



## Easter Resurrection Sunday | 5 April 2026

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

### FIRST READING | Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 117

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

### SECOND READING | Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

### Mass Today

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL | John 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

9:30am Mass – Easter Monday 6 April  
9:30am Mass – Easter Tuesday 7 April  
9:30am Mass – Easter Wednesday 8 April  
9:30am Mass – Easter Thursday 9 April  
9:30am Mass – Easter Friday 10 April

### This Week - Easter Octave!

*Alleluia!*

### READINGS NEXT WEEK – Second Sunday of Easter in the Year (A)

*Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday Vigil 5pm (7pm Easter)**

**Sunday 7:30am; 9am;  
10:30am & 5pm**

### Weekday Masses

**Monday - Friday 9:30am**

### Adoration

**Friday 10am - 11am**

### Reconciliation

**Saturday 11am-12pm (with Adoration)**

#### PARISH CLERGY

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Fr Richard Healey AP

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## Seeing and Believing

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned... to preach... and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him.

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptised into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Scott Hahn - [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

*In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.*



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## Called to Be Witnesses of the Risen Christ

Easter begins in silence, in darkness, and in confusion. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb early in the morning and finds it empty. Her first reaction is not joy, but fear and uncertainty. Something has happened—but she does not yet understand.

Peter and John run to the tomb. John sees and believes, even though the Gospel tells us they did not yet fully understand the Scriptures. This is an important detail: faith often comes before full understanding.

The Resurrection is not just an event to be explained, but a mystery to be encountered. Like the first disciples, we too experience moments in life that feel like an “empty tomb”—times of loss, confusion, or doubt. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even when we cannot see clearly.

In the second reading, St Paul tells us: “*You have been raised with Christ.*” Easter is not only about Jesus rising from the dead; it is about our new life in Him. We are called to live differently—to seek what is above, to let go of sin, and to become people of hope.

Finally, Peter reminds us in the first reading that we are witnesses. The Resurrection is not something to keep to ourselves. It is meant to be seen in the way we live—through love, forgiveness, and faith.

Easter invites us to move from fear to hope, from doubt to trust, and from death to new life.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

On Divine Mercy Sunday, you are warmly invited to a time of prayer and reflection. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2pm, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.** Come and experience the healing love and mercy of Jesus. All are welcome.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Joan Samuel, Maria Noida Carmona, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, Gina Marie Bellon, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

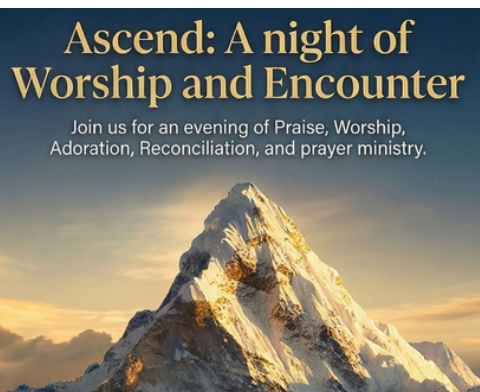
Helena Charous, Oscar Lopes, Elisas Mhanna, Elisabetta Ursino, Tony Wakeham.

### ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Alosio Olaaiga, Johann Brandstatter, Sam Smith, Carmen Cuschieri, Dololes Bominguez, Stanislaw & Helena Simoni, Veronica Augustine, Michael O'Connor, Veronica Augustine.

## Easter Blessing and Welcome

Dear Friends and Guests,  
A very warm welcome to all of you as we gather to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Whether you are a regular member of our parish, visiting family, or joining us for the first time, we are truly blessed by your presence.  
Easter is the heart of our faith. It is the celebration of hope, new life, and the victory of Christ over sin and death. The empty tomb reminds us that no darkness is final, no burden is too heavy, and no situation is beyond God's love. In the risen Jesus, we are given a new beginning. As we celebrate this joyful season, may our hearts be renewed with faith, our lives filled with hope, and our homes blessed with peace. May the light of the risen Lord shine in our families, guide our decisions, and strengthen us to live as witnesses of His love in our daily lives.  
Let us continue to support one another as a parish family, striving to know, follow, and share Jesus with our neighbours. On behalf of our parish community, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.  
Happy Easter!  
*Fr John & Fr Richard*



## Ascend: A night of Worship and Encounter

Join us for an evening of Praise, Worship,  
Adoration, Reconciliation, and prayer ministry.

