welcome.

Please call or text
Jenny Doherty on
0438 211 895.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EVERYONE
PLEASE READ

Following the many blessings and commitments of Holy Week and Easter, the clergy and staff of St Brendan's will be taking a short period of rest.

This will be from **Tuesday, April 7** through to **Friday, April 10.**

During this time:

- The Parish Office will be closed
- There will be no 9:15am Masses
- There will be no Adoration

The church will remain open each day from 6:00am to 6:00pm for private prayer.

During this same week, we will also be:

- Painting the hallway area leading into the Sacristy and Flower Room
- Cleaning the large stained-glass window in the choir loft

Masses and other regularly scheduled liturgical services will resume on **Saturday, April 11.**

St Brendan's Parish Office will reopen on Monday, April 13.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support of our clergy, staff, and parish works.

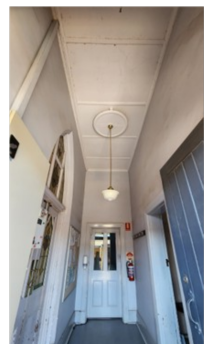
Hallway Painting Works – Sacristy & Flower Room

New paintwork is about to commence in the hallway leading to the Sacristy and the Flower Room.

We are taking advantage of this week, while there are no Masses scheduled, as the works are expected to take up to three days to complete.

Please see the 'before' photos below.

We look forward to sharing some 'after' photos with you once the project is finished.



Prayer for the NEW BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Almighty Father, knower of all hearts, grant that our brother, your servant, who is to be chosen for the office of Bishop of Sandhurst, may be a true shepherd of the flock entrusted to his care.

Pour out now upon this chosen one that power which comes from you, the Holy Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, that same Spirit which Christ bestowed on his own apostles.

May this chosen one fulfill the ministry of shepherd of your people of our diocese.

May he please you by the sincerity of his service, the purity of his heart, the humility of his interactions, the simplicity of his demeanour. May he direct by word and example the people of Sandhurst entrusted to his care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever, Amen.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.

ROSTERS for GREETER/USHER, LECTOR/ COMMENTATOR, OFFERTORY and Ministers of Communion - these were emailed during the week.

If you DID NOT RECEIVE one please contact the parish office.

Thanks to everyone who partakes in these various Ministries. If you would like to come onto our Roster please contact the parish office.

Morning Teas on THURSDAYS to resume on
THURSDAY APRIL 16
following the 9.15am Mass.
All welcome.



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Come to the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter

St Brendan's Catholic Church Sunday, April 12

-**2.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

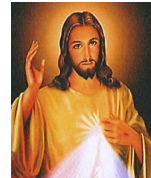
-**3.00pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet - in song Benediction

-**3.30pm** Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Jackson

-**4.30pm** Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

CUPPA at the Pastoral Centre to follow. ALL WELCOME.

Contact: Tom Melis on 0431 706 296.



There will be NO bulletin next weekend
(Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12).

The next bulletin will be on
Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19.

Reminder: For those who are reading or commenting in the coming weeks, please ensure you check your roster.



James Pelly (Jim)

Congratulation's and Happy 90th birthday to Jim who celebrates this wonderful milestone on Easter Sunday, April 5.

We celebrate Jim: husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and soon to be great grandfather!

On Easter Sunday we are celebrating 90 glorious years of wisdom, laughter, and love.

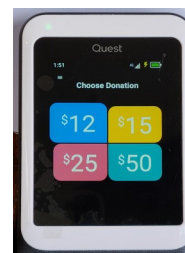


You are a treasure to us all!

TAP & GO

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Tap & Go.

We raised \$1,975 in March 2025 and \$1,883 in March 2026.



For those who would like to donate via Tap & Go, there are two donation points available in the church: one at the front entrance and one at the side entrance closest to the presbytery. See photos for reference.

