



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER—EASTER SUNDAY, 09/04/23

EASTER WEEK

Last week was Holy Week and each day could have Holy precede it; i.e. Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday etc. The name Good Friday usually displaces Holy Friday. One of the most horrid things that happens now, due largely to ignorance and lack of sensitivity to anything Christian, is that Holy/Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are now often referred to as Easter Thursday and Easter Friday. This may also be because for so long calendars etc. have referred to Holy Saturday as Easter Saturday.

Today we begin EASTER WEEK and every day can have Easter added to it, up to and including Easter Saturday (this year the 15th April)!

Now some details about the special ceremonies for Pascha/Easter.

Paschal Vigil Service, the principal celebration of Easter, traditionally observed during the night of Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. In the 2nd century there is clear evidence that there was a single festival celebrating both the Passion and the Resurrection of Christ, and the same situation is probably reflected in various NT passages (e.g. 1 Cor. 5:7 f.). The Peri Pascha of Melito of Sardis supports the suggestion that this unitary feast developed out of a Christianized observance of the Jewish Passover ritual. By the time of Tertullian (d. c. 225) the observance lasted throughout the night and was closely associated with Baptism, an association probably already discernible in Romans chapter 6. The elaborate description of the rite of Baptism in Hippolytus' Apostolic Tradition is almost certainly that of a Paschal Vigil Service, in which the Baptism at cockcrow is followed by the Eucharist. In the 4th cent., with the development of the liturgical year and the separate observance of Good Friday, the main emphasis of the Paschal Vigil Service came to centre upon the Resurrection. The **Paschal Candle**, with its symbolism of light, was introduced in Italy (apart from Rome) about the same time, and later spread to Gaul. In the Western Church the service was put back to the Saturday afternoon in the 10th cent. and to the Saturday morning in the 14th, thereby losing the point of much of its symbolism. Only with the revision of the Holy Week liturgy in the RC Church in 1951 was the Pas-

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Mother's Day raffle. There are five baskets of goodies on offer, a first prize and if you have 2-5 winning ticket, pick your own basket. We will be looking for some street sitter at the shops in Appin Street. If you can help, please see Suzie. Tickets are \$2 each and available today, please take a book or two. Raffle will be drawn 2nd May
We look forward to your usual enthusiastic support for this (much needed) fund-raiser.

Cupboard for Sanctuary - as mentioned last week, we are seeking donations to cover the cost of making this cupboard, if we could get 20 parishioners to give \$20 each it would cover the cost, but of course, all donations are more than welcome!

Artisan Market - Saturday 29th April

Please ensure this date is in your diary and you do not miss it!
Any help you can offer will be appreciated. We are ;looking for help to set up at 7am and clear up at 1pm. If you have friends or family who may be able to help it will be very much appreciated. Please let us know.

ABM Easter and Lent Giving Envelopes

are available at the back of the Church, please consider offering what you can

PLEASE NOTE: Parish Council has been moved from today to Sunday April 30th at 11.30am.

The meeting will be at St. Michael's as it is a 9.30am 'whole of parish' worship Sunday.

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chal Vigil Service restored to the late evening of Holy Saturday.

The Paschal Vigil Service has been subjected to various modifications through the ages, but the basic pattern has remained. According to the present Roman Catholic rite, the celebrant blesses the New Fire outside the church, marks the Paschal Candle with the sign of the Cross, the Greek letters alpha and omega, and the date of the year, and then lights it from the New Fire. *(Since 1970 a simpler blessing of the Candle has been permitted.)* The deacon (or in the absence of a deacon, the celebrant) carries the lighted Candle through a darkened church, making three stations at which is said or sung '*Light of Christ*'; candles held by members of the congregation are lit from the Paschal Candle. When the procession reaches the sanctuary the lights in the church are lit. The deacon then sings the Exultet, after which the people's candles are laid aside. Nine scriptural readings normally follow, interspersed with responsorial Psalms or periods of silence. Of the seven OT readings the first three record the story of creation, Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, and the crossing of the Red Sea during the Exodus; the other four are prophecies of redemption. *(Some may be omitted.)*

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK—10TH APRIL (*Public Holiday*)

Acts 2. 14, 22-32. Psalm 16. Matthew 28. 8-15

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK—11th (*Diocesan Clergy holiday*)

Acts 2. 36-41. Psalm 33. 4-9. John 20. 11-18.

10.00am, Pangerang—St Michael's Hall.

WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK—12th

Acts 3. 1-10. Psalm 105. 1-7. Luke 24. 13-35.

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

10.30am, Eucharist—St John's Respect.

THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK—13th

9.30am, Eucharist—St. Michael's.

Acts 3. 11-26. Psalm 8. Luke 24. 35-48.

10.15am, Bible Study—Hall.

FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK—7th (*Diocesan Clergy holiday*)

Acts 4.1-12. Psalm 118. 21-29. John 21. 1-14.

SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK (Easter Saturday)—15th

Acts 4. 13-21. Psalm 118. 14-19. Mark 16. 9-15.

The Second Sunday of Easter—April 16th 2023

Acts 2. 14a, 22-32. Psalm 16. 1 Peter 1. 1-12. John 20. 19-31.

9.30am Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00am Eucharist @ St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

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The New Testament readings are the passage about Christ's resurrection and our Baptism in Romans 6: 3–11, followed by a solemn Alleluia, and one of the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection. A homily is then delivered.

The next part of the service is connected with Baptism and normally takes place round the font, to which a procession is made behind the Paschal Candle. If there is to be a Baptism the baptismal water is then blessed. Baptism is administered to any candidates and if a bishop is present, any newly baptized adults are confirmed. (*If there are no candidates for Baptism, it is permitted to use a simple blessing of the water.*) All present then renew their baptismal vows in answer to questions put by the celebrant, who sprinkles the people with the newly blessed water.

The service concludes with the remaining parts of the Easter Eucharist, during which the newly baptized make their Communion. A form of Paschal Vigil Service closely modelled on the current RC rite is used in many Anglican Churches.

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In The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd ed. rev., p. 1235). Oxford University Press.

Sunday 9th April 2023—First Sunday of Easter

- ♦ **The World:** Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania.
- ♦ **Australia:** Schools. TAFE Colleges. Universities.
All involved in Education Chaplaincies and SRE.
- ♦ **The Church in our nation:** Romanian Orthodox Church.
- ♦ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Bishop Mark Short (*Monica*). Assistant Bishop, Carol Wagner (*Jay*). Clergy and People.
- ♦ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parochial District of Euroa. Vicar-elect: Andre Du Plooy (*Patti*).
the Parish leaders and communities at: Euroa, Longwood, Violet Town.
- ♦ **THE VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**
President: Dr Graeme Blackman AO.
Executive Officer: The Rev'd Sandy Boyce.
VCC Emergencies Ministry: Volunteers and chaplains.
- ♦ **Our Parish.** Wangaratta Refugee Advisory Network.
- ♦ **Those in Need:** Chris E. Trent. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn.
Josef. Neliya Don Leonard. Kaye McKenzie.
- ♦ **Year's Mind: 9th—15th April:**
[09/04] Ronald Bray.
[11/04] Kenneth Still. May Stanton. Olive Edwards.
[12/04] Ian Gladstone. Elizabeth Goldsmith.
Rosemary Graham.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.



Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Lord of all life and power,
who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we,
being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise, honour
and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**