## Ascend Worship Night

*Join us for an evening of incredible music,  
singing, prayer and praise,  
led by experienced worship leader Louisa  
Daniels. Adoration, Prayer Ministry and  
Reconciliation will be part of the night.  
Free Entry: a pay-it-forward collection will be  
taken during the event.*

**St John's Hall, 7pm Sunday 16 May.**

## Prayer Intentions

# Rosters

## Sunday 12 April

### Acolyte

Vigil Jason Thompson  
7:30am Brian Thompson  
9 Dominic Fonoti  
10:30 Raul Ladera, Andrei Valderrama  
5 Tom Hunter

### Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Alexandra Wojcik, Marie Cassar  
7:30am Mary Ellen Bland, *Volunteer*  
9 Diana Hill, Sheila Fonseca  
10:30 Falakika Nau, Maria Aliifa'alogo  
5 Jean Reid, Sam Nour

### Readers

Vigil Vicky Horgan, Juliet Manalastas  
7:30 Jim Mutton, Trevor Williams,  
Mary John  
9 Trish Coffey, Sue Marsden,  
Cherima Lucilo  
10:30 Sinisita Filitoga, Hazel Vargas,  
Christina Tatola  
5 Sofia De Silva, Sean Donovan,  
Precious Parcardo

### Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George  
9 Glynn Family  
10:30 Joe Talamaivao  
5 Siervas Musika Choir

## Easter Holy Water

We have prepared bottles of Easter Holy Water to bless your house. Please take **ONLY ONE** per family actually present today. *You may refill the containers later in the year from the dispenser in the sacristy.*

## Project Compassion

Please bring back your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes now. Leave them in the baskets near the Piety Store. Thank you for your generosity.

## Parent Information Night – First Holy Communion

We are preparing our children to receive their First Holy Communion on the **Body and Blood of Jesus** (6–7 June).

Parents are warmly invited to attend the **Parent Information Night on Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 7pm in St John's Church.**

*This is an important opportunity to support your child as you continue your role as the first teachers of their faith.*

Is there more to life than this

Alpha

## Alpha @ St John's

**Our mission at St John's is to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours!**

Our parish Alpha has just completed the **Holy Spirit Day**, with four weeks still to go. Alpha will resume on Tuesday 7 April, followed by three remaining Monday evening sessions. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

We are also seeking help to provide meals for around 15 people over the remaining weeks. If you are able to assist with cooking, please contact Pat Webb on 0422 538 244. Thank you for supporting this important parish ministry.

## Prayer Ministry

*Next Sunday (Divine Mercy) there will be the opportunity to receive prayer for any need at 11:30am - in the church after the 10:30 Mass.*

## Sanctus - Rosemeadow

Join us for Sanctus Summit at our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday 15 April 2026. Sanctus Summit is a monthly adoration night, bringing together youth and young adults from different parts of the Diocese! Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30 – 7.30pm (Reconciliation will be available), followed by dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area!

## Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 15 May - Sunday 17 May. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to:

[dow.sh/familycamping26](http://dow.sh/familycamping26)

## VOCARIS

### Young Adult Night (18+)

Join us on Saturday 16 May, 6pm–9:30pm at Wilton Community Centre for a soul-quenching evening of faith, community, and fun! Enjoy a practical session on building a prayer life and the sacraments, delicious cinnamon scrolls, and a lively trivia night. Register: [dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife](http://dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife)

## Congratulations & Welcome

We warmly welcome and congratulate our 2 catechumens and 6 candidates who were baptised and fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil, after a long journey of preparation and formation.

**We rejoice with and welcome:**

**William & Jasmine Feng, Rhys Giles, Julian Welfare, Ashleigh Bungate, Jake Bungate, Noreann Qureshi, and Scott Prioste.**

May the Lord continue to bless them as they grow in faith and become active members of our parish community.

## Formation Pathway: Leading People Well

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The conversation you avoid today becomes the conflict you manage tomorrow. Every leader eventually discovers the same thing. The most difficult part of leadership is not vision, planning, or organisation. It is people. Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle, including: handling conflict constructively; having honest and respectful conversations; setting clear expectations and responsibilities; supporting the people entrusted to our leadership. If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well. All are welcome. Campbelltown Tues 21 April 7-9pm Wollongong & Zoom Wed 22 April 7-9pm. To register: [dow.sh/fpaprill2026](http://dow.sh/fpaprill2026)



## Appin Massacre Memorial

This year marks the 210th Anniversary of the Appin Massacre (17 April 1816). The annual memorial will be held on Sunday, 19 April 2026, from 11:00am–3:30pm at Cataract Dam.

All are welcome to attend as a sign of respect for the Dharawal people and their descendants. This family-friendly day includes a free sausage sizzle, a short ceremony, smoking ceremony, traditional dance, and didgeridoo. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and walking shoes. Event buses will be available for those unable to walk. Let us continue to support truth-telling and reconciliation.

## News from the Diocese

### A vocation view

*He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection.*

(Matthew 28:6-7)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director,

[vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

A 9-week series will commence on Monday 13 April as part of the Bible Study & reflection group, which meets Mondays at 10am.

Come and join us.

OLMC Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. (02) 9603 7373

### Urgent Need for Foster Carers

Could you open your heart and home to a child in need? There is an urgent need for foster carers in our community. For over 30 years, CatholicCare has supported carers to provide vulnerable children with a loving, safe home and a brighter future. Foster carers receive comprehensive training, regular case worker support, and a carer allowance for the child's day-to-day needs.

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