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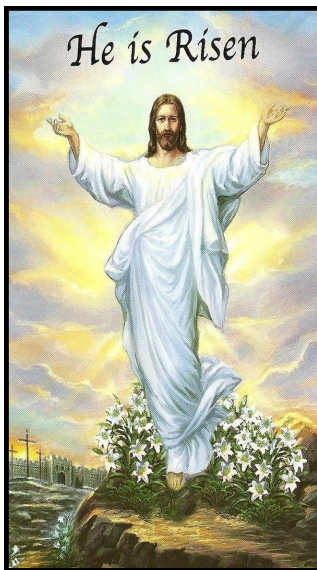
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Easter Sunday

12 April 2020



The Sacred Triduum Readings

Holy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday: Genesis: 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah: 55:1-11; Roman 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



Died Recently

Victims of Covid-19

Anniversaries

Marie Dyson

Requiescant
in Pace

The Empty Tomb

The Sacred Paschal Triduum or three most solemn days of the liturgical year are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. In these three days the church celebrates the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion on Good Friday and the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday is a day of rejoicing, for the Lord is truly risen as our Saviour and Redeemer. Here, we celebrate the fulfilment of God's promise to his people, his unfathomable love. We celebrate new life over death, light over darkness, good over evil and peace over chaos. Above all, we celebrate the Lord's resurrection that brought salvation to us all.

The Gospel reading gives us John's version of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene is recorded as the first witness of the Resurrection. She went in very early morning, before dawn, to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance, she went back immediately and reported to Peter and John the beloved disciple of Jesus. As you would expect, the two disciples rushed to the tomb to find that it was empty.

Surprisingly, the mixed reactions of scepticism and faith are inevitable. Mary Magdalene and Peter were sceptical and slow to understand. Unlike John who saw and believed. The emptiness of the tomb reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus' resurrection affirms us that He is the Lord of the living and the dead. Mission accomplished.

As the world continues to suffer from this pandemic, let the spirit of the risen Lord enrich our hearts with joy, love, hope and faith. With faith and hope in the risen Lord, we will come out victoriously from the pandemic tomb.

Here is the link to the **Triduum liturgies** taking place in the Dunedin diocese:

<https://www.cdd.org.nz/lockdownresources>

For those without internet, there are the Shine TV services as follows:

Free to air telecast—Shine TV Freeview Channel 25

Good Friday 10 April – 8.30am

Pastoral video message from Bishop Michael to the diocese.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0HSOm5ZQq2p5MciEM26Ybe5dLpifxpiYQ4HsG3adCNIfOzcFeunaoPM-s&feature=share&v=vZffF5Ro8Ng)

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To find daily readings and Sunday readings, Gospel and reflections, you could go on:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm>

(These get updated every Thursday)

Bishop Michael's Pastoral Video **Message of Encouragement** for our Lockdown period:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCpo6Yi7NWU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3xVF1yMXXe7dOI0eFI9Wb7FqRinDSyHK2puYo6Jdvoms7TIDosEEFVdQk)

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Parish Roll (Alexandra, Omakau and Roxburgh)—We are in the process of updating and editing our current parish roll records. You may receive a phone call from one of our Parish Council members requesting for confirmation of your details such as, telephone numbers, addresses and emails. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Thanks to Margaret Bennie, Colleen Grieve, Jen McLean, Jenny Campbell, Brian McLean for your help with the Alexandra & Oamkau parishes and to Glen & Rod Dyson, for all your help with the Roxburgh parish. This is a big task and your willingness to assist is truly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD, ALL CHURCHES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.
THANK YOU.**