Easter Vigil - 30 March 2024



PART 1: The Service of Light

(all gather at the front of St Brigid) Blessing of the New Fire and Easter Candle. During Procession:

Priest: The Light of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.

When the priest reaches the sanctuary and has placed the Easter candle in its stand and sings— The Easter Proclamation (Exultet) Responses:

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. Priest: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

PART 2: Liturgy of the Word

1ST READING: GENESIS (22:1-18) Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 15:5. 8 -11 Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope PRAYER: (ALL STAND)

2ND READING: EXODUS (14:15-15:1) Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground. CANTICLE: EX 15:1-6, 17-18 Response: Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

PRAYER: (ALL STAND)

3RD READING: BARUCH 3:9-15,32-4:4 Walk in the way of God and you will live in peace forever

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 18:8-11 Response: Lord, you have my words of everlasting life PRAYER: (ALL STAND)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (ALL SING)

OPENING PRAYER OF THE MASS

15T READING OF THE MASS FROM LETTER TO THE ROMANS (6:3-11)

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS. 117 Response: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: MARK 16: 1-7 Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen

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PART 3: Lituray of Baptism

LITANY OF THE SAINTS (ALL STAND) BLESSING OF BAPTISM WATER THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (LIGHT THE CANDLE)

(ALL REPLY: "I DO".) BAPTISM OF RCIA CANDIDATE CONFIRMATION BAPTISM OF CHILDREN SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Part 4: Liturgy of the Eucharist OFFERTORY COMMUNION SOLEMN BLESSING

EASTER SUNDAY YR B 31/3/24

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17 (R.) This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad/Alleluia.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence

Gospel: John 20:1-9-9

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

MISSION NEWS:

THANK YOU: to all those who helped to prepare for Easter, especially our office staff Heather and Christopher.

Various Ministry groups did a great job. We are so grateful; you are all such a blessing. Even though no names are mentioned, you know how much we appreciate your support. May the love, light and joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes always.

Frs Joshy & Hilary

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians. which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be that resurrection transformed by recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia! mtate@bigpond.com

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Judith Roper, Debra Burgess, Yvonne Halls, Dorothy (Lorraine) Davies, Wayne McKay, Stephen Cole, Hector Rodger, John Cassidy, Colleen Quinn, Brendan Craig, Pauline Hill, Josephine Rankin Ng, Spiro Grech, Julie Kelly, Edward (Ted) Turley, John and Muriel Scrivener.

Anniversaries: Bernadette and Phillip Hart, Deasey Family, Dr Paul Falk, Gina Pincott, Mary Liddle, Deceased of the Anable, Coffey and Craciun Families, Pat Phemister, Mary, Theo, Dolph and Henrietta Groves, Brian Webb, Peter Hartley, Ray Elliott, Lyle Elliott, Jack Stevens, Kevin McManus, Salvatore Depetro, Elaine Petrivic, Ryan and Dignos Families, Brian Webb, Mollie Evans, Ray Elliott, Johanna Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Richard Kennedy, Ruby Kennedy, Megan Pigram, George Cummins, Mary Jane and Braydon Golding, Claude and Gwenda Bourcaier,

Prayers: Sean Lucas, Justin Cauduro, Paul Hollands, Sr Aileen Wailes, RSM, Charles, John Paul, Sean Cauduro.

Please return <u>Project Compassion Boxes</u> this and next weekend.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ---- 6pm SPP Goulburn 6pm Taralga Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)

9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday) Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm **OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am

Taralga: 5.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF), Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP) Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central collection boxes.

ROSTER Coordinator- judith.stuart11@gmail.com BAPTISMS: are booked through the Parish Office.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARTATION

Holy Communion lessons begins on 1st May Crookwell 2nd May Goulburn

Confirmation Lessons begins on 8th August Goulburn

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Apr 1-8: OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

Apr 13: Men's Breakfast 7.30am -9am Tatts.

Apr 24: Readers Workshop 5.pm Wednesday SPP

Apr 25: 9am ANZAC Day Mass - SPP & Crookwell NO Weekday Masses: Tues 2nd - Friday 5th April

6th April Saturday: 9am Mass OLOF